

# Howie Highlights

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MISSION AVIATION TRAINING ACADEMY

Training and equipping evangelical Christian pilots for missionary service.

## MATA Thanks Partners for Enabling Missionary Pilots & Mechanics who are Currently in the Field!



Partners Celebrating God's Provision at the MATA Academy May 3rd.



Harlan Lloyd

MATA STUDENT



Harlan Lloyd

Field Missionary



Harlan Lloyd was 1 of 22 MATA Alumni Featured in a "Then & Now" Alumni Video.

We greatly appreciate your investments in prayer and/or contributions into the Kingdom of God through our ministry! We loved seeing many of you at the Thank You Luncheon. For those unable to attend, you are welcome to contact us for a tour of our Academy at a time of your convenience. We are often astonished at what God is accomplishing through MATA around the world! Both of us (Becky & Clayton) put together a video presentation that was shown to everyone in attendance. If you would like to see this video, watch it online by visiting the website. <https://www.mata-usa.org>

In this letter, we reveal more about MATA Alum, **Harlan Lloyd** who is using his aviation skills to expand the Gospel to children living in remote and isolated areas of Alaska. His family is based in McGrath, AK, and they are accomplishing this through Child Evangelism Fellowship of Alaska ( <https://www.cefalaska.com> ). Harlan is also branching out by assisting with the Alaska ministry of One Wilderness ( <https://www.onewilderness.org> ) and is helping in organized outreaches with McGrath Community Church. To see what the church is doing in McGrath, AK, go to time stamp 9:55 of a YouTube video about McGrath titled "Why Christianity Struggles to Survive in Rural Alaska", and hear from the Lloyds' pastor. ( <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1uOVfnOqgPc> )

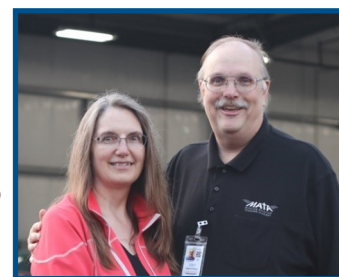
## World Magazine Publishes Clayton's Photos.

World, a national and global news magazine, is distributed to more than 41,000 people in hard print format, and also to many thousands more online. It is for thoughtful, evangelical believers who desire to see how God is at work in the world. For more than 40 years, this magazine has continued to provide content in such a way that subscribers can draw their own conclusions about current national and global news. In the May 1, 2025, issue, a number of photos produced by Clayton during MATA's 2024 Mission Aviation Summer Camp were published in the article titled, "Prepared for takeoff". The staff and campers at MATA voluntarily assisted a journalist in preparing an article about some challenges faced in missionary aviation. Here is a link to see the article: <https://wng.org/articles/prepared-for-takeoff-1744426831> (Correction: The fourth photo should have been credited to Jeremy Crowell.) To our GOD be the glory.



## Praise & Prayer Requests:

**Praise:** God continues to call new students to come train at MATA. Two enrollments just this month!  
**Praise:** Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) has released a free devotional called "Faith Under Fire: A Devotional of Trust, Strength, and Deliverance": <https://takeoff.maf.org/faith-under-fire-devotional/>  
**Prayer:** Please join us in prayer for a team of people from our church (Island Baptist) who will travel to the middle east to help the underground church for two weeks beginning May 22nd. Pray for safety and that barriers to the cause of Christ will be removed and God's kingdom will be greatly advanced.  
**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. Please pray for good weather to be available for needed flight training operations.  
**Prayer:** Please pray for good health for us as we continue to serve Him at MATA.



Clayton + Becky