

# The Youngs: Serving Christ through missionary aviation.



The winter has been long and full of snow here in Michigan but it didn't slow down the flying too much; it just meant that we had to dig a tunnel to get into the hangar once in a while! I completed my complex airplane endorsement in February and continued on to advanced cross country. The final flight for this module was to take an overnight flight



at least 250 miles away from the home airport. I chose to fly down to Lee Bottom Flying Field in southern Indiana (where the snow was scarce...). It was really a great trip and I was able to hone my chart navigation skills; no GPS allowed :-)



Lee Bottom Flying Field

I completed my commercial night flying while the sunset wasn't too late and even fit in a ride for a couple in our small group on the last night cross country trip. The full moon over Lake Michigan was beautiful!



On the maintenance side, Tija and I traveled to JAARS in North Carolina to do a consult to see if I'm ready for my maintenance technical evaluation. The prognosis is good as long as I keep my nose in the books, hands on a wrench and don't get rusty before I take it. Back on the hangar, I was able to help convert our Cessna 172 into a tailwheel airplane so we can get our tailwheel endorsement this spring.



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This year, MissionAviationFellowship wanted to show their Cessna 206 at an air show in Florida. I was asked to fly it down and back with another student, an MAF recruiter and his wife. I had a great time learning from a pilot who has flown on the mission field for over 20 years. Not to mention my first time flying over any terrain higher than an ant hill. We experience some pretty interesting winds over the mountains in Georgia! I spent a lot of time with the MAF staff at the show and heard much more about what they do and how they do it. God provided the finances for this trip through a mighty garage sale at Freshwater Church in MN. We are constantly amazed at His timing and grace!



In February, the couple we had been taking through marriage mentoring got married. It was

a beautiful wedding and we are very encourage by the path Josh and Kelci are on together!



Our small group here has been such an encouragement to us as we can see how God brings together His people for fellowship and growth. We continue to lean on each other and dig into the word every

Friday night; some things just don't change. :-)



In March, we had our friend Beth Voss come out (Doug had to tend to the cows and little boys) and bring a truck full of beef and chickens from their farm. She also brought her two oldest boys and we were able to show them around the school. I love seeing the excitement in young boys as they look at airplanes and we explain how God uses them to reach people with the Gospel.



Tija and I were blessed to be invited to join our friends Davey and Katie in Traverse City for a weekend in March. It was a great time of laughter, prayer and talking about the future and how God can continue to use us in mission aviation. One of the highlights was seeing the ice caves on Lake Michigan; completely amazed at God's creation!

My mom came to watch the kids while we were away; she may have spoiled them a bit. ;-)



The kids have been enjoying winter and even got to indulge in swimming lessons again this year thanks to Aunt Evonne and Uncle Bob!



Seth(11) and Leah(9) have had birthdays this newsletter. Tija has been doing 1 to 1 discipling with a high school girl and Leah likes to call her "my big sister". So of course during Leah's birthday, she came and had lunch with Leah at school.



For Leah's birthday, she got the special treat of flying back to MN with Tija and Sela to see Grandparents and friends. A big thank you to the grandparents for making that happen!

We ask that you join us in prayer in this next season of transition; my school ending; putting our house on the market; trusting God for our next steps; making disciples as we go. Thank you for your faithful support of our family!

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