



# Passing Through

news from

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### Sitting in the Snow in a Garbage Sack

I know you're all thinking Spring by now, but for a moment I'd like to take you back to the Winter's snows. This semester I (Gene) am teaching the students who just learned to fly last Fall. Although legal pilots, they're inexperienced, with much to learn before they're ready for mission service.

The first few weeks of the year here at 48 degrees north latitude are usually more conducive to dog sled racing than flight training. So, instead of sitting around hoping for flyable weather, we took advantage of the time to train our students in some other valuable skills. We turned our attention to the unpleasant question of what we should do if something goes horribly wrong, and we end up out in the wilderness with a bent-up airplane and injured bodies.

The Lord has blessed the school with friends who are highly skilled and willing to share their time and expertise with our students. We spent several days with Dr. Kerrigan, a surgeon who taught us

wilderness medicine, and with his wife, an RN, who instructed in basic life-saving skills. We also had several days with Mr. Wilfong, an expert in wilderness survival. Starting with how to prepare for the unexpected, he then went into creating shelter, whether in something as simple as a garbage sack (Hayley, left), or making a shelter with a tarp and natural materials (Taylor and Ryan, above), and also covered fire building and signaling. Finally, because the world is not always a friendly place, I helped him teach a segment on personal security.

We wrapped up our training with a field exercise in which we all built our shelters in the falling snow and stayed in them overnight. (And, yes, I managed to keep warm.) We also had to deal with simulated injuries, and, all told, had a great time learning to work as a team (picture on the back page).

There are many things we teach our students that we hope they never have to use, but in every way we want them to be as prepared as possible for the ministry God has for them.

## But For God

We serve an amazing God who still works all things together for His good—do you believe it? At the start of this semester we had a dedication for the new Moody Aviation maintenance training facility. You may recall that since moving to Spokane in 2005, Moody has contracted, from the local community college, initial maintenance training for our students. For a number of reasons it became apparent last year that it was time for Moody to move that training back in-house.

By any reasonable measure, less than a year's time is insufficient to set up a new program. We joked all through the Fall that, aside from not having a facility, a staff, a curriculum, training equipment, permission from the state or approval from the FAA, we were ready to go! But praise God, we dedicated a beautiful facility in the rebuilt historic Air National Guard hangar, just down the road from our flight hangar. We have full approvals and classes are underway.

There are so many things I could tell you about it, but let it suffice to say that the whole aviation community here in Spokane knows that God has accomplished this. Praise Him!

## Kids Near and Far

We are grateful for your prayers for us, and ask that you pray especially for our kids. The boys have been sick and out of school for many weeks. Nate had a tonsillectomy the end of March, that we hope will help, but so far he hasn't perked up. Nobody's quite sure what's wrong with Andrew. Our girls' adoptions are finalized in Haiti, and we are just waiting for the US government to issue visas so we can bring them home.

## Thanks again . . .

For your partnership and prayers. Rejoicing in Christ,

*Gene Jen  
Nate Andrew  
(Carmelle & Néhémie)*



Thanks to Bill Kilgore for the wilderness training photos

We were in the woods only a few hours, but it reminded us that, *"We are only foreigners living here on earth for a while, just as our ancestors were. And we will soon be gone, like a shadow that suddenly disappears."*

1 Chronicles 29:15 CEV

Thank you for remembering that we are all foreigners here, and for generously sending your treasure on ahead: *"Don't store up treasures on earth! Moths and rust can destroy them, and thieves can break in and steal them. Instead, store up your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy them, and thieves cannot break in and steal them. Your heart will always be where your treasure is."*  
Matthew 6:19-21 CEV

## Praise God with Us!

- Moody primary maintenance training is up and running!

## Please Pray with Us

- For our boys' health, and for our girls' soon homecoming
- For our MAF ministry support; it's running short by about \$1500 per month

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