

Howie Highlights



MISSION AVIATION TRAINING ACADEMY

Training and equipping evangelical Christian pilots for missionary service.

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Delivering the Gospel When Disaster Strikes

Thank you for your prayers and partnership in the training of pilots for missionary service. It is not uncommon for someone trained at MATA to later become involved in helping victims of disasters such as earthquakes, hurricanes, typhoons, and floods. It's natural for our hearts and thoughts to be touched by stories of suffering and loss, creating a desire to help people in their time of need. There are many charities that solicit funds to provide for physical needs but few that *also* help with their spiritual needs. Over the years MATA has trained pilots & mechanics going to **Samaritan's Purse**, which can be trusted to bring the love of Jesus to these hurting people. Your partnership plays a part in providing the best news of all time, an amazing opportunity for people to learn how to obtain an eternal and personal relationship with God!



MATA Alum, Vitaliy repairs a DC-3 airplane with Samaritan's Purse in Uganda, Africa.



Recruiting More Laborers for God's Harvest

At MATA we follow the command of Jesus to pray that that God will provide more laborers for His spiritual harvest (Luke 10:2 and Matthew 9:35-38). We also put feet to our prayers by exposing as many people as we can to His ministry at MATA through events and conferences. This month, MATA will be present at three different conferences.

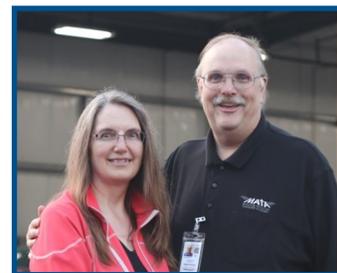
- By the time you read this, Becky and I will have just completed an exhibit at the Converge Northwest Connect Conference held this year in Stanwood, WA, on October 3rd for around 250 Baptist pastors and Christian leaders coming from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Alaska. 
- Please keep us in your prayers while Clayton and another MATA staff member, Don, travel on October 11th to Multnomah University in Portland, OR, for the two day "Ignite" student conference. We expect to encounter up to 400 middle and high school students who will come from all over the Northwest, primarily through their church youth groups. These Christian students have expressed a desire to specifically learn more about missions and mission opportunities. We anticipate that there might be a great interest in MATA's Mission Aviation Summer Camp for teens. 
- On October 18-19, Clayton will be in Renton, WA for the annual region-wide Missions Fest Seattle conference. We expect hundreds of children from local Christian schools, charter schools, and homeschools to attend the Friday Field Trip to learn about missions from various speakers over three sessions, including a speaker from MATA. This event is intended to inspire local Christians to be involved with missions by praying for, supporting, or serving as missionaries. Another MATA speaker will be at one of the many seminars and workshops for adults, providing information, inspiration, and tools to accelerate church ministry and missions. (BTW: MATA was a key player in founding and establishing this event in 2006.) 

Praise & Prayer Requests:

Praise: Thank you for praying for us and our ministry at MATA as God continues to bless us with much success in doing the things that God has called us to do. **Praise:** Your prayers for new students yielded fruit in September! New student *Tio Tobing*, a citizen of Indonesia, enrolled in the Private Pilot course, and former student, *Ben Jones*, continues his training by enrolling in the Instrument Rating course. Also, alum *Benjamin Bookman* arrived for refresher training as he prepares for technical evaluation to work as a missionary pilot overseas.

Prayer: Please continue to pray for MATA's fleet of airplanes to continue to perform at their best with minimal repairs. Pray for a MATA Cessna 172 as it serves the leadership of Tanalian Bible Camp for another year in the training of pastors and their wives to serve people in isolated Alaskan villages.

Prayer: Please pray for maximum health and productivity for MATA staff and students to finish strong this fourth quarter of the year. **Prayer:** Please pray for our grandchildren to grow spiritually as they learn about God at AWANA. **Prayer:** Please pray for more laborers to be sent into God's harvest and more students to be called to train at MATA.



Clayton + Becky

Please let us know how we can pray for you. We thank you immensely for all your help!