Howie Highlights

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Training and equipping evangelical Christian pilots for missionary service.



Collaborating Together for the Cause of Christ so that Others Will Come to Know Jesus!



Thank you for being an important part of our team for our shared purpose of accelerating the Kingdom of God worldwide. What a blessing to be a tool in God's hands and seeing precious lives transformed. Partnering together is an effective strategy in this ongoing battle with the forces of darkness. Teamwork greatly increases efficiency and strength in this task of bringing the light and love of Jesus to people that are spiritually blinded, deceived, and neglected. (See Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 and Hebrews 10:24–25). Each of us has unique skills, resources, and life situations that God has given us which are critical for **such a time as this**. A good question to ask ourselves is, "In what ways can we do even better?" According to Scripture the answers are to invest in our **GREATEST relationship** of all time which is our personal relationship with Jesus our Lord and God. (Rev. 3:20). We do this by obeying His **GREATEST commandments** which are to

love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and by loving neighbors as ourselves, (Mark. 12:30-31). First, we show our love for God by dedicating our lives to studying His Holy Bible, praying, surrendering to Him, plugging into the vine of Jesus, and being filled with His Holy Spirit. In doing this, God will produce multiplied dividends of His spiritual fruit. Secondly, one of the best ways we can love our neighbors, here, near, and far, is to obey His **GREATEST commission** in proclaiming the Gospel and discipling other people so that they too can gain a deeper and obedient relationship with God. (Matt. 28:18-20). This activity accelerates the spread of the **GREATEST news** of all time! **Together**, we multiply God's **GREATEST treasures**, His people saved through Jesus!

Facts About Missionary Aviation



A common denominator for thousands of mission agencies in this task of going to the world is a need for safe, efficient, reliable, and cost-effective transportation. Proven as a good and important tool, Missionary Aviation is useful for:

- Saving Time. A single flight hour can save up to five days of arduous travel by foot when hiking into remote locations or by using slow & difficult ground or marine transportation. Geographical barriers are overcome.
- **Gaining Access**. 1/6 of the world's population live where there are no connecting roads to other places.
- Providing Emergency Relief. Missionary aviation often provides the first or only people to arrive after natural disasters, or when laborers, food & water, or medicine is desperately needed. Medical evacuations are also provided by transporting people to distant hospitals.
- Supporting Embedded Missionaries. Supply lines are enabled for ongoing field work to plant churches, translate Bibles, transport pastors & laborers, and household needs or goods, and accelerate the Gospel of Jesus in spiritually transforming precious lives.

Networking to Equip Christian Laborers

One of the great privileges we have in serving with MATA and mission aviation is that we come into personal contact with amazing people who are like-minded in God's Kingdom work. Since the need for transportation is a common one, these individuals we meet are coming from dozens of varied and different agencies working toward the same goals for Jesus. MATA has been able to perform maintenance and do upgrade work on airplanes from other agencies. We have been able to partner side by side in advancing the love and Gospel of Jesus through organizations such as Samaritan's Purse, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Samaritan Aviation, and others. A great benefit is directly hearing many amazing stories of what God is providing and accomplishing throughout the world. God is on the move. We are living during exciting times!

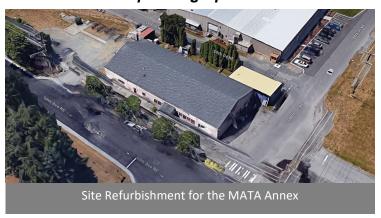
As we interact with other harvest laborers we are on the lookout for ways to do things better or new ideas, new equipment,

new collaborations & partnerships, and opportunities for growth & training for ourselves and our students. At a recent missions conference in Mount Vernon, WA, we met Mark Lind (left in photo) who is establishing a low cost missionary college starting this fall in Bellingham, WA. Check out Whitefield Global College. https://wglobalcollege.org/



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God is Expanding Space for MATA



Once again, MATA has a need to increase office and class-room space for our ongoing mission to effectively train and equip the next generation of Evangelical missionary pilots & mechanics. About a month ago, to help accommodate continuing growth, MATA completed the purchase of an 8000 square foot building, located a short walk of 850 feet south of the MATA hangar at the Arlington Municipal Airport.

PTL! God provided all the necessary funds to acquire the building. However, we have a long way to go before this building (photo above) will become usable for our needs. We are trusting God to provide for the many projects and massive refurbishments that are now required.

Please pray that MATA staff and students can occupy space for serving, training, and learning inside this building soon.

Samaritan's Purse Reports On MATA Alumni



So great is the need for missionary laborers, Samaritan's Purse (SP) invests heavily in sending recruiters across the U.S. to seek and promote God's calling for commitments from students, such as those here at MATA, to join with them to serve God as pilots or aviation mechanics.

During mid May, SP gave their presentation to MATA staff and students. They say that graduates from MATA now make up 1/8th of their entire international workforce on the continent of Africa. Thank you for helping us do that!

MATA alum, Vitaliy, has greatly exceeded their expectations and is bringing calm to their Entebbe, Uganda, operations. MATA alum, Drew, provides enormous encouragement to every pilot leaving Eldoret, Kenya, by gifting them with a container boxed meal just prior to their departures.

You and Missionary Aviation are Extending the Legacy of Church Planting

Imagine a time within the entire continental U.S. area when there were **no** church buildings. However, because people like you cared about expanding the Gospel overseas, churches were built. The first photo on the right is the third oldest church site in the U.S., built in 1639 in Jamestown, Virginia. Original foundations exist, but due to calamities the building has been rebuilt six times. Now, imagine the extreme joy of a people group today who are now able to erect their own church building. Thank you!







Recent site of church planting in PNG

Praises & Prayer Requests:

Praise: God continues to call new students to come train at MATA. Applications keep coming in!
Praise: MATA succeeded in a recent FAA inspection. We received authorization to store records electronically!
Prayer: Please pray for us as we travel to the Yakima area to present our ministry to a large church on June 29th. We ask that God will bless others with an increase in missions awareness and involvement.
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.
Prayer: Please pray for good health for us as we continue to serve Him at MATA.

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





Please see Page 1 for more updates to pray for. Thank you!