

Howie Highlights

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MISSION AVIATION TRAINING ACADEMY

Training and equipping evangelical Christian pilots for missionary service.



Worldwide Impact Being Made Because of YOU!

I am convinced that when we all pass into eternity there will be thousands of people who will make it a point to thank **you** for being involved in a process that allowed them to be introduced to Jesus! How joyful they will be to gain the greatest treasure of all time - an ongoing personal relationship with God Himself! (Revelation 3:30) Your prayers and investments into missions work will reap dividends that will be enjoyed for all eternity. You are a very special and important partner with this ministry at MATA to train and equip the next generation of evangelical Christian Pilots. We give you our deeply felt **THANK YOU** and wish you a most joyous Christmas season! To see us giving a ministry update to our home church on 12/1/24, please see: <https://www.facebook.com/IBConCamano/videos/1115761776883688> (timestamp 2:27).

MATA Alum Ian Rojas featured in MAF's weekly email.

Our good friend and MATA alum Ian Rojas and wife Greta will be stateside soon as they take a break from their mission assignment for the birth of their first baby. Ian serves with MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) in Kalimantan, Indonesia, piloting the Kodiak airplane (which has a purchase price of \$2.2 million USD!). MAF recently featured Ian in their weekly email describing a typical flight day...

"Pilot Ian Rojas listed off his passengers at each stop and the work they were doing.

- *A team from the church in Long Lebusan going to Long Ampung to raise funds for a new church building in Lebusan.*
- *A work crew heading into the Apo Kayan to continue a building project for a new bridge in Long Sule.*
- *Two pastors heading to Tarakan for a missions seminar taking place at the local GKII church.*
- *One more pastor planning to attend the seminar, along with some regular passengers traveling to Tanjung Selor.*

While Ian was completing his flights, MAF pilots Lance and Walton were in another Kodiak responding to two medevac requests from Malinau; one patient heading to the larger hospital in Samarinda, the other to Tarakan.

'Serving together to support the work of community development, help with multiple church events, and respond to two emergency medical needs is exactly what we are here to do,' said Ian. 'I thought to myself that this had to be the quintessential MAF Kalimantan day.'

Ian says he flew 436 miles, and Lance flew 691 [serving the peoples of Kalimantan, Indonesia]." Mission aviation impacting lives!



Greta & Ian Rojas—MATA Alum

Praise & Prayer Requests:

Praise: Three MATA students passed their FAA check rides! (2 students - Private Pilot; 1 student - Certified Flight Instructor).

Praise: On Nov. 25, MATA loaded 9,566 shoeboxes from local churches & individuals into two truck trailers for transport to Operation Christmas Child. Each shoebox represents a child who will soon hear about Jesus! Each shoebox has an impact on about 10 people as the child shares what he learned. That's potentially over 95,000 people who will be introduced to the Gospel of Jesus!

Praise: We are seeing God work in Washington and British Columbia as MATA is loaning 10% of Clayton's time to Missions Fest Seattle. Note: Missions Fest BC is a go! February 13-14 in Chilliwack, BC. For information, please see <https://conference.missioncentral.ca/mfbc2025>

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 strong as they learn more about God.

Prayer: Please pray for more laborers to be sent into God's harvest and for more students to be called to train at MATA.



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