



Proverbs 22:6

You know that concept of brushing your teeth while eating Oreo cookies and hoping your teeth will get clean? Yeah. Sometimes, that's the way it is in life and *raising kids*. It can especially be difficult when the child you're raising is brilliant. That's a whole pack of Oreos with milk, a toothbrush, a painter's canvas, and one paper towel segment to clean up when done. Sounds chaotic? It can be, as intelligence doesn't always manifest itself the way most people might think.

You've seen Hadahsa in pictures over the years and heard about some of her charming antics at event shows where she's effortlessly making friends with the vendors and brightening everyone's day. That's the result of a God-given intelligence that cannot be so confined, stopped, or slowed down. If she's not busy, not moving, not groovin' to her precocious little song and dance of life, she will go crazy. The inside of our house may suffer—there could be

dinosaur bones in the wall that need to be dug out with a butter knife. Ask us how we know.

She **has** to connect, has to create, **has to** be chattering, and she has to be at work with her hands. She can't shut it off. That's been hard for Kyle and I to keep up with, and we've needed more **oomph** in our efforts in trying to keep up with it as she's our little Energizer bunny! To have that energy! Whew, it's a ride trying to keep up!

But all in all, these traits are a good thing as long as they're geared in the right direction. In Proverbs 22:6, we remember that it says if we train our children in the way they should go when they are older, they won't turn from it. It's the process of getting there that's the Oreos, milk, toothbrush, canvas, and one paper towel segment for clean up when raising a brilliant child. She likes tearing things apart. Okay, not likes, **loves** to tear things apart to see what's inside, maybe how it works, mostly the thrill of disassembly



and how it feels. Sticking around to put it back together is another battle, but we're working on her. Why is this relevant? Because for the first time recently, she decided she wanted to actively help out Daddy in the hangar for an extended period.

Helping Daddy remove the cowling off the Cessna 172 to begin its 100-hour inspection brought her to the careful task of unscrewing all the screws around the cowling edges. That was amazing for her self-discipline, as generally, she resists it. One by one, though, she stuck with it and did it! She was so proud of herself for helping, but then she got wind of Daddy's toolbox. *It really did need some attention.* So, with Daddy's supervision and guidance, she put all the wrenches in their proper place while learning fractions and the differences between the sizes, where they fit in their designated places, and how they were used. A perfect task for an 11-year-old who hasn't started to learn fractions yet in school. What better way to learn than in the mission shop at AWA?

It's hard to keep up in the maintenance shop; Kyle will be the first to tell you. Once she was done with the toolbox, she was done. *She came, she saw, she ripped apart, she helped organize, and then left...*

Humorous as it is, she is no doubt our greatest mission field. She will be a huge help one day if she continues wanting to do what Daddy does every day and become a mechanic. There's hope as she did choose the following day to return and help some more; perhaps the streak will continue! But in the meantime, we have a full-time job guiding and directing her under spiritual maintenance to follow in the way she should go: self-discipline, humility, and a proper application of all the gifts of intelligence she has for the growth of God's kingdom.

Current Maintenance projects:

Mooney N17WJ

Current needs:

More Mechanics

Avionics upgrades – \$1,100

6 Cylinders for the Guyana plane N82HS – \$12,000

Plane airfare (per person x3) to Guyana – \$720

Until Next Month,

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