



## God Overcomes Obstacles For MATA Proclaiming Jesus!!!

This August was the 51st anniversary for the Arlington Fly-In. A number of people commented to me that they appreciate that MATA continues to proclaim and shine the light of Jesus at this event. MATA has developed our God-given platform of mission aviation to stand for Jesus for almost two decades. I am truly honored to be the MATA coordinator. Despite issues with management, dwindling attendance, and a blurring of aviation & junky street trinkets, we suffer not the little children to come to Jesus. **We choose not to remove or hide His light.** More than 200 children built candy airplanes along with other activities at our booth resulting in dozens of gospel interactions with children and parents. Large numbers of free "Jesus Film" gift cards for children were accepted. We invited JAARS, MAF, and CEF to assist us in presenting mission aviation and proclaiming Jesus to the public. **One of the MATA students gave a gospel presentation** for the Sunday Chapel that we hosted on the grounds. This year a record high number of visitors attended the Sunday Chapel since it was reinstated in 2017. For a number of years we offered free gospel face-painting for the children. Both kids and parents love this benefit. This has also proved an effective form of evangelism as we gain a significant amount of time with each child to explain the gospel step by step as each color is painted (gold represents God, black is for sin, etc.). Unfortunately, last year and without warning **we were told to cease face painting** and remove all our signage. We were informed that a new vendor had been promised that "no one else would be providing the service of face-painting". So for 2019 we were very careful to clearly include face-painting within our booth application and it was approved last April. I gave repeated assurances to Child Evangelism Fellowship that yes, we had an approved application! However, a couple of days before the event I received a phone call telling us that **we were disallowed (again)** to provide face-painting. I sent out a prayer alert and many of you prayed. THANK YOU! One of our booth workers asked if we could provide "hand-painting" instead. I fast tracked this through the authorities, and praise God, it was officially and quickly approved. While working through obstacles, our primary person who would be leading our painting **was called away** on a family emergency so we had to scramble at the last minute for people, paint items, and templates. A few people did step forward to assist. (Thank you Doug, Kylie, and Erin!) However, a few hours before the Saturday morning painter was to start she also **suddenly was unable to attend**. Wow, what does it take to get a little painting done? Even though I was very stressed, **God OVERCAME all obstacles and Jesus was proclaimed.**

### Praises: God continues to provide for our needs.

Thanks to our mechanically inclined son we received a professional checkout of our economy vehicle and found it desperately needed new brakes.

Praising Him that our financial partnership continues to grow and we are now 61% supported for 2019.

Praising Him for our health as we have made some dietary choices that are very beneficial.

Praising Him for good friends who continue to encourage and inspire us and who make this ministry possible.

**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 invite foreign missionary students.

Please pray for me as **I will be speaking and presenting a seminar** on mission aviation for the annual Seattle city-wide missions conference at "Missions Fest", October 18-19.

Pray for Becky and me as we travel in September to visit and update our mission partners & family in the western U.S.

Please pray for Clayton's sister (terminal cancer) and Becky's aging parents.

THANK YOU!



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