

Howie Highlights

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MISSION AVIATION TRAINING ACADEMY

Training and equipping evangelical Christian pilots for missionary service.

Children Around the World are Thanking God for YOU!



MATA Shipped 11,997 Shoeboxes on 11/24/25

This year, your partnership with our ministry has a part in distributing shoeboxes of gifts to children living in more than a hundred countries. Each shoebox represents a child who will hear the Gospel of Jesus through on-site churches and mission agencies. Children then go home and also tell their family and friends. Some children ask field workers to please go and thank the donors who sent the shoeboxes. It is our pleasure, through this letter, to forward their thanks to YOU!

MATA-Trained Pilots Deliver Overseas

At MATA we have the privilege of hearing some first-hand reports from our own people who have gone on to serve with other mission agencies that regularly partner with Operation Christmas Child in the field. These are photos of shoebox gifts that have traveled to some extremely remote and isolated locations. We're informed that for many children, these are the only gifts that they will ever receive from anyone during the entire year. You are having a profound impact on many, many children.



Delivering in Lesotho, Africa
Photo by Bryan Eggabroad



Delivering in the Islands of Micronesia
Photo by Amos Collins



The Drieger Family

MATA Alum Begins First Field Assignment

MATA Alum, Dustin Drieger, a Canadian who has been with MAF Canada, recently began serving with Pacific Mission Aviation (PMA) in Palau in the South Pacific. In early November Dustin reported, "It has been a busy couple of weeks here in Palau as our family settles into the rhythms of life and ministry. Since arriving we have completed the requirements to finalize the visas for our family, ... hospital numbers, and driver's licenses..." Please pray for the Driegers as they work hard serving through this mission aviation ministry by piloting the PMA King Air airplanes. Dustin is currently receiving specialized flight training by PMA that will be needed for his role and is still awaiting a pilots license specific to operating in Palau.

Praises & Prayer Requests:

Praise: Twenty-five people volunteered to help us load shoeboxes during the OCC loading day.

Praise: Our eight-year-old granddaughter Quinn, with a heart full of compassion, recently decided to help sponsor a child living in poverty located in the country of Indonesia. She plans to regularly write to a girl who is her same age through the Compassion International ministry.

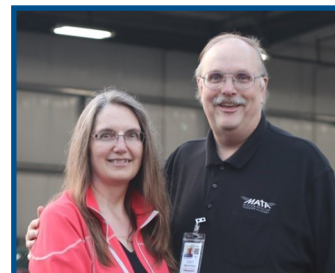
Praise: Work on the MATA Annex to expand MATA operations, classrooms, and office space is progressing.

Praise: We especially praise God for YOU, our partners who provide the prayer support needed to operate!

Prayer: Please pray for our grandchildren to be given discernment for the truth. Also pray that their time participating in AWANA on Thursday nights will strengthen and inspire their faith in Jesus.

Prayer: Please pray for good weather for MATA operations and good health for all of us as staff.

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



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