

"The whole earth is full of His glory" Isaiah 6:3



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Dear friends,

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We continue to see the Lord's hand at work in our family and the ministry of MAF at Prairie. We are grateful for His continual grace and for your ongoing prayers and support!

Advanced Flight Training

The fall and winter were busy and productive months in the training department. Many hours were spent in the sky, in the classroom and in our flight simulators.

I assisted with mountain training for several of our commercial students while continuing to carry out the majority of the instrument flight instruction at PATC. This is the last module of the students' training with us and arguably the most challenging due to the sheer volume of information they must absorb in each lesson as they prepare for their written exam and final flight test.

I find that as this point that they have gained understanding of the broader aviation world to have more realistic discussions about their upcoming career in the industry or in missions overseas. Because I am often their last instructor, I receive many requests to be their reference as they apply for jobs and I have the privilege of hearing where the Lord leads them.



Impact Beyond Canada

In addition to the usual flight instruction we provide to our Prairie aviation students, we are regularly asked to provide recurrency training for former students and missionary pilots who need to renew their qualifications.

It is always encouraging to visit with these returning graduates and missionaries and hear where the Lord has been using them.

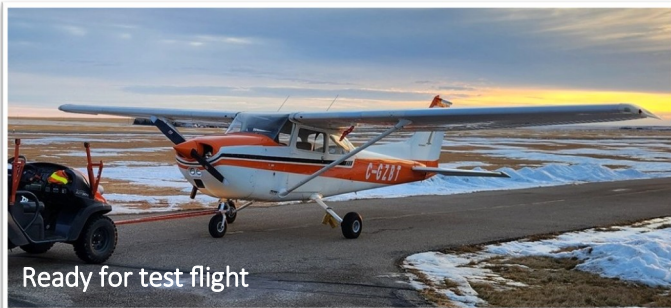
In December, I had the pleasure of providing training to one of our former instructors who has served in Haiti with MAF. Due to unrest in that country, she and her husband were reassigned to Lesotho where she will continue to serve as a pilot while her husband serves as a mechanic/pilot.



Then, in January, I worked with another longtime MAF pilot from the US who has spent the last 4 decades serving primarily in Congo but also short-term assignments in a number of countries including Afghanistan, Chad, Central African Republic, and Uganda. It was a special privilege to work with him and help him prepare to return overseas and assist in a new program in Bougainville—near Papua New Guinea!

Additional Aircraft

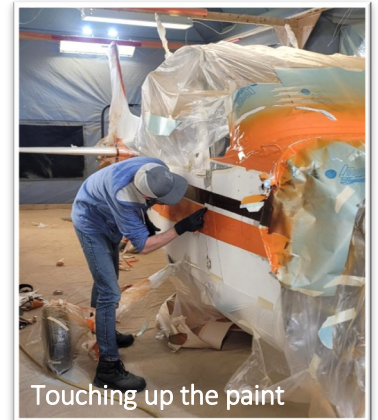
With the limited aircraft availability we experience every summer, we were very excited when MAF agreed to purchase another Cessna 172 for the flight school. The aircraft arrived from the US and immediately underwent significant inspections in order to bring it to Canadian commercial standards.



Ready for test flight

Several weeks ago, I had the privilege of completing the first 2 hour return-to-service test flight on the aircraft before it was able to go into service.

We are grateful for God's continued provision for the flight school and for an excellent maintenance team that spends countless hours ensuring our planes are safe and in good shape to carry out our mission!



Touching up the paint

Family Growth



We are pleased to announce the **engagement** of our **Julia** to **Joel** Dyck. Julia and Joel met at our church in 2024 after Joel moved here from Ontario to complete his flight training at PATC. Joel became a flight instructor last year and now works at a flight school near Edmonton. Julia recently rented a place of her own near Joel's and found work at a bank in the area. They are planning for a wedding in July and hope to be involved in missions in the future!

Thank you for your ongoing support of our MAF ministry at PATC!

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