



The Youngs: Serving Christ through missionary aviation.

Praising God for a new year to spread His glory where ever we can! In October, we committed to a church here in Michigan. The church is called Outreach Christian Church. After several “visiting” weeks, we felt that this was a place that God could use us to do ministry while we are here in Michigan. The church reminds us of Freshwater in many ways. They are very relational and focus on how you can not only come to know Jesus but how to make Him the center of your life. Since our SMAT small group ended in November, we have been going to a small group through Outreach. It has been good to get to know some people in the church on a deeper level through this group.

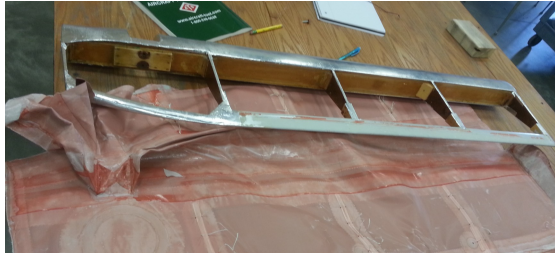
Of course, once we committed to going, I volunteered to do anything they needed me to do in the music/media department. I still laugh; I’ve played the djembe (and African drum), the acoustic guitar, the mandolin, and finally a full drum set. It’s been interesting, for sure!

Tija has been doing One to One discipling, planning events at SMAT like our Christmas party, a lighted parade (read on) and a baby shower. She’s also able to volunteer in the art room at the elementary school and has loved every minute of it.

In November, the Schukeis came for a visit. We were blessed to have them install flooring on our main level since it had been plywood since the Webers left in September. (Make note that a trip to see Pete and Tija is more like a short term missions trip where you get to do real hands-on work! :-D) As you can see, it wasn’t all work; we enjoyed some relaxing fellowship while visiting a park that included a 100 year old covered bridge.



Our town has a winter parade similar to a small-town version of the Holidazle parade in MN. We entered the parade and lit up this helicopter in a glorious fashion. The kids also made cardboard airplanes and walked the route with us. We all had a great time representing SMAT in their first parade entry.



We have been screaming through subjects at school and on December 3rd, I passed my first of 5 FAA exams with a 95%. This one was a general written test that covered many different subjects. Then we went headlong into the airframe module of our classes. It started out with such subjects as airframe electrical, fabric covering, painting, welding and landing gear systems. It has been exciting to get more in depth and hands-on with these subjects.



We were able to come home to MN for both Thanksgiving and



Christmas breaks. It was a real joy to see so many family and friends when we were home. They even let me back on stage at Freshwater with my dear brothers and sisters for a couple of services which filled my soul more than words can express.



We are currently praying about where God would have us go when training is done and which organization it

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will be with. We are praying about two specific organizations; JAARS and AIM AIR but don't want to close the door on any other opportunities that God lays before us. Thank you for partnering with us on this journey; your support and prayers mean the world to us!