

Howie Highlights



MISSION AVIATION TRAINING ACADEMY

Training and equipping evangelical Christian pilots for missionary service.

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Nathaniel stands next to a Cessna-206 on his enrollment day.

MATA's Mission Aviation Summer Camp during 2022.

Nathaniel Sconyers Begins Missionary Pilot Training.

Thank you for praying for more students to become missionary laborers. God is answering this request. At MATA, we pray that our Lord will send us students who desire to become missionary laborers in God's harvest. We have seen more new students begin training this spring than we have had during previous spring months for a number of years now. Like all new students, Nathaniel has a very long road ahead of him to develop the experience and earn all the required government credentials from the FAA. This demands that our students have a high level of dedication and commitment to gain the knowledge and skills they need in order to qualify to work for a mission agency that needs highly skilled pilots and mechanics. This process takes an average of seven years before landing in the mission field. Please pray for Nathaniel as he will need a significant number of people who will surround him and pray for him and encourage his progress. Nathaniel attended

Two MATA Students Accomplish Their First Solo.

A major milestone for any pilot is when your instructor steps out of the airplane and sends you out to fly the airplane and make three landings all by yourself for the first time. Last week, Ken and Abigail did just that. The next steps for them are to gain a significant amount of solo practice in all types of maneuvers, then work towards Private Pilot certification. Please pray that they will do well and have success. Each received a warm congratulatory handshake from their instructor after their solo.



Abigail & Vic



Don & Ken

Mission Aviation Helps Victims of Human Trafficking

Imagine yourself a slave to people who kidnapped you or use mind tricks and threats to coerce and force you to work for them. You have no way of escape as they watch your every move. They own you and do not provide you with any identification such as a birth certificate, social security number, drivers license or any other form of government documentation. You lead a life of misery in sweat shops or prostitution. You are one of an estimated 15,000 to 50,000 people being trafficked in the United States at this very moment. Who will help you?

MATA is a member of the International Association of Missionary Aviation where we collaborate together for the purpose of advancing the Kingdom of God. One of the member organizations is called "Wings of the Way" based in La Habra, California. Their stated mission is, "To use aviation as a tool to provide targeted services for missionaries, trafficking and abuse survivors, and non-profit organizations so that they may experience the hope of Jesus." Often, when a trafficked victim is arrested, their handler does everything to grab them back into slavery the moment they are released. Handlers will watch bus & train stations and airports. Wings of the Way missionaries will sneak these victims past their handlers and take them to a small airport to fly and relocate them to a safe-house hundreds of miles away to begin recovery of their freedom, identity, and a new life.



International Association of Missionary Aviation



Praise & Prayer: Praising God for the opportunity to thank you in person at our Thank You Luncheon held on June 1st. If you would like to watch the video & speakers of this event online, go to <https://youtu.be/dTJg5371CMc> * Praising God for MATA alum, Vitalily Nikishin, who will be serving in Uganda with Samaritan's Purse effective August 5th. * Praising God for you who faithfully pray for and/or partner with our ministry at MATA. God continues to do astonishing things through mission aviation. You play an important part! * Please pray for our upcoming "Mission Aviation Awareness Day" on August 17th to have success, and pray for "Airport Community Day" on August 18th as we proclaim Jesus to unchurched children. * Please pray for our oldest granddaughter Esmeralda to have success during Summer School. * Please pray for our granddaughter Quinn and grandson Peter to grow in the Lord while attending Vacation Bible School this month. * We are so very thankful for you and your prayers. Please let us know how we can pray for you!

Clayton + Becky

