

news from

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**Spreading Wings** In September the senior class took their much-anticipated extended cross-country trip. This twelve-day flight covers a large swath of the western United States and is usually the highlight of a student's career at Moody. Half the trip is designed to expose students to big airports and busy airspace. They venture in and around Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Las Vegas and Salt Lake City. Along the way they delight in the Pacific Coast, Redwood forests, the Golden Gate bridge, Catalina Island, The Grand Canyon and the Great Salt Lake. They alternate from long stretches of open country to short final approaches, where the Control Tower urges them to "keep your speed up; there's a Boeing 737 behind you on approach!" They learn to negotiate with fast-talking controllers, requesting the "bay tour" of Alcatraz Island and the "mini-route" directly over Los Angeles International Airport.

After a weekend of rest in Salt Lake City, the pilots spread their wings again, this time through the Rocky Mountains. They land on gravel and grass, on ridge tops and valley bottoms, around mountains and next to rivers. The question on the first half of the trip was "Can you negotiate with the controllers and comply with their instructions?" But on the second half, there are very few controllers indeed. The question becomes, "How precisely can you control your airplane when a few feet, a few seconds or a few miles-per-hour make the difference between success or an accident?"

"Cross-country" means that the flight is actually traveling to a destination, rather than the usual training that doesn't stray far from the home airport. And this is the beauty of it: because the extended cross-country goes on day after day, it becomes an intense training environment. Students begin to think less like students and more like "Pilots-in-Command" (PIC). It's a bit like God does with us. He often puts us into intense situations where we think we can't survive, and we too easily forget that He is there, in the seat next to us, urging us on, and protecting us from harm. O, how much we can learn from Him, when we relax, trust him, step forward and see Him work!



*"For who is God, but the Lord?  
And who is a rock, except our God?—  
the God who equipped me with strength  
and made my way blameless.  
He made my feet like the feet of a deer  
and set me secure on the heights.  
The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock,  
and exalted be the God of my salvation."*

Psalm 18:31-33,46 ESV

**Hurricane in Haiti** On October 4 Hurricane Matthew roared into Haiti leaving hundreds of people dead and 1.4 million urgently needing humanitarian assistance. While aid organizations spooled up to help, MAF was already there. In place since 1986, MAF has six families living and serving in Haiti full-time with three airplanes and a number of national staff. As the weather cleared, MAF was able to make survey flights to determine where aid was most urgently needed. As of

October 11, MAF had completed 71 disaster relief flights, carrying 233 passengers and six tons of supplies. Another airplane, pilot and mechanic have been dispatched from the U.S. to join the efforts. They've set up MAF's GATR ball satellite communications system in the hard-hit region of Dame Marie to supply communications and internet to relief workers in an area where other infrastructure has been destroyed.

For more on Haiti, see <http://www.mafhaiti.org/>.



**Family News** Andrew is off to a fantastic start on high school. In November he will travel with the West Valley marching band to be one of fifteen school bands selected to play in the New York Veterans Day Parade and Fifteenth Anniversary of September 11 Memorial. He's pretty excited about this honor. Nate is starting his engineering studies at Spokane Falls Community College and loves being a young adult. Rose is heavy into her second year at Whitworth University and doing well. Rachelle has had a difficult season. She began at Eastern Washington University but has had to withdraw due to extended hospitalization. She has some rather serious needs, and we'd appreciate your prayers for her healing and future. Please contact us if you'd like more specifics on how to pray.

**Thanks** Thanks again for your prayers and support of this ministry which makes possible the training of mission pilots and mechanics who are able to carry the Gospel and build the kingdom in places like Haiti.

Rejoicing in Christ, *Gene Jen*

<p><b>Prayer:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The suffering people of Haiti, MAF's relief efforts, and the growth of the Church there</li> <li>• Moody students facing their Private Pilot Certification</li> <li>• Rachelle's healing and future</li> </ul>	<p><b>Praise:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A great extended cross-country trip this fall for the advanced students</li> <li>• Andrew's New York trip opportunity</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ministry Support:</b> Mission Aviation Fellowship PO Box 47, Nampa, ID 83653   800-359-7623 To donate online: <a href="http://www.maf.org/arnold">www.maf.org/arnold</a></p> <p><b>Correspondence:</b> c/o Moody Aviation 6719 E Rutter Ave, Spokane, WA 99212 509-535-4051 <a href="mailto:garnold@maf.org">garnold@maf.org</a></p>
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