

Planes with Purpose

An Update from the Hammitt Family

Vol. 4, Issue 3 (July 2016)

Major Transitions Coming Soon!

I am nearly finished with my aircraft maintenance apprenticeship at MMS Aviation! The thirty months of experience required by the FAA will be completed at the end of July, and I plan to log my 4800th hour (an MMS requirement) the first week of August. After that, it's a matter of taking my written examinations, followed by oral and practical tests. Upon successful completion of these exams, I will receive my Airframe and Powerplant Mechanic certificate!

After earning my aircraft maintenance certificates, our family will move to Burlington, NC where I will have the privilege of helping to pioneer a new partnership between MMS Aviation and Missionary Air Group (MAG). The vision of this partnership is to provide top-notch training, combined with real-world mission experience to equip pilot/mechanics for overseas service, while avoiding the debt that plagues many—if not most—graduates of traditional missionary aviation training programs. I will continue to gain maintenance experience, but my primary focus will be earning the flight ratings and experience needed to serve on the field as a missionary pilot. Because MAG has missionary operations in Africa and Central America, I will also have opportunities to support those field programs.

This partnership is exciting for our family, but also for the future missionary aviators who will come after us. Our hope and prayer is that we will help pave the way for many other families who want to devote their lives to serve the Lord through missionary aviation.

As we prepare to make the move to North Carolina, we appreciate your prayers for the many decisions and transitions we need to make over the next few months. Among our prayer concerns are: affordable housing that will accommodate our family; increased financial support (the cost of living will be higher in Burlington); schooling decisions; and our need for a larger vehicle. We are also trying to connect with many of our ministry partners this fall, and work out the timing of our move to North Carolina, which could take place anywhere between

September and December. There are a lot of details to consider, so please join us as we pray for wisdom to make our plans!

On a practical note: if you support our ministry financially, *please continue to send your contributions to MMS Aviation*. Although we will be relocating to Burlington, we will continue to be members of MMS Aviation. Thank you!



Over the past few months I've spent a lot of time custom-fitting the interior of a Cessna 206 for MAG's Guatemala program.



I worked with Mike and Jenny to install new fuel cells in this King Air 200 for Gospel Carrier International. One of the challenges of fuel cell installation is working in tight spots, sometimes with your fingertips at the limits of your reach.



In June, we had the privilege of hosting Erin, Jen, Caleb, Riley and Tiffany for a few days. It's always a blessing to have friends and family visit us here in Coshocton!



Prayer Points

We give thanks for...

... lots of time with friends and family over the past couple months.

Please join us in praying for...

... Aaron's written, oral, and practical exams, which should take place in August.

... a larger, reliable vehicle at an affordable price. We are outgrowing our little car!

... Our transition to Burlington, and that we will make effective use of this transitional period.

Am I Living in Faith or Fear?

Over the past few years, there has been a recurring theme coming frequently to my mind. As I read the Scriptures, spend time in prayer, and simply reflect on life, I've often found myself asking, "Am I living in faith, or am I being motivated by fear, worry, or selfishness?" This question can be applied to nearly every area of life. We make decisions about many things including our career, our relationships, the neighborhood (or city, or country) in which we will live, how many children we will have, how we will educate them, how we protect and care for them, the food we eat, where we travel, and much more. In each of these areas, it's possible to be controlled by fear: fear of the unknown, fear for our safety, or fear of leaving a place of comfort and stability.

When it's not faith or fear that motivates me, sometimes it's selfishness. Asking whether a decision is in line with God's will might lead to a situation that is inconvenient or forces me to set aside my own desires and put someone else first (gasp!). But the thing is, when I spend time with the Lord, abiding in Christ, He conforms my desires to His desires, and I find that fear and selfishness turn into trust and a desire to put the needs of others above my own. I wish I did this all the time, but thankfully God hasn't given up on me and He is still transforming me to be more like Jesus!

There is more I could say on this topic, but instead I'll just leave you with a few Scriptures that helped

We serve with

MMS
Aviation

P.O. Box 1118
Coshocton, OH 43812
(740) 622-6848

www.mmsaviation.org

Kids' Corner

It's the season for sports! Through the end of June, we were busy with baseball, softball and swimming. We all enjoy the kids' involvement, but it will also be nice to enjoy more unstructured time together now that sports are done for the season!



to form my thoughts on faith, fear, and knowing the will of God. I encourage you to look these up in context when you have the opportunity!

And [Jesus] said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!" (Luke 12:22-24 ESV)

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. (Hebrews 11:6 ESV)

For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin. (Romans 14:23b ESV)

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2 ESV)

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5 ESV)

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. (Isaiah 43:1b ESV)

