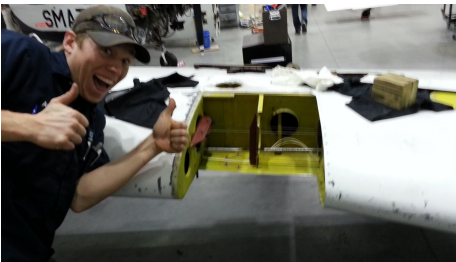
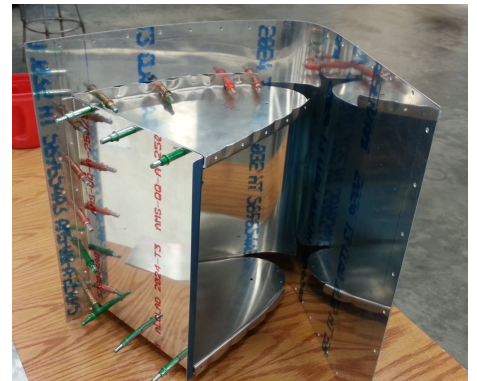


## The Youngs: Serving Christ through missionary aviation.

Well, I started out to make this a short update but couldn't pull that off...it's the longest one yet. Time is a hot commodity in this household. I have 5 major FAA exams coming up in the next 2-3 weeks. I have an oral and practical exam for the general module of our training. Then, the same day, I have an oral and practical exam for the airframe module of our course. And finally, I will have a written exam for the airframe module in May.



Training has been going very well. My lab partner and I have been building a fuel tank for a twin engine Piper Apache that will be used to allow the engines to be run for our Powerplant module. This has gotten us credit for labs in basic sheet metal, riveting, bending, forming, sealing, fluid lines and fittings, and fuel systems classes.



We've had a pretty fun time doing this; but then again, who wouldn't, RIGHT?! :-). We've been around, on top of, and inside airplanes. I spent some quality time laying in the tail of a Cessna 182 as we went through assembly and rigging class. The fun never stops!

Tija and I have also been going through a course called Perspectives (on the world Christian movement). It has been an eye-opening experience as we spent 15 weeks delving into God's story of redemption and how we can all be involved. As it comes to an end, we have a 7 page paper due, of course on April 30th...sleep? What's that!?



At the end of March, I took Joel on a purity weekend which culminated at WinterJam 2013 including TobyMac. How in the world can I have a child old enough to have these kinds of conversions with?!? But it was one of the sweetest times. God was present and I'm so proud of Joel and who he is becoming in the Lord.



We have been blessed with a couple of visitors this spring; Tija's sister, Miranda and her family came at the end of March and then the Webers came during spring break in April. The culmination of which was Leah's birthday. She finally got something she had been asking for since she was 6 (she turned 8); a bunny named Nibbles!



We were also became participants in the syrup-making process with our neighbors Neil and Becky. Well actually, all I did was split some wood for the firebox and they gave us a special syrup collecting treat; pancakes on the patio! Nothing quite like hot, maple syrup right off the boiling kettle.



February 28th marked the halfway point of my maintenance training. So what do you do in the town of Ionia to celebrate? You go bowling and have cake, of course! Thankfully, there were no injuries (other than pride) this evening.



We were also blessed to be able to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ with some of the stu-

dents from SMAT. It was a fantastic day full of fellowship and praise of our God who is alive! So awesome to celebrate with people from all over the world!

And after all of that rapid-fire excitement, our dear friends gave us a weekend away. We were able to recharge a bit and gear up for this busy time we are currently in.

Our church family at Outreach Christian Church has brought us much joy through fellowship and encouragement. Tija has been doing 1 to 1 discipling with a good friend there and I have been playing on the worship team. We have also gotten into a small group and loved getting to know our brothers and sisters here.



God has been moving in us and honestly, it hasn't all been cake and ice cream; some of the changes are painful. But as we grow through these things, God is faithful and we thank Him each day for our support team and your faithful

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prayers.

We are looking into a couple of short-term, exploratory trips this summer and ask that you would pray with us as we seek God's leading through this process. And as always, we'd love to hear from you!