

God Quickly Overcomes Complex Medevac Obstacles For First PMA Flight to a New Location in Manila, Philippines



PMA's King Air On Standby Ready for Ministry

In aviation there are often many logistical items that need to be in place for a flight to occur. A couple of weeks ago, MATA alum, Amos Collins, who serves as a missionary pilot with Pacific Mission Aviation (PMA) in Yap, Micronesia, gave an exciting 3 page report on how a large number of things came together because of God's involvement.

Amos reports that the Palau Senator, Mason Whips's father had fallen and broken a femur. The sitting President of Palau told Senator Mason to give Amos a call about transporting his father to Manila for the care he needed. The Palau President believed that PMA would have the fastest and most reliable resources to fly an airplane the required total of a 2,209 miles round trip.

Even though a PMA medevac to Manila had never before been attempted and the logistics were daunting, Amos told Mason he would pick his father up in only 3 hours! Amos then began gathering a team of workers to quickly obtain everything needed. Brock would get the Palau clearances needed, Paul would get the airplane ready and flight plan filed, Grace would send the international paperwork needed in Manila for health declarations, fuel, and an ambulance. Other PMA staff were contacted to head to the airport to assist. Providentially, Lydia, a flight nurse from Germany who was qualified to monitor the patient had just arrived at PMA the day before.



Photo During This Event of the Palau Ambulance

When the patient arrived by ambulance to the airport it was discovered his hemoglobin was low and he would need oxygen throughout the flight. At first the ambulance driver would not allow a portable oxygen bottle to go with the patient because it was the property of the Palauan government. Interestingly the President of Palau had also arrived to see the patient, and the driver suddenly seemed to get all the authorization he needed when he turned around and saw the President standing there!



Photo During This Event of the Manila Ambulance

Amos also mentioned that some of PMA's needed medical equipment for the flight had been provided earlier though a small grant awarded to them by the U.S. Department of the Interior. Amos gives many more exciting details of God at work which are too numerous to list here... With God at the helm, Amos was able to deliver the patient to the ambulance in Manila only 9 hours from when he got the first call!

Senator Mason was blown away by PMA operations and told Amos to get ready for an uptick in requests for medevacs because he planned to tell everyone he knew about PMA services. Thankyou for partnering with us to train missionary pilots!

MISSION AVIATION Summer Camp

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The purpose of the camp is to introduce teens, (14-18 yrs) to the exciting world of mission aviation. We provide a fun challenging, and educational experience for campers in a Christian environment introducing them to the challenges of world evangelism and missionary work in remote areas of the world. For more information or for the application, go to:

<https://www.mata-usa.org>

Praise & Prayer:

Praise God that our End of Year Video Report has been well received! ICYMI you can see it now on YouTube. Search for the channel called "Clay Howie". To God be the glory for the work He did during 2023!

Please pray for two of our MATA students who are on short term mission projects this month, Abigail in Nepal and Casey in India, to have productive mission experiences and that people will be positively impacted and turn to Jesus.

Please pray that at least 8 students will pass FAA Part 141 checkrides during 2024.

We are so thankful for you and your prayers. Let us know how we can pray for you!

Clayton + Becky

