

## MATA Trained Missionary Pilot Headed for Micronesia!

The Brock & Rachel Welge family (photo on right) departs November 7th to serve with Pacific Mission Aviation (PMA) in Palau for six months. One of the great privileges I have in serving our Lord at MATA is helping Individuals in their progress for serving Him here and abroad and seeing Him so obviously work in their lives. Mission agencies need experienced pilots, so the director of PMA in Yap (a MATA graduate) has set up an internship program to allow newer commercial pilots to acquire many flying hours serving with PMA as an intern within field mission operations. A couple of months ago the Welge family

had no idea that their lives would so quickly undergo such drastic changes. An opportunity arose, the Lord called, support is being raised at lightning speed, and circumstances have come about for Brock to practice his maintenance skills. Also, unexpected at the time, PMA suffered an increased need for new personnel to encourage them and provide help. This is due to the tragic murder a few days ago of Rachelle Bergeron (by an unknown person) who was the wife of the chief mechanic for PMA in Yap. (Her photo is on left).



## Missions Fest Seattle, A Catalyst For New Involvement

Thank you for praying for our participation with this citywide conference held a couple of weeks ago. This event excites Christians to become more involved with missions, and some even decide to become full time missionaries as a result of their experiences with this event! We had 88 individuals (primarily children in 4th —12th grades) attend the special MATA seminar geared for their age level. I also saw more than a dozen adults come to my seminar which explained what Mission Aviation involves. Attendees included an attorney who plans to use his skills in helping out missions. We heard many stories of how God is working around the world and picked up on new ideas & methods for reaching the lost. One interesting seminar I visited was hosted by "China Outreach Ministries". Revealed is that the destruction of large church buildings by the government is having a great multiplying effect in planting small and powerful house churches increasing the number of Christians. Just the opposite of what the Communists desire!

## Mission Aircraft In The Field Receive Upgrade

Worldwide, the entire fleet of Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) aircraft are currently undergoing an upgrade to their tracking equipment using the v2tracking system. This hybrid system uses both satellite and cellular networks to automatically transmit a pilot's location. This system also removes the dependency on HF radio for tracking airplanes. The primary benefit is streamlining of flight operations and quicker response for emergencies.



## Please Save The Date!

Saturday, November 23rd — 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Please come to our annual Thank You Luncheon!

**Praises:** During this time of Thanksgiving I am especially grateful for all of you who make our ministry at MATA possible. Your prayers and financial support are truly making an impact as they are multiplied worldwide through the ministries of mission aviation. Your investments into eternal things are guaranteed to reap great dividends forever. (Philippians 4:17 and Matthew 6:19-20)

MATA will be installing a new heating system in the Academy hanger soon. This is expected to reduce operating costs and to provide a much quieter environment more conducive for student learning and fewer interruptions to our frequent gatherings of people at events and Bible studies.

**Prayer:** Please pray for new staff to fill the positions of "Chief of Maintenance" and "Foreigner Liaison" to administer FAA Part 141 so we can train foreign missionary students. Also pray for a favorable review and acceptance by the FAA to upgrade MATA's status as a result of our recent application to train foreign students under the Part 141 rules.

Please pray for my successful participation in the installation and operation of a new security access system for the MATA academy facilities. These activities commenced recently and we hope to be finished within the next couple of months..

*THANK YOU!*



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