



"You can look up now", my instructor said calmly. As I pulled my hood off so I could see out of the front of the airplane, there was nothing calm about the situation. I was in the middle of a cloud, and I didn't know which way was up! My body was telling me I was in a left decent, but was really in a right climb. My head was spinning. There was no use in looking outside; there was nothing to look at but white mist that stretched on forever. I look back at my instruments to stabilize the airplane and my spinning head. Soon after my instructor says, "Take a look at the leading edge". Oh no, I thought. I glanced outside to confirm my fear; we were picking up ice...

Greetings friends and family!

Happy Spring! What a great time of year where things start growing again, outside activities are possible without the fear of death, and we can all not have seasonal depression again! It has been a long winter and it is nice to be over.

First of all, I just need to say it, this semester has been crazy! There is so much to study and practice that there is little to no time for anything else! So far my instrument training has been really good. I finished the ground school classroom work last month, the FAA instrument written exam last week, and this coming week I have my rec-ride, final stage check flight followed by my instrument oral exam and check ride flight. That's it! I will (hopefully) be an instrument rated pilot by the end of the week! All that to say, there has been many hours of work, study and practice before, during and after school, including through the weekends to prepare myself for this week. God has been good to give me the strength to go through all of this, and to give me a flippin' awesome wife to support me and to help me through it all. The light is at the end of the tunnel!



Tricia flying on the simulator

So after I am through with my instrument training, I have a few weeks of getting back into a complex airplane and remembering how to do all my commercial air work. After that I can do all of the testing over again for my commercial license. Then, on May 24th I finally graduate! My parents, sister, brother in law and friend (Tom and Jill, Brooke and Riley Groves and Chris Dortch) are visiting good ol' Spokane for my graduation. I really can't wait! So you might be asking "What's after graduation?" Well, I'm glad you asked.

After graduation, Tricia and I have decided to pack up most of our stuff and move back to Iowa to start the application process for the organization MAF. If you would like to learn more, check out Tricia's blog post on our website and it will go into further detail. You can also check out photos, videos, our financial status, and the rest of the story at the beginning of the letter. We both thank you for reading our update. If you have any questions about our time at Moody, or any future plans, please feel free to contact us! We hope that this letter finds you well and in awe of what our God has done for us in this Easter season. God bless and keep your eyes on eternity!

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