



FLYING SOLO

One major element of our preparation for missions in Guyana is Glenda's flight training. We are all so proud of her reaching a major milestone on her journey to get her private pilot's license - her first solo flight!

On June 23, 2021, we all went to the airport in Morristown, TN to watch as Mommy and her flight instructor Chad prepped the Cessna 150. It was a beautiful but breezy morning when the two of them went up and practiced some takeoff's, landings, and drills in the air.

Chad said, "Ok, you are ready," and after they landed, he got out of the plane and went down the runway some distance on foot where a small group of observers and instructors had a handheld radio to communicate with

the student pilots in the air. Glenda's heart pounded above the sound of the engine as she checked her gauges and started down the taxiway. Just as she was passing by the group with the radio, she motioned and yelled out her window, "Does anyone want a ride?" Chad yelled back at her, "NO, you have to go by yourself!" Jordana, Enoch, and I all laughed at Mommy's unique sense of humor from our vantage point on our lawn chairs in front of the hangar.

Everyone watched in excitement as Glenda taxied to the end of the runway and then took off, circled around, and landed expertly, four times all by herself, waving as she passed. Inside the cockpit, Glenda later related, she had been repeatedly claiming the promise through her fears, "I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me." -Philippians 4:13. She wasn't all by herself after all... she never is.



Traditionally, as a rite of passage, when a student pilot solos for the first time, his or her flight instructor will cut the back of the student's shirt out and display it at the school. This tradition goes back to the time before radios when the flight instructor would sit tandemly behind the student and pull at the student's shirt tails to give him or her signals. Cutting the shirt tails after the first solo flight represents the flight instructor's confidence in the student.

Well, the day of her first solo, Glenda was wearing a dress! We argued for a



little while about it because Glenda said she loved that dress and accused me of looking for an excuse to rid her of it since, she claimed, I never had liked the dress. I responded, “You decided what to wear this morning when you knew you might be taking your solo, not me.” Poor Chad looked a little nervous at our good natured spat, besides the fact he had never cut the back of a student’s dress before. Glenda was wearing leggings under her dress, however, and the kids and I insisted that we must follow the tradition as we cheered Chad on with the scissors.

Since her youth, Glenda has desired to serve God in missions. She dreamed about flying a small airplane to reach out to unreached people with the gospel of Christ’s salvation and soon return. We serve an amazing Father who not only allows us to participate in His work of salvation, but gives us the individual desires of our hearts as they come into harmony with His will.

On August 17th of this year, we plan to make a site visit to Guyana for about a month in order to get a better idea of what we need to prepare for to make our permanent move there. Due

to the treacherous nature of the weather and jungle runways, Glenda won’t be ready to fly alone there yet. There is much more training to be had for all of us. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. Thank you so much for your support!

God bless each one of you!

Caleb, Glenda, Jordana & Enoch



Your AWA Mission Family soon to be stationed at the Guyana Mission Project:

Caleb Runne, Glenda Esudero, Jordana and Enoch



PRAYER REQUEST:

- Safe travels to Guyana for Wilkersons and Runnes, and Spirit-led pre-deployment assessment for the Runne family



PROJECT NEEDS:

- The taxiway from the hangar to the airstrip is in dire need of repair before any flight operations can begin. It is unsafe with the probability of a prop strike. Please consider supporting this project need.