

Howie Highlights



September 20, 2026

Training and equipping evangelical Christian pilots for missionary service.



Visitors to the MATA Booth GET SAVED!



Clayton had the privilege of coordinating the MATA booth for the Arlington Hometown Fly-In and Airport Community days held on August 14-16th. This annual event attracts people from very diverse backgrounds with an interest in Aviation from all over western Washington. One of the biggest attractions is for kids ages 8-17 to go on a free airplane ride through the Young Eagles program.

This event also provides opportunities for MATA to network with our community leaders and neighbors and to share about how MATA trains and equips pilots and aviation mechanics for missionary service.

At the MATA booth, several MATA staff and CEF (Child Evangelism Fellowship) staff participated in publicly proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus! Many unchurched people visit during Sunday who are open to listening to a Gospel presentation while their child's face is painted, and this year, while listening to that gospel presentation, a mom and dad gave their lives to Jesus! Volunteers from CEF interacted with 258 people (both parents & children). Every year since Covid, God has blessed us with individuals turning to Jesus and praying for salvation at the booth.

Clayton also handed out 94 Jesus Film gift cards to people who were curious to watch the most popular movie of all time. The Jesus Film is downloadable in more than 2,000 languages.

Precious Cargo, Bibles for the Onobasulu!



During August, CBN (Christian Broadcasting Network) reported on how aviation is critical to the work of translating Bibles into heart languages in Papua New Guinea. Many of the 800 languages spoken in the country do not have a Bible in their own language. For over 30 years, missionary pilots from JAARS (Jungle Aviation and Relay Service) have transported translators, supplies, and missionary families to bring a Bible to the Onobasulu people. A written language had to be created when the project first started.

[See Video on CBN](#)

Kidnapped Missionary Pilot Released.



Kevin Rideout works with SIM, **Serving In Mission** - formerly known as the Sudan Interior Mission.

Kevin Rideout, a missionary pilot, was kidnapped at gunpoint outside his home in Niger on October 21, 2025, and held hostage for 10 months. He was on mission to reach people who have never heard the Gospel. He is with a mission agency that began in 1893 which has seen the percentage of the world's protestants living in Africa, Asia, & South America grow from only 3% to 60% today. Kevin was released on August 14, 2026, largely through the tireless work of the U.S. FBI & the diligent prayers of God's people.

Praises & Prayer Requests:

Praise: Zach, one of MATA's flight students, passed his FAA practical test for Instrument Rating.

Praise: The Arlington Community Airport Day resulted in many good conversations and networking.

Praise: Several MATA alumni have visited MATA bringing reports of God's astonishing works in foreign lands.

Praise: The weather has been excellent for MATA operations training future missionary pilots & mechanics.

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

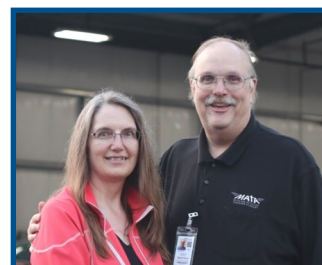
Please Pray: For good attendance at Missions Fest Seattle on October 16-17 at Eastside Church.

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.



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