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Dear Friends and Family

Are you excited about the newness and freshness of Spring? I am, and I am also excited about sharing with you a few things that are new in my life.

As you know, I have been in school for the last four years and graduation is steadily drawing near. I am excited about the next few months of school as we pull together these last three years of maintenance and flight training and take our final checkrides.

I am also looking forward to the chance to put my flight and maintenance training to work and begin deepening my experience level in these areas. Over the last few months, a major prayer request has been for guidance regarding plans following graduation. Several weeks ago, the possibility of working here at Moody was mentioned to me. I invested a significant amount of time praying and seeking the advice of various people regarding this job. Just last week, I was officially offered and accepted the position. It is a two-year commitment working in the Powerplant portion of the maintenance training program here at Moody Aviation. Following these two years, I plan to complete my pre-field application and orientation training for a specific mission. Please pray for wisdom and direction as I finalize on a specific mission.

Another project has been working towards doing a better job of communicating with each of you. Unfortunately, writing does not come quickly so it often takes me a month to write a prayer letter. By the time I finish the text, add a few pictures, print all the letters and envelopes and mail them, the prayer requests are already out of date. I deeply treasure the faithful prayer team the Lord has blessed me with so it troubles me that I do not keep current prayer requests and praises available. Because of this, I decided to create a personal web site where I can post up-to-date prayer and praise items. I have also added some additional information about Moody along with some pictures. The address is www.geocities.com/robgpeterson. Please feel free to visit. I would sure certainly any feedback on its usefulness.

In addition, I would also like to begin sending short and concise updates every week or two through email to those who would like to receive them. I plan to include a brief update on current events and answers to prayer along with current prayer requests. *If you would like to receive this update please send me your email address.*

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Another “new” thing that I haven’t had the chance to share yet has been my involvement with a Big Brother ministry called Boys-to-Men. I joined Boys-to-Men at the beginning of this year as a big brother to Cory. He is 13 years old and lives in the housing projects here in Johnson City. On a weekly basis, we spend a few hours together doing various activities. He is very quiet and very much into Pokemon, which I know very little about, so this continues to be a real challenge for me as I strive to relate to him effectively. Please pray for good times together, that I would be able to communicate with him effectively and most of all that he would come to know the Lord.

It has been very exciting to see the provision of the Lord for me this year. Just recently, I received an anonymous financial gift that allows me to continue my flight training and leaves only my final cross-country expenses and my loans from this year outstanding. *Thank you very much for your prayers and support!*

I would also appreciate your prayers for:

1. My brother, Todd, as he considers joining an Air Force ROTC program.
2. Safety and good weather as we take our 2nd cross-country trip to AZ and NM in mid-May.
3. Good transition into my job in Powerplant and for the new students who start maintenance training in June.
4. Direction as I finalize on a choice of missions and begin the pre-field application and evaluation process.

Thank you very much for your continued prayers and encouragement. They mean so much to me. May the Lord bless you richly as you seek Him.

In Him,

Robert Peterson