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Training and equipping evangelical Christian pilots for missionary service.

## Inspiring Young School Students Toward Missions

God has called all of us who are followers of Him through Jesus to proclaim His Good News to every creature and make disciples who will also follow Him. We love being on a team that does exactly that through aviation. During early March a group of about 48 fifth grade students, plus teachers and chaperones, came from Grace Academy to tour the MATA academy (see photo). We are told that many students have not yet given their lives to Jesus. On their tour we stop and provide specific presentations showing these young people some of the things we do with airplanes. My (Clayton's) job is to present videos and talk to the kids about mission aviation and our mission at MATA and to share the gospel! It is a pleasure to see them come to realize that they have an opportunity to gain a personal relationship with God, the creator of everything, King of kings, and Lord of lords, through Jesus. A big thank you to Chris Eldred, fifth-grade teacher at Grace Academy in Marysville, for bringing all the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes to MATA every year.



## Accelerating Missions Involvement Through Missions Fest Seattle (MFS)

A portion of my (Clayton's) time with MATA is donated to assist Missions Fest Seattle, an annual city- and region-wide missions festival. A large number of evangelical churches pool their resources to help accelerate Christ-followers towards Christian service and missions involvement. We need more laborers to be inspired to obey their call to use their skills here, near, and far, to make a difference in people's lives both physically and spiritually. My friend Moses from MFS and I recently completed an entire rebuild of the MFS website. You are invited to visit the website and attend the festival this coming October!

## Allow Us to Treat You to Lunch!

Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude for your partnership with us in our mission at MATA. We would love to thank you in person and share with you some of the wonderful accounts of how God has been using skilled pilots to advance the cause of Christ through aviation. We will be gathering at Warm Beach Camp & Conference Center on April 18<sup>th</sup> for our annual Thank-You Luncheon followed by an Open House at the academy. To RSVP, email [info@mata-usa.org](mailto:info@mata-usa.org) or call 360-435-8179.

## Upgrading Skills as an Airplane Pilot

I (Clayton) am overdue for my bi-annual Flight Review, which is required of all pilots like me. A significant number of aircraft avionics upgrades, and operational changes have occurred over the last several months. I am working to get re-current. Please pray that things will go well so that I will soon be literally up in the air again! Thank you.



## Praises & Prayer Requests:

- Praise:** The re-design of the MFS website went more smoothly and much more quickly than expected.
- Praise:** God provided us the opportunity to directly explain the Gospel to about 48 school children last week.
- Praise:** God is calling some individuals to come train at MATA this spring working towards missionary service.
- Praise:** We especially praise God for YOU, our partners who provide the prayer support needed to operate.
- Please Pray:** For logistics needed to expand operations, classrooms, and office space at the MATA Annex.
- Please Pray:** For the 3 more groups of school students coming for tours over the next 2 months.
- Please Pray:** That many more individuals will be called to train at MATA to become missionary pilots.
- 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 to enable flight operations and for 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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