

*The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above
proclaims his handiwork Ps. 19:1*



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Summer is literally flying by!

It has been a busy summer of training at Prairie Aviation! We are grateful for the Lord's protection during the many, many hours our planes have spent in the air and for all that He has allowed us to accomplish.

Nearly half a dozen students have finished the program over the summer months which is always bitter-sweet since the two years we have with them passes so quickly! We have also had the joy to watch all of our 12 newest students complete their first 'solo' flights without an instructor onboard! This is a milestone in their training and will remain a vivid memory as the first time they were in the air alone. For myself, that first solo came over 29 years ago at this same airport and I still remember the

airplane call-sign, those who were watching, and where I parked after landing safely. These 12 students are now working hard to finish their Private Pilot License before moving on to their Commercial License this fall.



Speaking to students and staff during chapel

Leading Chapel

Once or twice a year, each staff member is asked to lead the chapel time at the airport. The intent of these times together is to share lessons from scripture or personal ministry experiences from our time overseas as a way of challenging and inspiring our students to walk more closely with Christ.

Recently it was my turn and I was struck again by God's faithfulness over the past 25 years with MAF as I shared about all that He had done through our ministry in Africa and Alberta.



Student being 'initiated' with water after first solo flight

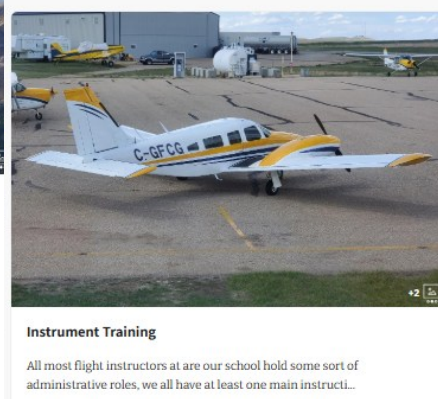
Instructors leaving into missions

One of the greatest encouragements we as staff at Prairie enjoy, is when God opens doors of ministry to our graduates and they respond! In the last few months, 4 of our flight instructors—all graduates of our program, have successfully passed their evaluations with MAF. While most plan to remain with us until next year, we expect 2 families will be assigned to Papua New Guinea, 1 to Indonesia, and the other is still exploring options. What a thrill to see God raising up more servants for His mission—field!



It's time to subscribe to our Epistle site!

Earlier this year we informed you that we would be transitioning to sending missionary updates through a platform called Epistle. This site will allow us to send you short updates on a more regular basis so that you are better informed about what is happening in our ministry and will give you the opportunity to message us back if you so desire.



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For those who prefer to continue receiving newsletters by mail, please be aware that they will only come twice a year as most of our communication will happen through Epistle.

Thank you for your ongoing support that allows us to serve with MAF at PATC. Your partnership is so encouraging and so necessary!

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