



The Youngs: Serving Christ through missionary aviation.

Plenty of activity to speak of these past three months. I completed my instrument training at the end of July and successfully completed my instrument check ride. Part of the training included a flight to Mackinac Island and I “dragged” Shane Weber along for the ride. The end of July also



brings the annual airplane gathering in Oshkosh, WI. This year’s schedule only allowed two days at the show, but I was able to bring Seth. We spent the 6 hour drive listening to a purity weekend curriculum. It was a great time of bonding and opens the door for many more conversations. At Oshkosh, I worked the AIMAIR table and got to spend a little time with some of the pilots from Kenya; a great blessing! Then we came home and SMAT put on an event at the Ionia County Airport where we again got to spend time with more AIMAIR people. Yes, Leah has a blue nose in the picture below; they had face painting at the event. :-)



In mid-August, I got to fly the Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) Cessna 206 to Camp Barakel in northern Michigan where we held chapel at the airport for about 100 kids. It was great to be able to share what God was doing in our lives and hear how He was working in the kids’ lives too.





The end of August brought my educational time at SMAT to a close with graduation and the passing of my commercial check ride and receiving my commercial pilot's certificate. We have been so blessed by God to be a part of the SMAT family, and we aren't finished yet. I began doing maintenance on the flight school's airplanes and will be doing that until next September. I am also teaching an avionics course now and will teach it again in the spring. And just as I finished at SMAT, I left on a 10 day trip with Dave McCleery of MAF to build flight time.



We flew down to Georgia for an MAF event which saw over 200 people and gave 50+ rides. We also stopped at the JAARS Center in North Carolina to say "hi".



I have been given the green light to take my Technical Evaluation (TE) at JAARS in December and have started prepping for it. Doing the maintenance at SMAT has been a great help in refreshing and cementing what I learned in A&P school, and I have a couple more flights to complete in preparation for the flight portion of the TE.



Our family has lived summer life to the fullest. Lots of camping, beach days, drive-in theaters, berry picking, VBS(twice) and outdoor activities. The Weber family said goodbye after three weeks in Michigan and culminated at the Ionia County Free Fair. You'll have to ask Tija about "The FreakOut" ride if you get a chance...

As summer came to an end, reality set in and the kids started school again. Sela in 2nd, Leah in 4th, Seth in 6th and Joel in 8th. It is hard to believe that we have 2 kids in middle school! With school comes sports. Seth has been playing football again this year, and Joel has been playing soccer. It has made for some fun family times outdoors in the (mostly) nice fall weather.



This fall, we have had many family and friends visit us in our home away from home. Too many to list here, but the encouragement we get is immeasurable. We ask that you would pray with us as I head into my evaluation. Pray that



God would use it to lead us in the direction He would have us go.

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Pray for wisdom on our part to make choices based on the Holy Spirit's leading. And pray for our family to reach out to those around us with the gospel even in Michigan!



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