

Howie Highlights



MISSION AVIATION TRAINING ACADEMY

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Training and equipping evangelical Christian pilots for missionary service.

“Our Missionaries are Trapped in Haiti, Any Ideas on How to Help?”

On March 12th I received this urgent question by phone call by the missions director from a nearby church. Due to the ongoing violence by rioters in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, one of the church missionary families was unable to evacuate the country and find a way of escape. Unfortunately, sometimes missionaries working in dangerous locations may need to evacuate for safety reasons. It is true that over the years some of our MATA alumni have had to exercise evacuation protocols. To answer the above question I contacted MATA alumn, Justin Vaughan, who serves with Missionary Flights International (MFI) which ministers to more than 650 missionary families throughout many Caribbean Islands, including Haiti. He said that MFI had not been able to fly to Haiti in more than a week. His comment was that other than prayer, the best course of action is to work with the U.S. embassy, and that air evacuations would have to be done by the military. As of this writing, there are still some missionaries who need a way of escape. Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) paused operations to Haiti in April of last year and is waiting for things to be safe again for missionary families and mission aircraft. Despite rioters attacking and burning an Agape Flights (AF) airplane two years ago, AF now has an airplane loaded and ready to go to Haiti just as soon as authorizations are received. For MFI, it’s heartbreaking to see many needed supplies, cargo and mail for missionaries stacking up. Please pray for Haiti situations to improve. Thank you.



Cargo stacking up at MFI.

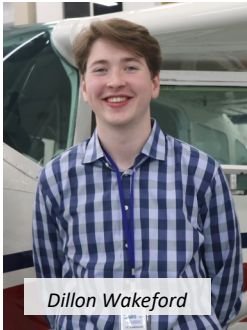


MAF airplanes flying to Haiti prior to suspending flights.



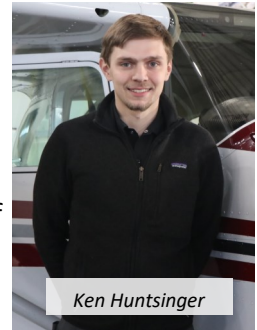
Rioters in Haiti burn an AF airplane, 3/31/22

Spring Brings the Arrival of New Students to MATA!



Dillon Wakeford

With winter behind us, we are hopeful for better flying weather for incoming MATA students. For us as staff, new enrollments keep us busy with a pile of paperwork and documentation: application & reference vetting, ensuring that students are legal to fly in the United States, current medical certifications & needed authorizations from the Federal Aviation Administration to qualify them for flight training. Then comes orientation, issuance of student identification, and instructor assignments. In the last couple of weeks we welcomed Dillon, who hopes to soon be in the field serving with Pacific Mission Aviation in Palau. Also starting is Ken, with zero flight hours, who is launching his training with Private Pilot Certification. Thanks for praying!



Ken Huntsinger

Save The date!



*Thank You Luncheon
June 1, 2024*

Praise & Prayer:

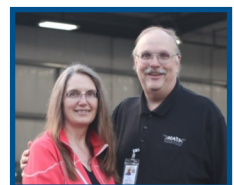
Praising God for an amazing Easter weekend that we were able to celebrate with our grandchildren!

Praising God that our granddaughter, Esmeralda, was accepted into the Sno-Isle Tech Skills Center class of Culinary Arts - Baking.

Please pray for Becky’s family as her mother is soon expected to have transitioned into her new eternal life with Jesus by the time you receive this letter.

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

Clayton + Becky



I published a couple of ministry video reports during March. Here’s the links:
1. [MATA’s Alaska Winter Ministry Trip](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=40LpeO1Ylk4). (4 & 1/2 minutes) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=40LpeO1Ylk4> 2. [A Glimpse of MATA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-tctwrgGkU) (1 & 1/2 minutes.) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-tctwrgGkU>