

# Howie Highlights



MISSION AVIATION TRAINING ACADEMY

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Training and equipping evangelical Christian pilots for missionary service.

## Centralia Christian School Students Invited to Consider Careers in Missions



Clayton & Becky both speak to about 150 Centralia Christian School students on February 23rd

Your partnership with our ministry not only allows us to train the next generation of missionary pilots, it also enables us to reach out to Christian youth. We inform youth about how they can prepare to use their skills and gifts to proclaim the best news of all time, a personal relationship with God Himself! We clarify the definition of a disciple and how they can eternally invest their interests into Kingdom work, either as a full time missionary or as one who is working within a secular job. We then equip them with Gospel tracts and challenge them to begin evangelism and missions starting today. In February, we enjoyed the opportunity to speak into the lives of students (grades 1-10) at Centralia Christian School. They were extremely attentive, and a huge number of students raised their hands with questions about missions and airplanes. Afterwards, the school Principal invited us to come again every two years. Thank you for praying!

## Another Bible Translation Completed!

Ethnos 360 Aviation reported in February that the Bible Dedication and delivery to the remotely isolated Moi people of Indonesia resulted in tears of joy and a great feast. It is milestones like this that cause us to step back and praise God. He is at work in the world today. He is empowering His Church to advance into the darkness with "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God," Ephesians 6:17. One of the Moi men who shepherds new believers says, "What I am really thankful to the Creator for is this. Wow! Our lives here are totally different! Based on what the Creator has done for us, we now celebrate with dancing, and we rejoice. And with joy we feast. And when I see that I think, 'Wow, thank you Creator God.' We could not have thought up the truth out of our own hearts. But it is through the Creator's book that we are able to see his characteristics/way of doing things, and it is through his actions that our lives have become different. On that basis there, I am thinking 'Thank you!' to the Creator." We also thank you!



Airplanes deliver precious Bibles to the Moi people



For three days in early February, three inspectors from Mission Safety International came and intensively searched our MATA facilities for ways we can improve safety and be even better stewards of the resources God has given us. Each staff underwent hours-long interviews with them to discover our culture and operations. We were then debriefed on areas to work on. They commented that out of the hundreds of mission agency inspections they have done, MATA had the fewest major items of concern they had seen in a very long time. Their visit has positive impact on our insurance.



The Alaska Winter Ministry Team

MATA's Alaska winter ministry team traveled to Naknek during February 12-19 to maintain and repair three ministry aircraft so they can be used to serve remote and isolated communities, churches, and missionaries this coming season. A lot of work was accomplished! Watch for video report.

I put together a couple of missionary video reports for a missions conference MATA participated in last month. You can view them on YouTube. Link to Melody Coleman in Palau, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=445-cohgn94> and link to Abi McWhorter in Alaska, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nHeVyXsjb88>

## Praise & Prayer:

Praising God for the great time we had at Centralia Christian School with students who are learning how to use their hearts, heads, and hands for Christ.

We continue to praise God that our grandchildren are learning more and more about the Bible and singing songs about Jesus. Quinn & Peter enjoy their weekly visits to AWANA with Grampa Clayton, and Esmeralda recently enjoyed a youth retreat with their church's youth group.

Please pray for Becky's mom who is now in hospice to experience the love of family with minimum pain.

Please pray that God will send more laborers into His harvest. Pray that MATA will have at least 8 students successfully pass FAA check rides this year.

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

Clayton + Becky

