

A glimpse of teaching & daily interaction with my students.



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CHRISTINA
LEHIGH

Serving with
Proclaim Aviation Ministries
on staff at SMAT.

EQUIPPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF MISSIONARY AVIATORS

Time rushes on as we pour into this year's group of students. This class has a unique thirst for knowledge which has been a delight to quench, as well as a challenge to dig deeper into our own understanding of why do things really work the way they do. Although they may prefer we use a garden hose rather than a fire hose to meet all the questions, they are drinking up the information very diligently, and effectively applying their new-found knowledge. The biggest blessing has been seeing many of them grow deeper in their walk with Christ.

GOODBYES & HELLOS.

As we prepare for graduation in August, it will come with 30 hard goodbyes, and then a week later, 30 new hellos with the in-coming class. That's one of the harder parts at SMAT—getting to know people really well, and developing close friendships, then saying goodbye for an indefinite amount of time, then switching gears to excitedly welcome a whole new group of eager people. Even though it's emotionally tough, it is also an incredible blessing, knowing the lives we've been privileged to influence, train, and speak into are now on their way to serve around the world in some of the most unreached places, to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth.



Whole class during a field trip to the Amway corporate hangar



We eat lunch together and thoroughly enjoy beautiful summer days in Michigan!



Please reach out. I would
love connect with you.

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A NEW HOME.

I had a bit of a surprise this winter when I received a letter from my landlord that rent was going up by \$300!! Thankfully he gave several months' notice so I could do some budget planning. After lots of prayer, thinking, and gleaning wisdom from others, I made the step into buying a house here in Ionia! My cup of blessing overflowed as both the SMAT and church community came around me in the whole process of home-ownership. From finding a realtor, to home inspection, to deep cleaning an adorable little house that came complete with mounds of cat hair, I have been surrounded with support, care and lots of wisdom! I am so excited about the house the Lord provided in the middle of a super-competitive market. It is only 10 minutes from SMAT and in a lovely neighborhood. Right now, the house is getting a nice make-over, with plenty of sweat equity, but in a few months will hopefully be a place of rest, peace, and ready to host lots of guests, family, and friends!



Cat hair and spider webs that bogged down the shop vac!



My lovely new home that is a work in progress.



Pulling down 11 layers of wallpaper.

GRAD SPOTLIGHT.

Leo graduated from the maintenance program August 2025. Leo & Annelies came to SMAT from Canada after God stirred their hearts to serve in missions. They have an incredible story to share and were a tremendous blessing to the SMAT community as they fully invested themselves during their time here. It was very hard saying goodbye, but we are so excited for them as they join Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) and can't wait to see how God will use them to continue impacting lives for His Kingdom!



Thank you to those who are faithfully partnering in prayer and financially! I have definitely felt the prayers during these more intense times, and your partnership is having eternal impacts far beyond what we can imagine!

in Christ, *Christina*

PRAYER.

I am so grateful for the Lord's clear affirmation to continue serving at SMAT long-term. The need is greater than ever for mechanics to serve the pilots who serve the missionaries, and I am so honored to partner in equipping them with the quality training they need to start down that path.

I would appreciate prayer for continued health in the midst of working on and settling into the house, and that my new home would be filled with the presence of Jesus and be a place of blessing and peace for those who enter.