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



The month of August brought several current and future missionaries to MATA who started working on learning the skills needed to serve HIM through mission aviation. This included those working on obtaining instrument ratings and commercial licenses and an individual from Moody School of Aviation (Spokane) becoming a Certified Flight Instructor.

 Please 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 missionary pilots to reach the remotest parts of the earth!



Here we are troubleshooting some computer hardware problems. This saves other staff valuable time and saves ministry funds as we seek to extend the life of our aging computer systems.



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August Report

MATA sent two <u>mission teams</u> of staff and students to Alaska. One team invested in a ministry of encouragement to a village that has no pastor. The other team served at KAKO Bible Camp helping to maintain facilities for use in ministering to adults and children from isolated villages. The camp sees about 50 children pray to receive Christ each summer. (While the MATA office was short staffed, I increased my activities to help receive guests and visitors, enroll and encourage new students, answer phones, collect mail and run errands.)



During the middle of August I had the honor of speaking to children during the annual <u>Vacation Bible School</u> hosted by our church. It was fun for the kids as I related different aircraft instruments such as a compass, lights, and maps to the Bible and our walk with God.

Toward the end of August the Arlington Airport sponsored a day to appreciate those in our community. While dozens of kids flew free with other pilots involved with the Young Eagles program, I helped MATA explain and



introduce those in our community to mission aviation. We handed out many newsletters and assisted several young children in trying out the pilot's seat in MATA aircraft! (A Cessna U206 recently used in Alaska missions.)

I love seeing God work through missionaries all around the world. Recently one of our graduates working in the <u>Congo DRC, Africa</u>, gave the following report.:

"Today was one of those 'this is why I'm here' days. My morning started off going to a small

village in the mountains to medevac an elderly gentleman who needed surgery in our closest "city", Bunia. After that, I had a group of Congolese missionaries, yes missionaries, who needed to get up north near South Sudan. If you haven't heard, South Sudan has been in a state of war for a very long time. Refugees have been pouring across the borders, literally fleeing for their lives. These missionaries, who will



be staying 3-4 months in a small village near the border, will be directly ministering to refugees. Their 3 goals: 1. Enable people to rise above poverty, 2. Improve sanitation and promote hygiene, and 3. Spread the gospel and make disciples. It only took 2 hours to get there by plane. They said that normally, by car, it takes 2 weeks! If that's not bad enough, the roads are in terrible condition and bandits are particularly heavy in that region. Benjamin, who rode 'co-pilot,' thanked me profusely and said if MAF were not here, they could not do this ministry." Thank you for praying for mission aviation! - Clayton & Becky