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Training Pilots and Mechanics to Aid in the Great Commission

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A Big Thank You



We had a hangar gathering to offer our thanks to all who've worked with us and offered us physical, spiritual, and material support. The facility gets closer to completion everyday and it's taken all of us to get it this far. Thank you for coming alongside to see these students launched



We had an extra special guest speaker, Gordon Bakke, who serves as Mission Aviation Training Academy's Executive Director. As a very experienced mission pilot and instructor, he has offered us his help and wisdom from our first day. MATA is in Arlington, WA.

Meet Trinity's Newest Students

Timothy Brown



Tim arrives after his first solo cross-country flight!

I am originally from rural northeast Georgia where I grew up with a love of ranching and serving God. Growing up around agriculture, I quickly gained a love and interest in anything mechanical, especially aircraft, as my grandfather rebuilt and sold helicopters mostly for crop dusting. In my family, I am the 4th generation to work with aircraft and the 3rd generation to fly.

I accepted Christ as my savior when I was 6, but really only became serious in my faith when I was 13. God has equipped me with a bachelor's degree in Christian Education from Toccoa Falls College, as well as a master's degree in Christian Ministry from

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. By God's grace, I am a licensed minister (Southern Baptist) of Hull Baptist Church in Hull, GA, and a Messianic Jewish believer. I have had the honor to serve the Lord in church pastoral ministry and in cross-cultural work. I currently serve here in Eatonville, Washington as a High School Youth Leader for CenterPoint Church, and as a leader for Venturing Crew 604 (Boy Scouts of America).

My heart and passion is to serve God through ministering to people. God is at work in my life doing this by equipping me to use technology, such as aviation, to demonstrate the love of God to a hurting world so that God's will may be accomplished and people may become disciples of Christ. I became a student at Trinity Aviation Academy to submit to this call.



Jessica LaVelle

I am from Spokane, WA, and am one of 11 children. I was blessed to be raised in a Christian home. When I was 15, God gave me the desire to fly as a missionary pilot. I knew I would need a lot of special training, so I began looking at missionary pilot training schools. After much research and prayer, God led me here, to Trinity. I love the flying, but I am also greatly enjoying the maintenance training as well. I don't have a specific destination on the mission field yet, but I'm seeking God for his will.



Jessica's first solo flight was on Monday, June 17. Great job!

...and our new instructor

Joel Beyer and his family come from the Kansas City area, where he sold his flight school to come teach at Trinity. He holds a BS in Aviation from Utah Valley University, and has gained a wealth of experience from training pilots over the years. Joel has stepped right into the role of Chief Flight Instructor for TAA. He's already seen some excitement here and gotten to meet our Federal Aviation Administration representatives firsthand.

Joel writes:

Since moving up here to Washington in January we have seen many examples of how God takes care of us. They say that if you are not being attacked by the enemy you must not be walking the path God has for you!

On April 23 we had an incident with our Piper Cherokee that parked it in the middle of a field 7 miles short of Eatonville. After seven years of working with more than 80 pilots without an incident, this was a first for me.

This incident involved a student pilot flying solo, which means the responsibility fell to me as the instructor, and rightfully so. I was the one responsible for making sure this student was fully prepared to fly this airplane solo on a cross country flight and I was responsible for their safety. I had made the judgment call to sign them off (and I would do it again). Because of this, I received a letter in the mail from our friendly Seattle Flight Standards District Office stating that my ability to hold a flight instructor certificate was being questioned and that I would need to do a reexamination with an FAA inspector to be able to continue to instruct.



The day came for the reexamination and my nerves were all strung out. This was a test that would determine if I was still going to be able to do the very thing God had brought me and my family up to Washington to do. I knew what God had spoken, but was I in for a time in my own prison like Joseph in Genesis, not able to do the vision God had given me? I arrived at the location 20 minutes early and got everything all set up. As the examiner walked through the door he looked at all my material and smiled. The table was set like I was taking my initial Flight Instructor test again with charts spread out and books piled up ready to go. I wanted to be well-prepared for this.



Hauling the Cherokee out of the field. Wing removal came next. Damage was minimal.

As we got started, the examiner explained what the test would entail and checked my paperwork, then asked me to explain what had happened. We talked about the student's prior flight training with other instructors and with me, the preparation for the flight, what happened during the flight, and how to keep it from happening again. I finished with a statement about how we are always learning and I have learned a lot from this incident. There was a long pause. A really long pause! Reaching into his folder he pulled out a typed letter on FAA letterhead. He placed it in front of him, signed it, and looked at me across the table before pausing again. He sighed and said, "We are done." The paper was my notice that the reexamination of my ability to teach students had met standards. "You are a good teacher, I can tell that. You have been doing this for a while and you have a great record. Keep up the good work."

After less than an hour it was all over. God took this situation meant for evil and turned it into His good. It has been so clear through this incident that God has had His hands in all of it. We have seen His hand move and make connections, show character in a short amount of time, and provide everything we have needed. He is so good and I am excited to see what else He has in store for me and for Trinity Aviation Academy. *-Joel*

Coming Soon!

We have new students that are to arrive here in the fall. Our facility construction is moving along, but our greatest need is the funding for the septic system. This will be for both the dorms and the staff housing that was moved to the property last year. The staff family that was living there have had to move 45 minutes off site, and our students are living in RVs and other spaces right now. It's not clear where we will house the students that are arriving. The slow pace of finishing our facilities has been discouraging for us all at times, but the Bible says in Galatians 6:9 *let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.* We have no intentions of giving up! We have plans to sell the Cherokee (the plane that was damaged in the above crash) to cover the cost of the septic, but the repairs on it are not yet completed. These were *our* plans and it could be that God has a different plan in mind for this. He may want to accomplish this through you so that you can receive the joy and blessings of giving to this work. Please pray and ask the Lord if He is calling you to support TAA in a new or greater way.

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