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Shirt Tails

It's a fact well-established, that a student pilot, having just soloed an airplane for the first time, must be relieved of his shirt tail. Whether it's that the instructor no longer needs to tug on it to offer guidance in the noisy cockpit, or that the tail has become so soaked with the sweat of the effort that its removal comes as a comfort and blessing, it's clipped away from the newly emancipated pilot. After drying, it's adorned with details of the first flight and proudly displayed. In addition, here at Moody, as the student taxies back in from the successful flight, the "Danger Zone" theme from *Top Gun* plays loudly across the flight line and everyone gathers to offer congratulations.

After eight years teaching Moody Aviation graduates to be instructor pilots themselves, I (Gene) am back in the thick of teaching primary flight. These moments of celebration are wonderful fun, as is being there when young people who have always dreamed of flying start to do it. But the most rewarding thing is helping them develop this passion that God has given them, knowing they intend to use it to carry the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

While continuing with my long-standing duties in the classroom and the safety department, I am also directly instructing **Nathan** and **Jonathan** in the airplane this semester. They are making good progress, and expect to be done with their private certification around Thanksgiving. Along with their wives, they are excited to be moving forward on the path God has laid out for them.

Praise!

- For first solos safely accomplished.
- For MAF being positioned to help people in desperate need in the Caribbean.

Praver:

- For Nathan, Jonathan, and their class as they build new skills.
- For Jen and the boys as they wrestle with illness which seems to increase in the fall months.









Hurricanes

As soon as hurricane Irma cleared, MAF had planes aloft surveying damage. The MAF program located in Haiti reported limited damage there, but help was obviously needed across the Caribbean. Even the airports (top photo) were hard hit and struggling to return to function.

Within a few hours, MAF's disaster response team arrived in St. Maarten with the GATR ball (2nd photo) which provides satellite-based broadband internet service to MAF and other emergency responders. An early task was to help the local commercial radio station get back on the air so that the government had a means to communicate with the people of the island.

Members of MAF-US worked with MAF-Suriname (3rd photo) to assess damage in Dominica, while Samaritan's Purse also flew in to help deliver supplies (bottom photo). The team took shelter in Grenada as hurricane Maria rolled through and then went back to work.

Such work is exhausting and dangerous. Several nights team members slept on the ground in a blown-out shell of a hotel. But what a difference it makes for desperate people who receive the benefit of communications, food and shelter!

Thanks for your partnership with us in the ministry of MAF, which helps train young people for service, and stands ready to be the hands and feet of Christ when disaster strikes.

Leadership

Here at Moody, Ian Kerrigan has been named Director of Flight Operations. I've worked with Ian these 11 years, and am thrilled to have him as my new boss. Meanwhile, MAF has named one of its own pilots, David Holsten, who's been serving in Indonesia, as the Incoming President and CEO of MAF. Over the next months David will be mentored by current president, John Boyd, while he accepts increasing responsibility. John plans to retire next fall.

Family

We appreciate your ongoing prayers for our family. Jen and the boys continue to wrestle with health, which can make handling daily routines difficult.

Thanks again. Rejoicing in Christ,











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