



The Youngs: Serving Christ through missionary aviation.

Praise God for whom all blessings flow! We have had an eventful three months. Our house in Minnesota sold in August. We packed up our earthly belongings and moved to Ionia Michigan. But not before a wonderful day of commissioning at Freshwater on August 5th. We were so blessed to have so many people come to see us off! There are times when we miss Minnesota terribly but that is when God's grace steps in and fills the void as He always does.



The Webers were able to join us over Labor Day here in Michigan so Tija and Mary took the kids to Lake Michigan while Shane and I worked on tearing all of the carpet out of our house. It was so fun to have a little bit of home here in Michigan!

The kids started school the Tuesday after Labor Day. Joel is in 6th grade which means we have a middle-schooler. Seth, Leah and Sela are in the same elementary

school 5 minutes down the road. So not only have we transitioned to a different state but we've also moved to a stay-at-home mom with no kids during the day...Tija has already begun volunteering in the classroom. A majority, if not all, of our kids' teachers are followers of Christ; an amazing answer to prayer!! We are so thankful to have them teaching our kids for the next few years. The entire 6th grade class went on a 3 day bonding field trip to a camp. Joel had a great time; his highlight was the 40-foot-high zip line.



We have started a small group here in Michigan with people from my school, SMAT. It has been a great joy to get to know people who are on a similar journey. Here, the wife of one of my instructors is sharing her bountiful pumpkin patch with us.



Our new friends (and fellow student) Ian and Megan have a dog who has become Seth's best friend. He loves to go over there and "wear him out" any chance he gets.

My school also began after Labor Day. So far it has been a lot of review but each day there are pieces of information that fill holes in my knowledge. The first major unit was basic electricity; I was able to help several students navigate this



course which was a great way to get to know them on a deeper level. We have since moved on to more lab-intensive activities like paint removal and corrosion control, to mention a few. I really enjoy the way our instructors weave the gospel into our daily routine; it keeps the main goal fresh in my mind. Here is a picture of one of my instructors; we were comparing our favorite pair of safety glasses...



In late September, SMAT held their fall banquet and I was able to lead worship at the event. I called it mechanic's prom which didn't bother Tija at all since she got to get dressed up and go on a date. :-)



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