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NEWSLETTER

Becoming Less

We have now had seven weeks with our treasured son, August, and we are learning what it means to become less in our minds. In this short time, God has shown Faith and I responsibility that both leaves us with full hearts for the cute and innocent life in our hands and unites us in a single mission to provide all that he needs for the beginning stages of life. We've learned his cries, been pooped on and been the pee target on several occasions (mostly Caleb), learned a few more hymns to sing at bedtime, wrestled with new neckpains from nursing (Faith) and upper back pains from rocking him to sleep, been clawed in the face by little sharp fingernails, started to learn the essential art of creating routines, and have seen the all-too-worth-it glow of his first smiles (which may in fact be secondary to his little body working out a toot, but we treat them as smiles). He has been the perfect addition to our family and helps us see and be comforted by God's parental-like love every day. We've started getting back into the normal swing of going to our church on Sundays, taking him to our discipling group on Thursdays, and bringing him on outings to see friends. He's met our Moody community; an aunt, an uncle, and grandma on Faith's side of the family; Gram, Grandpa, and a great-grandma on Caleb's side. He is truly loved and will grow up in a healthy, spiritually-nurturing community.

Operations Update

At Moody, I've finished creating our forecasting tools and they are actively being utilized to track student progression. 3rd year flight students overall are at a great starting place in the simulators with plans to jump into the Cessna 172s in April. 4th year flight students are also off to a great start in High Performance Aircraft, although, we will likely need to make instructor and aircraft adjustments halfway through the term as limited flight periods are currently available for the collective class year to ensure completion. The ability to know this is a direct benefit of the new tools we have to project the flight term, and this, we hope, will help us deliver a smooth finish of the term to our students, instructors, and mechanics. Because of our early ability to see concerns and make strategic decisions, we expect substantial reduction to the urgent push we can experience at the end of terms with unexpected breaks and life diversions that are prone to occur.

5th year flight students are in the classrooms and will begin flying the Cessna 182s midway through March. While currently flying, 4th year flight students are also on maintenance rotations until the halfway through April when 5th year students will take over in assisting our production maintenance team. These students have become an essential part of our team in the past year. Since utilizing them, our delays in the flight schedule due to a maintenance inspection have been close to zero. In this respect, students are not only trained to be effective pilots but also mechanics on the field. Their real-time experience in the maintenance hangar is the catalyst to achieving their flights.

Additionally, we've begun planning and communicating with mission organizations for our annual Missions Conference. For one week in May, all students will have the opportunity to connect with the organizations they will likely spend their entire time on the field with. For many, this is a life clarifying week of encouragement and inspiration. For staff, it is a time where we can reunite on a divinely established and maintained purpose to reach the world with the gospel through faithful aviators. I will be coordinating mission team members' flights and maintenance sessions with our students. To me, there is no more worthwhile task than to help bring together God's laborers for a plentiful harvest. In a world full of dreams, treasures, beauty, and decay, I am reminded by these individuals that only what is done for God will truly last.

Integrity in Moody Students with school work and in staff with safe practices and faithfulness as a whole community • Kevin Rideout and his family following his capture while working with one of our partner organizations in Africa, he does not directly work with Moody but the whole Mission Aviation community has felt his loss as he has still yet to be found • Continued prayer for strength of marriages at Moody • Help as God shows us places in our hearts that need to be changed



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Together In Christ,



pray.

Some of August's early smiling



August at one month old

Visit from Faith's sweet, silly, and generous mom



Our engine installation of 61Z is complete! We will be doing engine break ins and testing for about the next, then will be incorporating it into the 4th year flight schedule. Thank the Lord for this answer to prayer.



Moody Aviation's Annual Safety Seminar: an unforgettable message about Faith and Wisdom amidst trials and the mundane.

