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MATA FACILITIES CONTINUE TO EXPAND

“NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT SAYS THE LORD”
ZACHARIAH 4:6

STUDENTS:

PRIVATE

TONY COPLEY

KYLE FAHEY

AMANDA GRIMWOOD*

MATT HAMM

NATHAN HOLMES

LAUREN JOHNSON*

ERIK OIEN

JOHN SCHRADER

WILLIAM WING*

INSTRUMENT

TYSON ALDRICH

BEN BLACKLOCK

STEVE KWAN

JOE NOBLE

COMMERCIAL

JAMES DEAR*

JUSTIN REEVES

BRANDON RODSTOL*

CFI

JOE HOPKINS

GENE KETCHAM

*TO BEGIN TRAINING SOON

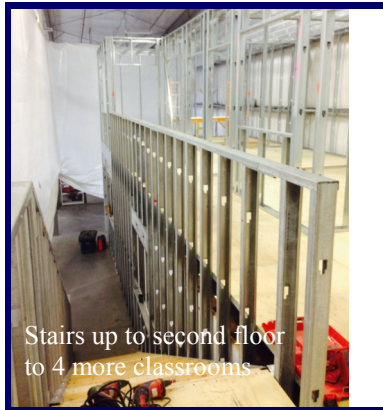
Since moving into our new hangar a year and a half ago, MATA has continued to grow, with more students, instructors, and aircraft. Recently the Board of Directors decided it was time to build more classroom space above our existing office area to keep up with the growing number of students and instructors. With this expansion we will gain four new classrooms, allowing multiple



Flying the new Basic Aviation Training Device

instructors uninterrupted teaching areas. Construction began in December with hopes to be completed by the end of January.

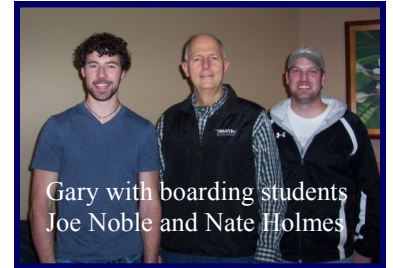
Our new Basic Aviation Training Device arrived in early December, and will go in one of these rooms. This new “simulator” allows our students the ability to train and staff to maintain instrument currency in a cheaper but very realistic environment approved by the FAA. We are grateful for donations that are coming in for these two upgrades.



Stairs up to second floor to 4 more classrooms

AND MORE STUDENTS

MATA’s enrollment continues to grow with several new students arriving from out-of-state. Nathan Holmes just arrived from Kansas to begin his flight training, and James and Elise Dear arrive in February from Wisconsin. With the growing student population at MATA there is always a need for housing. The Fincks and Elliotts are housing students but have run out of guest rooms. Maybe God is calling you to get involved more at MATA by providing student housing, or helping with flight training costs, or our expansion project. If so, please contact MATA.



Gary with boarding students Joe Noble and Nate Holmes

NEW RATINGS

Ian Rojas and Gene Ketcham earned their Commercial



Ian Rojas

Pilot Certificate in late December. This is a huge milestone for a mission-bound pilot. Please pray for these two as they continue to build hours and look to where God is calling them to serve. Ian plans to fly in Alaska this summer, building experience and hours. Gene has his



Gordon Bakke & Gene Ketcham

sights on Kingdom Air Ranch in Alaska, training pilots and flying into Russia. Gene first needs to get his CFI rating. Weather and holidays pushed a couple of our pilots to January for checkrides. Ben Blacklock is planning to complete his Instrument Rating this month, and several MATA students (Tony Copley, Matt Hamm, and Kyle Fahey) are close to getting their Private Pilot Certificate. Your prayer support is always welcome.



Ben Blacklock

KAKO ENGINE

Kako Retreat Center’s Cessna 182 engine overhaul is complete, and it is ready for testing. Currently the plan is to ship the engine back to Alaska and send a team up to install it and do the annual inspection on Kako’s aircraft. This will probably happen in late spring in time for the planes to be operational for the Bible camps.



Dary with Kako’s engine



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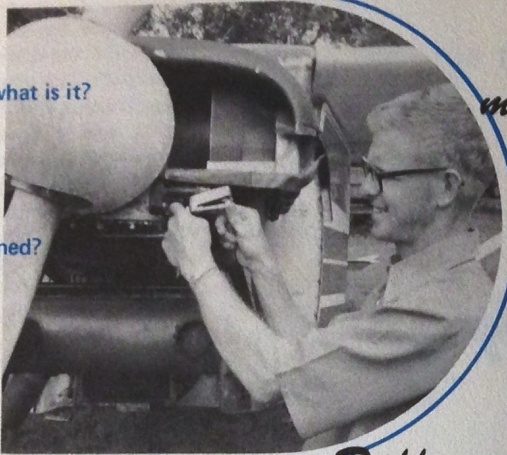
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Director's Corner

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Missionary work, what is it?
Can it be defined?
Am I doing it?



What makes the Difference?

We are living among people in a rural area where there are few modern conveniences. Just living demands much time and energy. There are others who have come from the U.S.A., England, and the Continent in search of minerals. They are living in the same geographical area, subject to the same dangers of disease, snakes, etc., living with the same inconveniences. Yet they are not missionaries! What makes the difference?

A missionary is one sent with the good news of Salvation found only in Christ — and he seeks to make Him known to the people among whom he lives. So a person is doing missionary work when he is preaching the Gospel, translating the Word of God, or teaching a Bible class. What about those who spend most of their time in the maintenance of mission buildings, vehicles, water pumps, light planes, air-strips, maintenance and repair of airplanes, supervision of building construction, buying and transporting of supplies, keeping financial records? Are they fulfilling the Great Commission?

As one who has presented himself to the Lord for His service, I know His will and work for me is being accomplished when I am flying a patient to the hospital where he will daily hear the Word of God and see Christ in the lives of doctors and nurses.

Every day here at Mukinge, over 300 teenage girls have Jesus Christ presented to them through God's Word at the Girls Secondary School. As I work on the financial records for the school, I see not only ledger books, adding machines, checks, and cash, but young women who are daily being influenced for Jesus Christ.

We are glad for opportunities to teach a Sunday School class, or preach at the hospital, and the responsibility for the distribution of Bibles and Christian literature. The Lord has given us each talents or gifts. We, in turn, are to give of these gifts back to Him and allow Him to use us wherever and however He wishes.

*Gordon Bakke
Mukinge Mission, Zambia*



In 1972 Elaine and I were at Mukinge Mission Station, Kasimpa, Zambia, Africa, where we had lived since December

1967. Elaine is an RN, graduate in nursing from the University of Washington. For 20 years she taught young Zambians the things they need to know to become nurses, just as she had learned in nursing school. She also had Bible classes with them. Mukinge Girls Secondary School is a boarding high school, which was begun just a few years before with one grade, then adding a grade each year until it had a student body of 500 girls from grade 8 to 12. Primary or grade schools are from 1-7 with a national exam to get into secondary school. Over the years I had the opportunity to preach at church conferences, our church on the mission station, and village churches. Sometimes we would fly to the village for preaching on Sundays. Also, both Elaine and I had Bible classes off the mission station for many years.

We are very thankful to have a part in training those who are heeding the command of Jesus, when He said, "look unto the fields that are white unto harvest" and then "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." Yes, the need is still great. The job is not done. Jesus said, "to occupy until I come," and "work while it is still day." We are not to waste all the experience we have and the talents the Lord has allowed us to develop. We are to continue to use them to train others for His Kingdom and His Glory.

Gordon Bakke
Executive Director