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SEPTEMBER 2015

NEW STUDENTS/PRIVATE PILOT GROUND SCHOOL

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Seattle
Oct 9-10
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Edmonds,
WA
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Nine new Student Pilots started ground school on August 22nd with instructors Allen Koopman and Jonathan Miller. These classes will continue on Saturdays until mid-October. Three of the new students recently earned their Airframe and Powerplant aircraft mechanic licenses at a school in Spokane, and have already been assisting with

maintenance on the MATA fleet while they earn their pilot certificates. Five

of the new students attended our 2014 Aviation Summer Camp, and are joining another 2014 camper who started training here in June.



Allen teaching ground school to our new students



Gary congratulates Ian Wilson, 2014 camper, after initial solo

AVIATION SUMMER CAMP 2015

Watch a camp video
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MATA held its ninth Aviation Summer Camp from July 19th through 24th. Four flight instructors and two ground instructors worked with 18 campers, who

averaged 3.8 hours at the controls of our three Cessna 172s. This makes a total of 121 high schoolers who have attended, with a number sensing a call

to serve as missionary pilots. One camper wrote, "Thanks so much for hosting this camp. It means a lot to me and the people in my family and friends who have been praying for me. I hope that God will open doors for His plan in my life, to follow mission aviation. Gary, thanks for bringing such a God-fearing spirit to the camp through morning and evening devotions. Stacie, thank you for picking me up from the airport and for all the food." Applications for the 2016 camp (July 24-29) are already being submitted. Find the application on our website. www.mata-usa.org

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- Student Housing

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You may remember our October 2014 newsletter report on ferrying a Cessna 206 from Montana, then disassembling, crating, and shipping it to Pacific Missionary Aviation (PMA) in Micronesia. At the request of PMA's chief pilot/mechanic Amos Collins, a MATA

graduate, we just repeated the entire process! PMA purchased this airplane in Alaska, and MATA Director Gordon

Bakke ferried it to our hangar in June. Over the next two months, many items ordered by PMA arrived at the MATA hangar to also go in the shipment, including three aircraft engines, propellers, 40 cases of aviation oil, and a hydraulic dolly.



Many hands were needed to hold the wing

MATA was thankful for the donation of a forklift back in May from a MATA supporter. It made loading the sea container for PMA so much easier, as well as the handling of the Dimons' overseas shipment. MATA graduate Chad Dimon and family left for France August 19th to begin language study, then on to Congo with Mission Aviation Fellowship.



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Training Pilots for Missions

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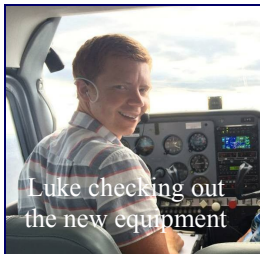
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N3711F UPGRADE

Thank you to all who donated to upgrade our first aircraft with satellite-based position reporting equipment mandated by the FAA. In May, a new GPS set along with position reporting

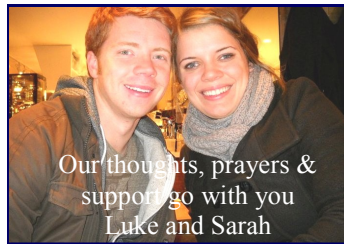
equipment, known as ADS-B, were installed in N3711F,

our main instrument trainer. If you are interested in helping MATA install ADS-B in our other aircraft, we will continue to receive funds for this upgrade, which will be required by January 2020 in most airspace.



Luke checking out the new equipment

LUKE & SARAH



Our thoughts, prayers & support go with you Luke and Sarah

Luke Abare earned his Instrument Rating and Flight Instructor certificate here at MATA. He instructed in our past three Aviation Summer Camps, and had several other flight students. In October Luke and his wife Sarah join Hope Africa Collective (HAC) in Cape Town, South Africa, a dream of theirs for years. We will miss them greatly but are thankful for their obedience to the Lord. Luke will leave a BIG vacancy for a flight instructor here at MATA.

C-150 N6292T



Gordon and Caleb signing log books for N6292T

MATA's Cessna 150 was ready for an engine overhaul after training many young pilots and flying over 900 hours here at MATA. This came right on the heels of the engine overhaul we did on our Cessna 172 in April, both costing MATA a total of \$39,000. Contributions, large and small, from many donors make it possible to keep our aircraft airworthy and available to our students.



Dary giving oversight to Drew and Caleb during inspections

These major maintenance projects provide the opportunity for our young mechanics like Drew Aungst and Caleb Webster to gain hands-on experience under the supervision of experts like Dary, Gordon, and Myron, who all hold an aircraft Inspection Authorization certificate.

Another big project will begin in September after MATA student Benjamin Bookman and MATA grad Jeremy Crowell fly from Alaska in Association of Free Lutheran Churches' Piper Cherokee 6, so it can receive an engine overhaul and other maintenance. Supporting our graduates' ministry in this way provides learning opportunities for our current students.

Director's Corner



Very recently some of us attended the memorial service of a lady who lived past her 95th birth-

day. She loved the Lord and had a heart for missions. She helped fund my trips to Alaska to fly for Kako Bible Camp when I started flying North in the summer of 2002. A

few years later she started supporting MATA on a monthly basis. Now she is gone but our need for those funds has not gone away. Yes, we need others to pick up that baton of giving and carry on. Sometimes MATA is the recipient of money given in memory of someone, or from an estate, or even stocks. MATA still has an E-Trade account open to receive such funds. Some might ask, "Are you able to handle sizeable donations?" The answer is yes. We have hired the services of Clark Nuber, PS to do an internal control review and Battershell & Nichols, a smaller accounting firm, to do our taxes and payroll on a

monthly basis. We do the daily entries here as before.

We would ask you to prayerfully consider supporting MATA on a regular basis if you are not already doing so, and also consider us in your estate planning.

We would like to be able to say yes each time we get inquiries from mission organizations for more pilots, but we cannot always do so. Right now we have nine keen students just beginning their training, a couple soon to get their Private Pilot Certificate, and others working on their Instrument or Commercial Pilot license. Folks like you who give

financially to MATA make it possible to keep the airplanes in an airworthy condition without passing the total cost on to these aspiring missionary pilots. Your contributions make it possible for most of our students to finish their training debt-free, and hopefully get to their field of service faster. Again thank you and God bless you.

Gordon Bakke
Executive Director