

Mission Aviation Training Academy

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NUNZIATO FAMILY LANDING AT MATA

We are thrilled to introduce to you Doug, Amy, Analise, and Nate Nunziato. They are on final approach to land at MATA with 83% of their support raised. Doug is a pilot and experienced shop mechanic, and will serve in our maintenance and parts department while continuing his flight training toward a Certified Flight Instructor rating. Doug and family were en route to Papua

Indonesia as a pilot/mechanic with World Team when the program suddenly closed and they were redirected to Spain as church planters. Doug is excited to be back in aviation where he feels the Lord has gifted and called him. Doug and Amy will also be assisting in student ministries, and Doug's degree from Clemson University in Marketing will also serve MATA well. Amy's creative ideas and desire to serve alongside her husband when able will greatly benefit our staff and



students. Doug and Amy are a **huge** answer to prayer and will ease the extra load our MATA staff have all been feeling as our student roster continues to grow. Please help Nunziatos come to a full-stop landing here at MATA by joining their support team. During a three-week orientation visit, Doug secured housing (PTL!) and moved in some previously shipped household goods. He just returned to Augusta, Georgia to bring the rest of the family here in June.

MATA STAFF NEEDS YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Nunziatos, John and Margaret Lewis (who are particularly under-supported), and other staff members are seeking new partners to support them in their ministry at MATA. *Would you pray about being one of those needed partners?* Thank you in advance!

1. To give by credit card or bank transfer, visit our website www.mata-usa.org and click "DONATE" then "MISSIONARY SUPPORT"
2. To give by check, please mail to MATA, P.O. Box 3655, Arlington, WA 98223

MATA attempts to honor preferred contributions to support staff, student scholarships, or special projects, but tax-deductible contributions are made with the understanding that MATA has complete discretion and control over all donated funds.

We appreciate all of you who help keep MATA training qualified missionary pilots to reach those who have never heard the Good News of Jesus!



Jonathan Finley

Four MATA students earned a pilot certificate or rating within one month. Jonathan Finley added the Instrument Rating to his pilot certificate, while Justin Vaughan, Caleb

Long, and Ethan Hancock earned their Private Pilot certificate. Justin's first passenger was his wife Addison, who commented on her facebook page, "#oncloudnine #literally."



Kristy and Ethan's first flight together

It was a beautiful afternoon when Ethan took his wife Kristy up as his first passenger just five days after his checkride. They were all smiles after their flight.

After Caleb passed his checkride and all the photos and celebrating were done, he asked his mom, "Would you like to go flying?" Her eyes lit up and a

STUDENT RATINGS



Justin's first flight with his wife Addison

huge smile was on her face as she considered her son was now a pilot! Caleb grew up around MATA, as founder Pastor Mike Crowell used office space in Caleb's father's church during those early days. It was while attending MATA's Aviation Summer Camp in 2013 that Caleb felt called to mission aviation. His parents were amazed at how focused Caleb was on God's direction for his life after attending camp that summer. Caleb worked and saved his money for three years before he was old enough to train for his pilot certificate. He kept his eyes on his goal and it is



Caleb takes his dad and mom on a flight to Port Angeles



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COMPLEX TRAINER

We currently use a Cessna 182RG for our complex (retractable landing gear) trainer, but we are considering replacing it with a Piper Arrow. The Arrow has sturdier landing gear and is easier to maintain. The engine is more common with readily available parts, so maintenance costs would be lower. However, it could cost about \$20,000 to “trade in” the Cessna 182RG for a Piper Arrow in good condition.



Piper Arrow

INSPECTIONS



Doug and Dary performed a 100-hour inspection on the C-150 and an annual on a C-172. Can you believe students have flown over 220 hours in the C-150 this year!?

PRAISES

- MATATHON fun run raised our goal of \$10,000!!!
- New staff:
Benjamin Bookman, CFI/CFII
Doug Nunziato, pilot/mechanic
Clayton Howie, Media Outreach
- New students
- Pilots being trained for Alaska service this summer
- Student received a full scholarship for his Private Pilot training (\$6,000)
- Dimons finish language school in France soon

PRAY FOR

- Nunziato and Lewis financial support
- Funds to acquire a Piper Arrow, or a donated Arrow (MATA has had several airplanes donated before)
- Continued donations for the required avionics upgrade (ADS-B) in N6056R
- Kako Bible camps, to reach many Alaskans for His Kingdom
- Dimons transition to ministry in Congo

Director's Corner

Focus on the future is what we are told to do. The past is the past, its water that's gone under the bridge. Yes that is true. However, we can still learn from the past, indeed we should do so. Israel was reminded over and over again to remember how the Lord led them and



provided for them. We at MATA think about and plan for the future but there are many things we cannot

control. This is the same for you and I in our personal lives. We do know that whatever we do should be to and for God's glory and to further His Kingdom. How many will apply to our program we do not know, and keeping students focused and progressing at a reasonable pace to reach their goal of becoming a missionary pilot is not always easy. Obstacles such as weather, illness, or financial issues can cause delay and discouragement. We have been blessed to go from one full-time staff flight instructor to three, which has really helped with the students being able to progress in a timely manner. Your faithful prayer and financial support are key to this ministry. Jesus told us to pray the Lord of the

harvest to send out laborers into the harvest field. We do our best to be good stewards of the resources the Lord gives us. Trying to keep up with government, FAA-mandated requirements is not easy and requires a lot of money for new avionics, such as needed for the ADS-B. This device not only lets Air Traffic Control know exactly where you are, but what kind of airplane so they have a better idea for how to keep the airplanes from running into each other, especially in the congested airspace like around the Seattle area.

We are thankful to have Doug and Amy Nunziato join our staff. Doug assisted in two aircraft inspections

during April. His knowledge and experience will greatly benefit MATA.

For 3 1/2 years Clayton Howie has come 3-4 days a week after working the night shift, to help out with our media, website updates, mopping floors, or whatever needs to be done. This past month he went from “just a volunteer” to a staff member and continues to work his night job. We thank the Lord for bringing Clayton and his wife Becky to us. May the Lord richly bless you.

Gordon Bakke
Executive Director