



MATA Assists Darrington Outreach

Yes, both Becky and I had the privilege of flying to church for Sunday, May 19th, into picturesque Darrington, WA. The entire fleet of MATA aircraft were launched for an all-out effort to help a local church congregation encourage residents to come visit and hear about Jesus. We were also informed that the church youth might bring their unchurched relatives. Our executive director gave a presentation during the morning service to explain mission aviation and the operations and history of MATA. We then invested the afternoon in loving the residents, providing free airplane rides, and sharing the gospel of Jesus. We gave at least seventy-three passengers a view above Darrington that

some had never seen before in their entire life. A common comment was, "I saw my house!". This event generated great excitement among locals, and we distributed **thirty-two gospel presentations** to children via gift cards for downloadable copies of the "Jesus Film".

Alaska Fundraising Dinner a Success

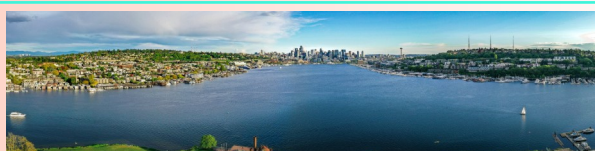
Our ministry greatly depends on the prayers and financial support of friends who share our concerns to train the next generation of missionary pilots. Our students gain invaluable experience and training during real world mission exercises for serving multiple ministries in Alaska. Students are also able to build significant flight hours which are needed to eventually qualify them to serve overseas with a mission organization. One of the great blessings that God provides is the opportunity to see Alaskan natives come to know Jesus as their Savior and Lord! MATA needs at least \$12,000 yearly for fuel and operational expenses to transport campers (at no charge to them) from isolated villages into a Christian environment where they can come under the Word of God to hear truth and correct solutions for living and knowing Him. Praise God, **our \$12,000 goal is reached!** See our Alaska ministry video on our web site.



Blessings Overflowing

Our students frequently tell us that MATA is a huge blessing to them. Our feelings are that the students provide major blessings to us. We are moved to tears to **see God clearly call** young men and women who have dedicated their lives in serving and sacrificing for Him so that His love can be demonstrated and communicated in difficult and remote locations. The photo on the far left is Nate Mills who grew up in Israel. He continues to provide eye-opening narrations and insights from their culture. He recently remarked that he has already been to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the utter-most parts of the Earth, so we are wondering where God will be leading

him next! We also have an accomplished missionary pilot, Ryan Buczak (red jacket), currently with us on furlough from Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (ABWE) in Togo, West Africa. He is working on learning the intricacies of flying a multi-engine airplane. His stories of making a home and a life in Togo are very interesting. Did you know that to provide his family safe drinking water from their shallow well an extensive five-filtering process is required? Wow! Ryan also is upgrading the airports in Togo to accept instrument landings.



Praises:

In late May the MATA Alaska ministry team was able to transport about 140 individuals to and from the Kako retreat center to hear the truth of a life lived for God.

Praise God for a healthy family, a good visit with my brother passing through, and the blessings of wonderful grand children. Peter is now four months old, and Quinn just celebrated her 2nd birthday. Esmeralda (11) is a delight as we see her grow up quickly right in front of our eyes!

Prayer:

Please continue to pray for more laborers to be sent into His harvest. We are still in need of a new "Chief of Maintenance". Pray also for a new staff person at MATA who could coordinate government requirements for FAA Part 141.

Aviation Summer Camp for teens is coming up. Please pray for our staff and campers from **July 21st -26th** to be safe, healthy, and receptive to hear from God.

Please continue to pray for me as I coordinate and prepare for the Arlington Fly-In **August 16th-18th**. We expect to be involved with hundreds of people at the MATA booth and chapel service for the public.

THANK YOU!



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