

Howie Highlights



MISSION AVIATION TRAINING ACADEMY

Training and equipping evangelical Christian pilots for missionary service.

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Maximizing Effectiveness During these URGENT Times.

As we enter the new year, let's not become complacent about missions. Jesus said, "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." (John 9:4 KJV) As followers of Jesus, we must be obedient to diligently carry out His command to proclaim the GosOpel and make disciples while we still can. This life we live is but a breath in comparison to eternity, yet the ways we invest our resources and time right now makes an enormous difference forever! We know that on average more than 152,000 people pass into eternity every day. We must evaluate ourselves before God and determine what matters most each day, and exactly what God wants us to do during our short time on Earth. For us as disciples, this often involves cost, sacrifice, and hardship (Luke 9:23). In light of eternity, this is amazingly worth it! When we surrender to having God's Holy Spirit work through us, He can accomplish much! (John 15:5 and Gal. 5:22-23)



The Earth Will Pass Away (Matt. 24:35; 2 Peter 3:10)

MATA Alum Serving through Samaritan's Purse



One of SP's Cessna Caravans



SP's Boeing 757 Cargo Plane



Vitality Nikishin—Uganda



Drew & Betty Aungst—Kenya

MATA Alumni have been called to work for many different mission agencies that use aviation as a tool. This month we are highlighting Samaritan's Purse (SP) with whom two of our alumni are serving—Vitaliy in Uganda and Drew & Betty in Kenya. Since 1975, SP has used aircraft to transport doctors and relief workers along with tons of food, medicine, shelter materials, blankets, and other items to aid victims of natural disasters, war, famine, poverty, persecution, and other emergencies. To support the work of SP around the world, the SP aviation arm operates 24 aircraft, including two helicopters, which are based in strategic locations. Two cargo airplanes, based in Greensboro, NC, enable them to respond at a moment's notice by airlifting massive amounts of emergency relief supplies, including Emergency Field Hospitals, shelter material, and water filtration systems, anywhere in the world. In 2023, the SP DC-8 airplane transported 219 tons of emergency relief supplies. SP also distributed an additional 95 million pounds of food across Ukraine; facilitated surgeries for 54 children born with congenital heart defects in Bolivia, Mongolia, and Uganda; enlisted 8,782 volunteers across the United States over 24 deployments to help victims of storms, floods, and fires; and reached 223,158 people by providing freshwater wells and teaching practices for sanitation and hygiene to keep people healthy. Thank you so much for your prayers and partnership to help provide critically needed laborers to SP. The next time you feel led to give funds for disaster relief, consider SP as they are one of the few who deliver the Gospel with the relief.

Praise & Prayer Requests:

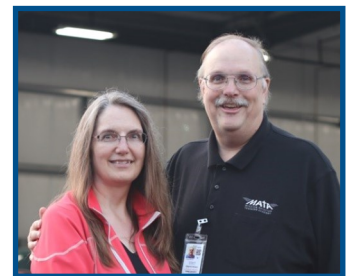
Praise: Clayton was able to complete the MATA End-of-Year Video Report. If you have not seen it yet you can watch the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DfzUh3ZSUv8>

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 will be February 13-14 in Chilliwack, BC. For information, please see <https://conference.missioncentral.ca/mfbc2025>

Prayer: Please pray for all the new students that have already been accepted for training in 2025 to earnestly seek the Lord and be diligent in their preparation and studies to become missionary pilots.

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.



Clayton + Becky

We thank you immensely for all your help. Your needs are important to us. Please let us know how we can pray for you.