

Howie Highlights



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Training and equipping evangelical Christian pilots for missionary service.



Teens Introduced to Missions Through Aviation Camp



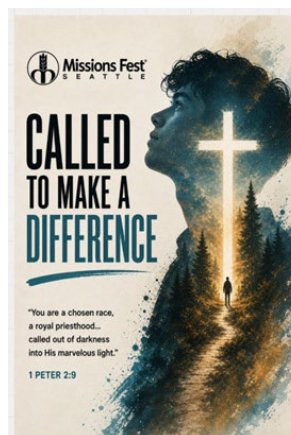
Every year during late July, MATA provides a six-day camp for teens interested in exploring careers in mission aviation. Eighteen campers (ages 14-18) arrive from states across America - this year from as far away as Florida, and even one from Qatar. Each camper dedicates the day to learning the skills & knowledge required of missionary pilots. The day is split with half their time gaining knowledge and the other half in the air, with part of that time piloting an airplane under the supervision of a certified instructor. During the evenings campers hear from guest missionaries and learn the spiritual side of missions and aviation. At the end of camp, each camper receives a logbook of flight and ground school hours they have earned that can be then be used to continue their training if desired. Over the years we have had the joy of seeing God call many campers to become missionaries in aviation, as well as in other mission organizations. These future missionaries spread the love and message of Jesus to people here, near, and in faraway locations around the world. Since campers are not allowed to use electronic devices, Clayton dedicates time to camera placements, snapshots, and video recordings to provide media for campers and their parents to review daily. Above are examples from July. Becky continues to provide administrative services for the camp and MATA during this week.

Cameroon Missionary Pilot Trained



John Troyer (photo left) who has been serving in Cameroon, Africa, has been investing the last several weeks acquiring the skills needed to become a Certified Flight Instructor (CFI). During July he completed the MATA CFI course on his path to provide leadership to the Wycliffe / JAARS aviation operations when he returns to the field. The mission of [JAARS](#) (Jungle Aviation and Relay Service) is to cover the "last mile" of Christian missions. Thank you for helping him do this.

Registration for MFS is Now Open!



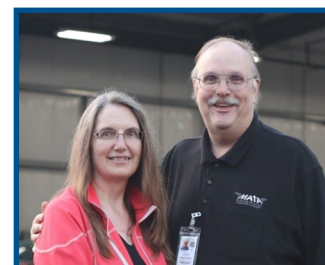
Missions Fest Seattle (MFS) is available to all of us who are followers of Jesus to increase our personal impact on advancing the Kingdom of God to locations here, near, and far. Dozens of churches have pooled their resources to provide way more impact above & beyond the sum total of all involved. Answer the call of God to be used to make a difference beyond what you can possibly think or imagine. Register to attend this free event today.

<https://www.missionsfestseattle.org>

Praises & Prayer Requests:

- Praise:** One of MATA's recent students passed his MATA course for Instrument Rating.
- Praise:** A MATA alum recently moved to Missouri to train as a candidate with Ethnos360 aviation ministry.
- Praise:** Aviation Camp was hugely successful. Your prayers and the presence of God was truly palpable.
- Praise:** We especially praise God for YOU, our partners who provide the prayer support needed to operate.
- Praise:** The weather has been excellent for MATA operations training future missionary pilots & mechanics.
- Please Pray:** For our outreach to children during the Arlington Hometown Fly-In, August 21-23.
- Please Pray:** For logistics needed to expand operations, classrooms, and office space at the MATA Annex.
- Please Pray:** That many more individuals will be called to train at MATA to become missionary pilots.
- Please Pray:** For our continued good health and encouragement to our grandchildren to love God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. (Mark 12:30)

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.



Clayton + Becky