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Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples! (Psalm 96:3)



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Student Milestones

The last few weeks have been excellent flying weather. Five students created a cause for celebration! One student achieved his first solo, another obtained his Private Pilot license, another his Instrument Rating and two their Commercial Pilot license!



- Please pray for Nathan and Amy Harmer (pictured above). Nathan accomplished his FIRST solo early in October and has a long road ahead as he works to become a qualified missionary pilot.
- Please continue to pray that more friends will join with us and become ministry partners who will both pray and support this ministry as we work to train pilots for missionary service who will reach the remotest parts of the earth!



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Thank you for partnering with our ministry at MATA! Truly, our delight and joy is in doing the will of God (Psalm 40:8). Our partners, staff, and students are investing in heavenly treasures unaffected by decay or theft (Matthew 6:20). These investments made into His kingdom work are yielding a harvest of "fruits" which will be added to your account (Philippians 4:17). It's exciting to hear reports from the field of those impacted by the love of Jesus Christ through aviation! Your involvement is making a difference around the world.

Ji-Kites



In early October an abandoned baby still attached to the placenta was found in the grass next to an airstrip on one of the MAF air bases in the DRC Congo, Africa. (Pictured here, held by the daughter of one of MATA's graduates). The nurses at a nearby hospital are now taking care of her and she has been placed on the orphan formula program. Her name is now "Grace". Please pray for a more positive future for her.



You are invited to Missions Fest Seattle 2017! (missonsfestseattle.org) I expect to be working the MATA booth on both Friday & Saturday, October 14th & 15th. Admission is free. Many educational seminars are provided, and you will find inspiring mission movie presentations and a children's choir. Explore more than 80 exhibitors who offer information about missions. Discover opportunities and free items including some nice books. Food vendors are on-site to help feed the crowds.

Behind the scenes. For the past few weeks I have had the privilege of working with MATA co-founder Lori Willard. I have been doing the video work in preparation for her book to be written about the beginnings of the MATA ministry and the amazing things God has done. Using special software and computer technology we are able to transcribe our videos directly into editable written text. Fun Sci-fi like stuff!





This month I (Becky) was blessed with a trip to Florida to see our son Graham and his family. Graham has completed his six year commitment to the Air Force and is making plans for how to support his family as a civilian. Paulina's maternity leave is over, and she officially went back to work on October 2nd, although it won't be for long. She will be leaving the Air Force in the next month or so, the exact date to be determined. Once her transition to civilian life is official, the family will be moving to Washington. (See Gramma smile!) <u>Esmeralda</u> is 9

years old and being home schooled for the first time. I got to help her with her school work some, including helping her to memorize Psalm 139:13-16. She's a smart girl and learned it pretty quickly. <u>Baby Quinn</u> is now 4 months old and cute as can be. She is learning to laugh and to grasp with her hands. Gramma's heart just melts when I get to spend time with our beautiful granddaughters. We are anxiously awaiting the day when they will live nearby so we can see them more often.