

## The Youngs: Serving Christ through missionary aviation.



The end of maintenance training is in sight; back in April, I took and passed my general and airframe oral and practical tests. I then took and passed my written airframe exam. Which means that the FAA sent me a shiny new card saying I could practice as a licensed airframe mechanic. But there was no time to take a breath; we went headlong into the powerplant module of my training.

Our class was separated into groups of 3 or 4 students and then given an engine to disassemble, clean, inspect, repair and reassemble. Our team was given a Lycoming IO-540 which is a very large, complicated engine. We are up for the challenge! One of the guys on our team requested it because he is a helicopter pilot and these engines are used extensively in various types of helicopters. As you can see at the right, there may have been a little bit of overspray during our non-destructive testing. I will be taking my powerplant oral and practical tests on August 15th and would appreciate all prayers! The written will come at the end of classes on August 26th.



We finished our perspectives class in early May; this course was such a blessing! We would encourage anyone and everyone to take it if possible. You can learn more about it at [Perspectives.org](http://Perspectives.org) or just ask us about it; we could probably go on for hours about it. :-)

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This spring, both Joel and Seth were able to play soccer. They both enjoyed it, but Seth is looking forward to Football in the fall more. The last week of the kids' school, we took delivery of 5 chickens from a friend of ours; so I had to build a coop for them and thought that Nibbles would like to keep them company. So far we have 2 laying eggs, the rest should follow suit soon.



The day after school was done, Tija and the kids packed up and headed back to MN for a little over 4 weeks. They had a great time of visiting with family and friends. The house here in Ionia was definitely quiet. I had hoped to get in a ton of engineering work during this time but unfortunately, it dried up the week they left and haven't seen any since. I am trusting that God knows what we need for finances and when we need them; He knows our needs.

So in the mean time, I began to work on a much-neglected love of mine; building a Bearhawk airplane. I got tubing to begin working on the fuselage and was able to make some pretty good progress on it.



On the 4th of July, I flew back to MN. Tija and the kids picked me up and we headed back to Ionia via the UP of Michigan. We spent 4 days on the road enjoying God's creation and reconnecting as a family. Everyone agreed, 4 weeks was definitely too long to be apart.



Looking ahead, we will be heading back to MN on Sunday, August 11th. We will give a short update at all 3 Freshwater services in St. Boni, MN. We also are trying to plan some sort of a Q&A session



in the afternoon; details to follow. We are continually praising God for His provision and your support!

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