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Bill Kilgore photo

Ever had your car break down on a lonely stretch of road, far from help or friends? Imagine being in that situation and then realizing the problem is something you can fix by yourself. You break out your tool kit and launch under the hood. An hour later you're on the road again with a good story to tell.

By intention, mission pilots end up far away from help and friends every day. If something goes wrong with the plane they need to break out the tool kit and make it right themselves. That's why every missionary trained at Moody Aviation and every pilot with MAF is a certified Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT, or airplane mechanic). In our five-year training program students study Bible, missions, airplane maintenance, and flight so they are well-prepared for anything.

God keeps calling young people to serve Him in mission aviation and we thank Him that enrollment in the training program is growing. Not long ago classes of fifteen were the norm, but this spring there are thirty students beginning our maintenance training! With all the new students, the maintenance training staff needed some help and I (Gene) was asked to teach some classes for them this spring. It's been great fun getting to know students at the beginning of our program and starting them on the road to mission service.

Moody's maintenance training is housed in a grand old brick hangar built for the Army Air Corps before World War II. At 80 years old the building's solid as a rock and was recently refurbished for our use. In its early years it was used to train young people for war in defense of our nation. Now it's still being used to train young people, but this time for our King! The building stands as a great reminder for us that we are at war. As Paul wrote to Timothy: *"Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs—he wants to please his commanding officer"* (2 Timothy 2:3-4, NIV). I don't know about you, but sometimes it's just too easy for me to slip into civilian affairs and forget to make use of every resource and opportunity to please our Commanding Officer, so this reminder is good.

If we back up in Paul's letter to verse 2, it expresses why MAF has us here at Moody: *"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others."* Gospel-bearers must be trained both spiritually and technically if they are to be effective at fulfilling the commission God has given us. We are here to teach reliable young people who will then go teach others what they have been taught. Thanks for standing with us as good soldiers, committing both your prayers and resources for the training of these new recruits. We couldn't do this without you!



Dave Forney photo





Thanks for your prayers for our family. You may recall our last letter hinted at some struggles which the girls (especially Rachelle) were having relating to abuses and traumas suffered years ago in Haiti. We thank God for the wise counselors He has brought into our life, and that more and more the girls are embracing the truth of

who God is, and who they are in Him. We would appreciate your continued prayers particularly for Rachelle as she still has a long road to complete healing.

On the positive side, there is much to report. Rose is excelling in school and participating in track this spring. Rachelle is taking a swing at tennis and helps lead a Bible study for middle school girls. Andrew has discovered a passion for drums and practices in a continuous joyful racket. We're very grateful that he seems to have

gotten on top his health issues. For over two years he had been continually miserable and we took him from one doctor to another. Finally last fall he was diagnosed with abdominal migraines (never heard of those before) and he has responded well to the treatment. Not only is he back in school now, but he's pulling straight A's. Nate's health has improved as well and he's enjoying being part of the award-winning West Valley High School marching band. The band was in southern California this spring where they took Silver in both the Disney parade and the Heritage Festival. (Go West Valley Eagles!)

*"You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs—he wants to please his commanding officer."
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Thanks again for not only praying for us, but for also for your generous sharing in this ministry of training missionaries. Our ministry support has been holding steady around 87%, so thank you for your faithfulness! If you'd like to participate more fully, we'd be ever so grateful. Just contact us by any of the addresses in the sidebar and we'll let you know how to get involved.

Thanks again!

Rejoicing in the One who makes all things new,

Gene Jen
Rose Rachelle
Nate Andrew

Praise God with Us!

- For Christ's triumph over sin on the cross, and His triumph over death at the tomb!
- For His healing (in so many ways) and spiritual growth in our family.
- For the numbers and enthusiasm of the incoming class at Moody Aviation.
- For recent graduates Craig, David, Taylor, Kylor, Ryan and Pauline who are all now flight instructors.

Pray with Us

- For our children to continue to ground themselves in the Truth and to grow in God.
- That the beginning maintenance students would persevere to the end of their training.
- That our senior students would finish well.
- For Jen's daily health and strength.
- For our ministry support to reach 100%.

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