

Howie Highlights



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Training and equipping evangelical Christian pilots for missionary service.

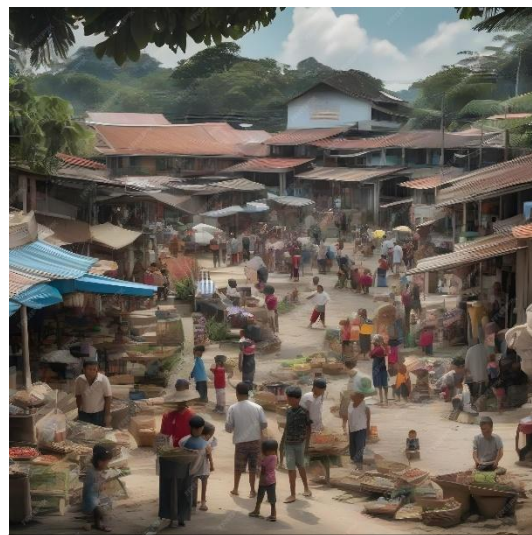
Please Pray for More Laborers

Did you know that there are full time job openings in missions for almost every skill, profession, and talent that God has given His people? Most mission agencies would love to gain more workers and staff to accomplish their mission, whether it's financial contributors, prayer partners, teachers, trainers, supply line enablers, administrative workers, medical workers, people in front-line field operations, and many more.

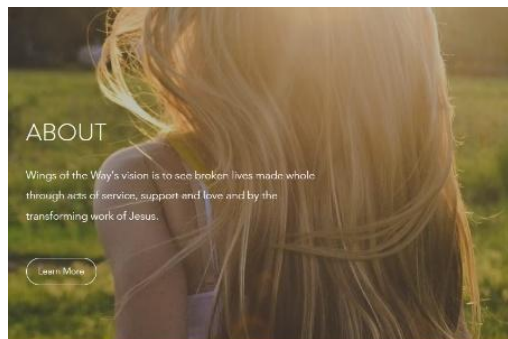
There is a great shortage of professionals and experts who can accelerate missions activities. It is not uncommon for us at MATA to receive phone calls from mission aviation agencies in great need of pilots and mechanics. MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) alone has published that they could put 100 additional pilots to work today if they had them.

The number one request of all missionaries is for more prayer. We do appreciate and truly need your prayers for us as we train and equip the next generation of missionary pilots. Aviation is a proven tool in accelerating missions activity in remote locations worldwide.

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (See Matthew 9:36-38).



Painting of a Jungle Village Market



Wings of the Way has the mission of providing critical air transportation for survivors of human trafficking to Christ-centered safehouse programs. An estimated 15 to 50 thousand people are being trafficked in the U.S. at this very moment. Many of these victims are forcibly trafficked and lose all documents of identification. Often, when a trafficked victim is arrested, their handler does everything to grab them back into slavery the moment they are released. Wings of the Way missionaries will sneak these victims past their handlers and take them to a small airport to fly and relocate them to a safe-house hundreds of miles away to begin recovery of their freedom & identity and a new life. For just 2025, this agency rejoices that they served 38 survivors!

Pastor Leverages Aviation

MATA Alum, Pastor Daniel Jones, leads six Bible studies by flying every Monday through Saturday to remote villages in central Mexico (a region that is home to dangerous drug cartels) leading many to salvation. Each day these ½ hour trips save him up to 20 hours of driving over the mountains of the Coastal Range. In 2025, he recorded 270 flight hours with 477 landings, including transporting 95 people in need, all with no incidents!

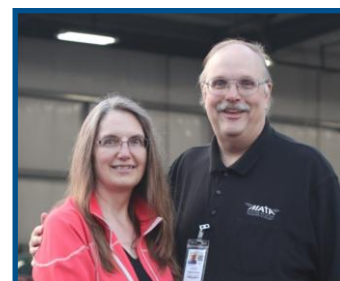


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=maVX1GI7foQ>

Praises & Prayer Requests:

- Praise:** MATA is offering Aviation Camp for teens in 2026. Applications available on February 1st.
- Praise:** Partner agency, MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship), is offering a free 72-page, beautifully illustrated digital book, titled "Above and Beyond". See God at Work! Contact us for the free link.
- 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!
- Please Pray:** For us at Mission Connexion, January 16-17, to help us recruit more missionaries.
- Please Pray:** For Clayton as he participates in MATA's winter ministry trip to Alaska on Feb. 6-9.
- Please Pray:** For our grandchildren to be given discernment for the truth and that their time participating in AWANA will strengthen and inspire their faith in Jesus.
- Please Pray:** For good weather for MATA operations and good health for all of us as staff.

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



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