

September 28, 2001

Dear Friends,

Greetings again from Elizabethton, Tennessee. These last few months have been very significant for me. I am excited about sharing a few of those things with you along with a few future plans. As of my last letter, I was looking forward to our final advanced cross-country, graduation and beginning my internship here at Moody Aviation.



Takeoff from Bullfrog Basin, AZ



Flying across the Grand Canyon

During the middle of May, the entire graduating class embarked upon our last major cross-country. The objective was to do extensive training at unimproved airports throughout the southern U.S., focusing especially in Arizona and New Mexico. It was a fantastic trip as we navigated the high deserts and canyons of the southwest. During our 7 days of traveling we flew about 50 hours, landed over 125 times and traveled about 5,000 miles. It was a unique training opportunity and I am very thankful for safety and the experience we gained.

After two years of college at Bryan College, 3 years of working and an additional 4 years of training at Moody Bible Institute and Moody Aviation, I graduated May 25th with a Bachelor of Science in Missionary Aviation Technology. As I look back, I am very grateful to the Lord for his loving care for me. Whether it was being diagnosed with Crohn's even before I ever began at Moody or the numerous times I found an enormous school bill waiting for me in my mailbox, there were so many times that the road ahead seemed block by boulders I could not move. Yet through these, the Lord has turned these stones into a firm foundation for my dependence upon him. I have seen the provision of the Lord for me in a unique way in my life and I am thankful for these difficulties.



Landing at Barten, AZ in the Grand Canyon

In my last letter, I asked for prayer as I began the process of choosing a mission. I am excited to share that after much prayer and time spent seeking advice from those around me, I have made a decision to pursue membership with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Although this may seem like the obvious choice since my parents are with Wycliffe, I am convinced that this process was harder for me because I wanted to be sure that this was where the Lord was specifically leading me.

During the two years I will be working at Moody, my desire is to complete as much of the application process as possible. As a result, I will be going to JAARS in Waxhaw for my technical evaluation October 3rd–13th. Sending this prayer letter is a major priority for me as I approach this evaluation because I would covet your prayers for me during this time. In addition, I have spent much of my free time this summer preparing for this evaluation. One of these steps has been training for my Certified Flight Instructor rating which I was able to complete just before all flying was grounded on September 11th.

Thank you again for your faithful prayers and support. Although there is always a certain deal of apprehension associated with any type of evaluation, I am truly excited to be beginning this process and confident that the Lord is continuing to direct my steps today as He has done in the past.

In Him,

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Teaching at Moody Aviation

Praise and Praise Summary

Praise

1. Todd's acceptance into the ROTC and a good start at Univ. of North Carolina at Charlotte
2. Safety during our final cross-country
3. Finishing the missionary aviation program at Moody
4. My internship at Moody and for this year's new students
5. Receiving my Certified Flight Instructor Certificate
6. Continued health

Prayer

1. As I am at Wycliffe/JAARS for Technical Evaluation (Oct 3rd – 13th)
2. As I continue to seek ways to encourage and teach important skills to my students
3. As I seek to be a witness to our neighbors (Susan, Emily, Randy and Chelsea)