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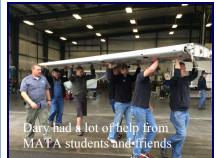
"Let them give glory unto the LORD and declare His praise in the islands." Isaiah 42:12

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Alaska, Africa, SE Asia, and the South Pacific, All these places have MATA graduates serving. We helped get a Cessna 206 from Montana to Palau in Micronesia for MATA grad Amos Collins, who is based on the island of Yap with Pacific Missionary Aviation. We dismantled and loaded the plane and other goods into a 40-foot shipping container. Amos, with some help, unloaded the container and reassembled the airplane and got it flying again. He then checked out the pilot who is now flying that plane. See photos and read more about the amazing story on our website at www.mata-



Amos and his co-worker after assembly on Palau



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#### John and Margaret Lewis have been serving the Lord

along the Yukon River in the village of

Marshall, Alaska. They are driving from Soldotna.

Alaska to Everett, Washington in October. They will be staying with an elderly supporter to help her continue to live in her own home, and hope to do a lot of visiting, including seeing a new grandbaby, during the next few months. Lord willing, they will return to Alaska in the late Spring. Gifts to

Ready for take off with the PMA logo

and new trim. She looks great!

MATA BIBLE **STUDY FRIDAY NIGHTS** 7PM AT THE **HANGAR** PUBLIC WELCOME

### STUDENT REPORT



William Wing passed the FAA checkride to earn his Private Pilot license on his I 7th birthday, which is the minimum age to get your license. He still has two years of high school to complete.



lan Rojas passed his Multi-Engine rating and is now looking to where he might serve. Yes, there are many places and organizations that have needs. So, Ian is looking to the Lord as to what's next.



Wayne Ayars and Gary Elliott flew MATA's Cessna 182 N71333 back from western Alaska in mid-August, stopping at several mission organizations along the way for Wayne to meet staff and see the vast needs in Alaska.



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## Student Report Continued...

In recent weeks three new students have begun flight training with MATA.

Chad Peterson from Mount Vernon, Washington just started on his Private Pilot license. He was in the Marine Corps and served in Iraq and Afghanistan. He is a licensed aircraft mechanic and attended one year of Bible college in Glennallen, Alaska.

A. east of Denver, Colorado, has come to get his Instrument Rating and Commercial Pilot license. He has already completed most of the requirements for the aircraft maintenance license and has completed a year of Biblical studies. He is very interested in being a pilot with New Tribes Mission

Benjamin Bookman, from just



Benjamin Bookman

Amanda Grimwood came from Arkansas, where she had logged a few hours but had not soloed. She made her first solo on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, after several lessons with Gary. Amanda has been on mission trips to Africa, Central America, Haiti, S.E. Asia, and Canada, so is interested in several of the mission agencies that use aircraft.



Gary congratulates Amanda after her initial solo flight

### CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Mark your calendars and plan to arrive at noon to attend MATA's Christmas luncheon on Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup> at the hangar. MATA graduate Chad Dimon and his wife Jamie, who are headed to the Congo with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF), will be our guest speakers. RSVP to Stacie at the MATA office 425-231-5855.



# **Director's Corner**

Chad Peterson



Even though we have had a very nice, dry summer here in the Pacific Northwest, neither riv-

ers nor wells have run dry. Most of us have heard sermons and Bible lessons on "wells of water springing up into eternal life and rivers of living water." Many if not most people in the world have never heard of this and all that is available because of Jesus Christ. We long ago memorized John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him should not be lost, but should have eternal life." And there are many other scripture passages that tell about all that is ours both now and for eternity when we repent of our sins and receive the gift of salvation. Romans chapter 10 says

that "faith cometh by hearing" and then asks the question, "How shall they hear unless someone goes to them?"

We train pilots to help take this wonderful message to the countless millions of people around the world who can be reached best by using air travel to get to their isolated areas and remote villages.

So we welcome new students as we continue to have our graduates head out to their fields of service. The Lord leads them to an organization

with which to serve, support is raised, and then its "Hello from Cameroon or Lesotho!" or some other place that most of us have only read about.

Our new students can show up at any time. Your prayers and financial support help us to keep our aircraft and facilities always ready.

Thank you and God bless you.

Gordon Bakke Executive Director