



Aviation Maintenance Project Update



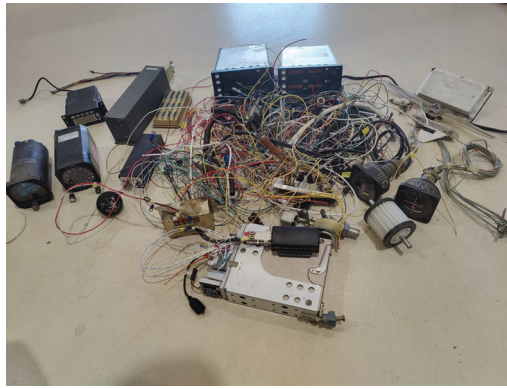
“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

—Matthew 6:19-21

Excess. It means so many things and yields many different outcomes. In ministry it can be either positive or negative. While the world would classify “too many givers” or “giving too much” as potential excess, in ministry we call that “good enough.” The more giving people give, the more people are involved, which means the more work we can accomplish in ministering to others.

Our lives have a lot of excess. While holiday giving can often exploit that, there is opportunity to redirect our excess so that the extra and/or even our persons can be a blessing to others. Downsizing is never a bad thing. It benefits you, and usually it somehow benefits others or even their circumstances. It’s like cleaning away excess dross off the character. You’re better off, and so is everyone around you. *God can do more with you, the less of you there is in your heart.* He fills that cavity in your chest and that’s when you see real growth, and mighty things happen.

As Kyle has been working on a Cessna 172 that used to be out in Arizona, he’s come across a lot of excess inside the plane. “Dross,” if you will, that should have come out, been removed, redirected, etc. *a long time ago*, lingered in hidden places which the plane has been carrying around all this time. *Excess.*



However, the moment you do is the moment you realize you lost 40lbs of excess that was weighing you down. Not only will this be a benefit to you, but additionally, it's possible it will benefit somebody else as well.

While we look ahead to the new year, we desire to cast off the excess in our lives so there's more room for giving, living, and growing. We invite you to take that opportunity and join us in casting off the excess. It will always bless you and in the big picture of eternity, it will be a blessing to God's kingdom. Our current monthly need is \$8,500. What does giving in 2023 look like for you?

He explains it like this:

Initially, when starting on an avionics update project with the 172 trainer we use for mission pilots, I had a plan to do some very simple upgrades. That included updating the plane for a more modern platform which has a similar layout to what we have in the field in our 182's. The more I dug into the plane the more I kept finding things—excess *baggage*—that were part of previous installations that had never been removed.

The simple fact is that in the past, the plane had gone through several updates, and rather than removing the equipment and wires no longer being used, it was left in the plane (out of sight out of mind). So, in an effort to simplify while upgrading things, I kept digging out and removing all the extra forgotten, no longer used tidbits, and by time I was done, I had quite the pile of excess. I weighed everything I removed and it all added up to 40lbs. That's a lot of weight in an airplane! Not to mention one of the pieces of equipment that was removed was able to be sold to help cover the cost of its replacement.

Sometimes we have things in our lives that we've put "out of sight, out of mind." Dealing with those items can be a lot of work and sometimes hard for us to drudge through. We're quite literally taking out the trash.

Thank you for your generosity, your prayers and support.

God bless!

Until Next Time,

Kyle, Rebecca, and Hadahsa Stevenson

