

These Hands...

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Turbulence

This is a semester of change rather than stability. My second flight in the real airplane was on a rather blustery day. It was turbulent, and fun to try keeping the control inputs smooth while being buffeted around a bit. This semester is rather like that. The first two weeks was so full of homework I didn't have time to think or catch a breath. Then just as fast, the pressure was gone and it was just fun. Then an announcement of a new option for Maintenance Specialists (MXS). The expanded set of tools that we would normally need to buy on our own, would be ordered through the school at a huge discount! Then realizing that a huge discount still means \$23,000 of tools (more like getting the wind knocked out of me. For more info see attached blog post.) In all of it though, I am thoroughly enjoying the challenge and the opportunity to take time and reset my spiritual life priorities and make them stronger. God has blessed me with this wonderful season!



I parked right on centerline my first try!



Rumbledethumps, a Scottish breakfast hash with sausage!



First flight in the airplane



Clouds!



My flight period was in the evening so I could watch the sunset colors show!

Answers to Prayer

- A + P program, and flight orientation completed (over 1/2 way there!)
- I have everything all squared away to begin the Maintenance Specialist major.

Prayer Requests

- Endurance in focusing on pursuing God and building friendships
- Growth in serving at my church
- New opportunities in MXS program
- Financial support for my expanded tool set

I WANT TO BE PRAYING FOR YOU TOO, SO PLEASE SEND ME YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS AND A PHOTO OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SO I CAN REMEMBER TO BE IN PRAYER FOR YOU!

Rejoice!

I am truly blessed to be here. In the decision making for this semester, I considered again where I am and where God is calling me. I am past the halfway point! God has given me a wonderful community with the guys in my house, my church, and friends. Also, I can start to really see how I will use and enjoy what I am learning in the future. The MXS training will be more like an apprenticeship that is designed to focus on my specific gifts, like teaching, leadership, and organization. Additionally, my internship at church and my friend community is teaching me what is included in building a healthy Christ-centered community.

"Still I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. God, the Lord, is my strength."
- Habakkuk 3:18-19a



New Tools!

Prepping for my first flight as (student) Pilot In Command of a real airplane! As opposed to the simulator



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