

Mission Aviation Training Academy



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Many reasons to give thanks!

Too often we can find ourselves in a grumbling mood concerning our circumstances. Scripture commands us to do all things without “grumbling or disputing” (Phil 2:14) and “to give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thess. 5:18). We at MATA want to give thanks for all the Lord has done for us! And we want to share those reasons in this letter with you, as our faithful supporters and prayer partners. We can only perform our work of “equipping and training pilots for mission aviation ministry” because of your faithfulness and generosity towards us. So, we’d like to begin this letter by first giving *thanks* to God for each one of you!

Fundraising Success for Mission Alaska

This past May 6th, MATA hosted its first-ever fundraising dinner for the purpose of raising support for Alaska ministry projects. Guests were served a professionally prepared meal and heard presentations by Dary Finck, MATA Executive Director, and John and Margaret Lewis, MATA staffers, on the dire needs in Alaska. This year, the Alaska mission objectives are multi-fold. First, to train and disciple MATA students in a missions context while ministering to missionaries who are serving in native villages. Second, to use our Cessna 206 (N39MP) to fly native villagers to Bible camps to hear the Gospel. Finally, to send John and Margaret Lewis back to the village of Marshall to comfort and encourage the people in the hope of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. This couple served faithfully in Marshall for two years (2012-2014) as church planters and the people still remain dear in their hearts.

The target goal for the fundraiser was \$12,000 and the Lord brought in *over \$16,000* in generously donated gifts! *We are so thankful* for our donors, Atonement Free Lutheran Church for the use of their facility, and to all who served making this a “well-done” occasion for all.

Please pray for all the trip preparations, that God would prepare the students who will take part in the trip, and for John and Margaret, that God will protect and strengthen them for bringing the ministry of the Gospel to the people of Marshall.



UP Coming Events



Check FB and our website for all the latest updates and schedules.

July 7th - 9th ARLINGTON FLY-IN MATA will host special guest Gracia Burnham.

9th - 19th MAINTENANCE MINISTRY Trip to AK Drew Aungst and Justin Vaughan will travel to work on Send North missionary plane.

13th - 15th CREATION NW To mobilize more Kingdom workers, MATA will have a booth at this Christian festival which draws young adults from all over the NW.

23rd - 28th Aviation Summer Camp Please PRAY for our 18 campers and staff during this important MATA event. May God draw these teens closer to Him and raise up some to “go” serve among the unreached peoples.

11th - August 6th MATA Chaplain traveling to Russia
Please pray for Pastor Steve Swanson as he makes his final mission trip to Russia under his personal ministry, Vital Signs Ministries.

31st- August 20th John and Margaret Lewis to Marshall, AK

August 1st - 18th MATA student ministry trip to AK

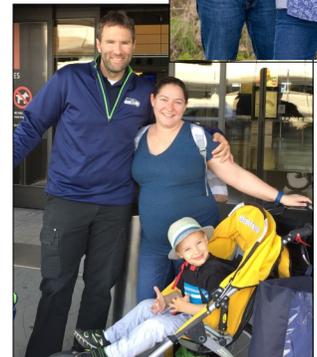
MATA ALUMNI ON HOME ASSIGNMENT

We give “thanks” for having two former MATA students and their families spend time with us during their home assignments from the field. Please be in prayer for these two families as they serve in mission aviation overseas. The Eygabroads just returned to Africa and the Harringtons plan to return to Papua this fall.

Right pic:
Josh & Amber (Kate, Allie) Harrington



Below pic:
Bryan & Mari (Matthias) Eygabroad



Cessna 150 is SOLD!

It was a bittersweet “goodbye” to N6292T as it flew off with its new owner (shaking hands with Gordon Bakke, pictured below). We are thankful for this sale to comply with the MATA Board’s growth plan to upgrade to multi-role aircraft.



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Student Corner



We give thanks for New Achievements!



Instrument Rating
Carrie Curtis
4/27/2017

Instrument Rating
Melody Coleman
06/16/2017



A&P
Mechanics License
Justin Vaughan
06/14/2017



NEW STAFF have arrived & NEW STUDENTS are on the way!

We are *so thankful* for the addition of **Clayton Howie** and **Vic Santie** to our staff. Both fill key positions in the areas of Media Outreach and Flight Instructor, respectively. Visit our "Board Members and Staff" page on our website to learn more about these men and their stories.

We are also excited to be welcoming six new students to MATA in the upcoming months. These students are all coming from various backgrounds and life experiences. *Please be in prayer for these new arrivals and for all our students as they prepare diligently for a life of serving the Lord through aviation ministry.*

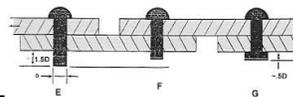
DARY FINCK Director's Corner



We are approaching our 20th year of operation, and the Lord has seen fit to bless MATA as we pursue His leading. We are very thankful to be part of this ministry, and although we all have different backgrounds and experiences, we have committed ourselves to this common goal - to train and equip people to serve the Lord using the tool of aviation. We are so thankful for your continued prayer and support.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to visit our facility in Arlington, WA for a tour and more in-depth details for serving as a missionary pilot. We look forward to reporting what God is doing and will do through our students as they follow Him.

Dary



MATA Maintenance

Students cannot progress in flight training if their training aircraft are unable to fly due to required maintenance. The MATA maintenance staff works diligently with every inspection and repair to assure MATA aircraft are airworthy for the training of pilots for aviation ministry!

FEB. 2017 Alaska Missions Trip RECAP

Naknek, AK is cold and isolated in the winter. The MATA maintenance team traveled to this fishing town nestled on the inlet of Bristol Bay to perform various maintenance projects critical to the AFLC (Assoc. of Free Lutheran Churches) and FLAPS (Free Lutheran Association of Pilot Supporters) ministry in that area. Aircraft and radio services are a necessary means used to "distribute" the Gospel to the isolated peoples in and around Naknek. So, *we give thanks* to God in reporting that our concentrated maintenance work performed on two aircraft and the Christian radio station, *during that one week trip*, saved months of work, otherwise.



Watch our 2017 Alaska February Ministry Trip video at:
www.mata-usa.org/mata-videos/



We *thank* the Lord for rebuilt flaps (on the trailing edge of the wing) for our Alaska-bound Cessna 206. This project was costly in time and funds but the Lord provided everything for the entire - *and very much needed* - repair!