

# † The Dietz Digest †



## *The Countdown Begins*

We are officially on our way of one amazing journey. Since moving to Spokane in hopes of me attending Moody Aviation School the Lord has accelerated our race to a sprint. Most of you know that little Alena will be joining our family at or around August 1<sup>st</sup>. With that wonderful news we received last fall I nearly gave up on the idea of going to school because of the additional expenses a child brings.

Thankfully the Lord sent a messenger in the form of a student named Angel to intervene. I had a conversation that encouraged me greatly to go ahead and send in the application and see what the Lord would do with it. Angel informed me that many students were married with children and, although money was tight, God always provided the need sometimes until the last day to provide.

That leads us to our second countdown. We received the acceptance letter the weekend of our one year anniversary making it a wonderfully timed gift. The news came later than we were expecting so it has not given us much time to prepare for the fall Semester. We had hoped to begin writing this letter back in May but we didn't want to prematurely assume that I was accepted.

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## *What will Daniel do at Moody?*

The first year of school will be simply Bible Studies. I will be balancing 16 credit hours of

school per semester as well as working every available hour I can at Empire Bolt & Screw. They are a wonderful employer that came along through a definite act of God. I was delivering a pizza one evening (I have been working two jobs right now so that Dawn can stay home and rest due to pregnancy complications) and began a friendly conversation with the lady of the house. After a few minutes she asked me if I was happy with my job and the rest is history. They are very willing to work around the school schedule which is a tremendous blessing.

The second year will be a mixture of bible studies and also this is when the Aircraft Maintenance begins. I will be learning to work on and service the airplane for those times when you're in the wild and there is no mechanic available. This will continue into the third year along with a few Bible classes. The wonderful thing about these classes is that they will be taken at the local community college so financial aid will be available for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> years.

After *much* (although I don't always feel it) patience I will *finally* be able to begin flying during my 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year at the school. Upon completion I will have an estimated 250 hours of flight time.



## *Daniel's ministry dreams*

The Lord has put in my heart a desire to serve Him through aviation. When we began this journey I had no idea how or into what area I was going to be called. Although everything hasn't been revealed at this point there are some things that I would like to accomplish in this lifetime. The first and most obvious thing is that I love to fly so anything involving ministry, God, and flying are being considered. The biggest need for pilots at this point is in foreign lands including China, Africa, and the

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Pacific Islands. Although we aren't sure if that is where we will serve we are more than willing, as we have discovered that doing the will of God is the most satisfying desire of our hearts, and nothing else compares. Coming to Spokane is something neither of us would have thought of or desired apart from the Lord, but now that we are here we have been so blessed by Him in our marriage, in personal spiritual growth, and in learning to be dependent on Him.

When I am old, like around 45 (there's a little joke for all you older people ha), I plan to settle down somewhat and hopefully begin a ministry with a few other men with a similar vision. It will be a ministry of pilots that are available for hire to churches and Christian organizations that have a need to be transported to various mission locations. It will hopefully receive enough outside support that the organizations would have to put forth very little funds themselves to relieve their expenses; that way their funds can be used on areas of more significant need. It is still no more than thoughts in my head, but we are sure over time that more details will come along. We would also like to set up a scholarship for future generations of pilots that have a heart to serve God in this ministry field. It would be available to those in a similar situation as ours where funds are not available due to parents being involved in mission work during their childhood; they came from low income families, or perhaps already have a small family that makes saving money for school more difficult. Any special circumstance would be considered carefully for the scholarship as long as the candidate showed a deep desire to serve the Lord before personal interests when it came to aviation.



## *Our prayer requests*

Our main purpose in writing this letter, as we stated earlier, is to inform everyone of what we are up to. There is, however, some needs that we have that we wanted to make known to those who would like to come along side of us as we begin these next five years of training.

First, your prayers are the most powerful means of help that you can offer. We firmly believe that your intercessory prayers are vitally important to our success here. Anyone willing to take time in their day to spend time with God to pray over us will move mountains. We do not believe that we could have gotten this far without the prayers we have received. We want to take this opportunity to thank you for that kindness.

Our second need is a financial one. We do not believe that anyone should feel obligated to contribute to our need unless it is directed by God.

Ephesians 2:8b "Rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have *something* to share with the one who has a need." It is humbling for me to admit that we have this type of need. I am the one who likes to meet other peoples' needs in the body. I suppose the Lord is using this to teach me, because I cannot see us making it through school without the body being willing to see us through this difficult financial situation.

Galatians 6:2 "Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ." This burden is heavy on my heart and I know that I cannot carry it alone. If it were possible I would because I do have that stubborn Dietz blood in me that says I'm strong enough to forge my own trail. God has definitely been using this situation to teach me a few things. I'm at times laughing about it because looking at this from a human perspective is beyond impossible. My tuition is due on August 1<sup>st</sup> (which ironically coincides with Alena's due date) and to this point we have made little progress due to baby expenses. We owe \$3500 for the first semester and then again in December of this year for the spring semester. I am going to try to pay for the first semester because there is hardly any time for this letter to get out, and for anyone to have enough time

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to respond before August. I plan to pay for it once my Jeep sells. It hasn't sold yet, but I'm just hoping that it is because God is waiting for the opportune time. Most of the money will be used for tuition but some will be needed to buy Dawn an affordable car, pay off a small debt, and save a little for emergencies. I also will be receiving some GI Bill benefits for the time I served in the military. Unfortunately these will at most cover about 25% of the total school cost.

We are looking for anyone willing to participate a few different ways. A one-time gift is the first option. A contribution of any amount would be a blessing and greatly appreciated.

The second option would be to be a part of our quarterly contribution team. We would be asking you to give an equal amount just four times a year to help offset tuition costs. To put it in perspective if there were 50 people willing to contribute \$25-\$50 every three months it will make this dream more than possible. This is just an illustration and is not suggesting that this is how much you need to be contributing.

Again, we want you to remember that if God has not put it on your heart to give, we could still use prayer and we want to keep everyone informed on what is going on in our lives and on our journey out here in the beautiful Spokane, Washington.

We want to thank you again for all of your support, whether it is financially or through prayer. It means so much to us to know that there are so many people out there who care and love us so much. Along with God, you have given us the strength to do this. Just knowing that you are there and that you are thinking about us in your prayers helps to make this possible for us. We will continue to keep you updated on our journey and hope to see or hear from you soon. God bless you.

Love in Christ

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## **Please send your letters to:**

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Or you can contact the school directly at 1-800-DLMOODY and they will wire the money directly into my student account. This eliminates any chance of funds being mishandled as the money can only be applied to school tuition.