

# Mission Aviation Training Academy

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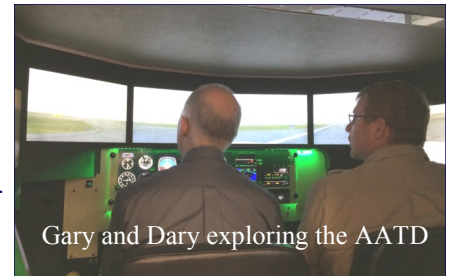
## DREAMS BECOME REALITY

Dary Finck, MATA's Director of Program Development, and the Board of Directors are always looking for ways to improve our missionary flight training program. This past year we asked the Lord for a Cessna 206 for our Alaska ministry and to help our students gain experience in a heavier aircraft used by many mission organizations. He provided beyond all we could ask or think when a beautiful C-206 became available the day we sold our C-182. Dary isn't afraid to dream BIG, which scares some of us at times, but we are thankful the Lord has gifted him with vision and leadership. We never thought his dream of having a REDBIRD full-motion Advanced

Aviation Training Device (AATD) here at MATA would come to fruition, but that is exactly what happened. Two months ago a friend of MATA's awoke one morning with the thought of donating her REDBIRD FMX to MATA. This AATD offers exceptional training with good graphics on a six-screen surround visual display, and motion which simulates the feeling of an aircraft in flight.

We are thankful for God's provision in keeping our training practical and realistic through the latest technology.

Thank you to those who supported



Gary and Dary exploring the AATD

towards this major upgrade on our first aircraft.

So, what's next? We now are dreaming for additional qualified staff, flight instructors, and student housing to meet the demands of our growing program. This summer seven new students arrive to start training towards their Private Pilot certificate; four of these are previous summer campers who now dream of becoming missionary aviators. At this year's aviation camp, July 19-24, more young people will experience flight and be challenged as missionary pilots, some of them may begin to dream that way. Your prayers and financial support of MATA help make their dreams become reality!



Our new AATD (see video of installation on our website [www.mata-usa.org](http://www.mata-usa.org))

updating one of our aircraft with the satellite-based navigation and position reporting equipment mandated by the FAA. We continue to receive gifts

## BEEHCRAFT TWIN ANOTHER BLESSING

Allen Koopman, one of our part-time flight instructors, and his long-time friend Karl Seuring, a Boeing 757 & 767 airline pilot, purchased a Beechcraft BE-95 Travel Air, a light twin airplane. They have a heart for missions and have offered MATA use of the

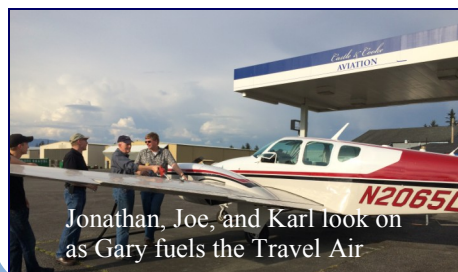
aircraft to train Multi-Engine students. This past year 5 MATA students earned a Multi-Engine rating using a twin-engine rented from another flight school.

MATA graduate Brandon Penkoff, home on furlough from Cameroon with Wycliffe Bible Translators/JAARS, wants to get his Multi-Engine rating while he is stateside. He will be the first pilot MATA will train in the Travel Air.

Thanks Karl and Allen!



Karl giving instruction to MATA's flight instructors



Jonathan, Joe, and Karl look on as Gary fuels the Travel Air



Brandon and Gary heading out to fly

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## Conference Travel

Dary and Gary attended the annual International Association of Missionary Aviation (IAMA) conference this year, hosted by Missionary Maintenance Services (MMS) in Coshocton, Ohio. More than 30 mission aviation organizations were represented, and Dary and Gary were invited to inform attendees about MATA's ministry. It was a great opportunity to meet, mingle, and glean with like-minded people. Gary especially valued the time he spent with Moody Aviation's chief flight instructor.

## Commercial Certificate

Justin Reeves successfully completed his Commercial Pilot certificate on May 15th. Justin and his wife Bridget both serve ministering to the homeless at the Lighthouse Mission in Bellingham where Bridget is on staff.



Justin(right) with FAA examiner Rick Luke

## Private Pilots

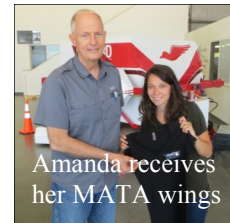


Jonathan, Gary MATA's flight instructor, and FAA examiner Neal Karmin

Jonathan Finley and Amanda Grimwood earned their Private

Pilot certificates in June.

Both plan to continue their flight training toward missionary aviation.



Amanda receives her MATA wings

## Kako Flying

Tim Reed, a summer camper from 2009, earned his Private, Instrument, Commercial, float-plane, and CFI certificates and ratings while attending 2 years of Bible school, and 2 years of A&P school. Tim received a 10-hour checkout in our Cessna 206 to prepare for his flying at Kako. He is amazed at how much his pilot skills have grown and improved during his 3 weeks at Kako. Tim said, "You pick up your



How to load and keep the weight and balance in limits?

passengers and baggage, all the while trying to figure out how to fit in the hoses, bags, and pipe fittings that didn't make it in yesterday evening's flight." He has hauled thousands of pounds of freight and mail from Russian Mission. This is a 10-mile flight, but there is no road, due to permafrost, streams, and hills which would make it a multi-million-dollar project.

Tim will be one of our flight instructors at MATA's aviation camp in July. He then plans to visit his mentor and old flight instructor, a missionary pilot in Brazil. If you would like to be part of Tim's support, prayer, or financial team, contact MATA.

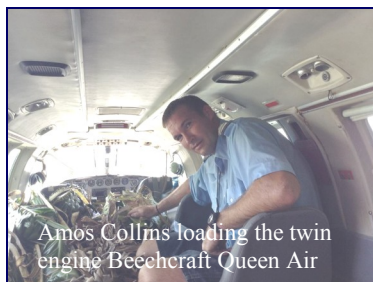
## Director's Corner



Sometimes things happen over which we have little or no control and often they are

things we were not expecting, like when Pastor Mike Crowell died in a plane crash on July 27, 2005. I was asked then to be the acting director for 2 months, and now I have been MATA's director for ten years. So, sometimes we need to modify our plans. I was planning to go to Kako Retreat Center in late May to help fly for Bible camp, but Tim Reed is there instead. Now I have been

asked to fly a Cessna 182 from Kingdom Air Ranch 430 miles across western Alaska to Kako. I'll fly for a week of Kako summer camps, and then fly a Cessna 206 from Anchorage to MATA for shipment to Pacific Missionary Aviation (PMA). At MATA we will disassemble, crate, and ship the plane like we did the one last year at the request of



Amos Collins loading the twin engine Beechcraft Queen Air

MATA graduate Amos Collins, chief pilot with Pacific Missionary Aviation (PMA) based on the island of Yap in the South Pacific. PMA is in need of

another airplane with the work load increasing in Yap. Amos did not expect to do relief flying right now but he is, with two recent typhoons that hit the area very hard leaving



With 36 chainsaws, 2 generators, 12 collapsible canopies, and water for the island of Ulithi

many of the islanders without food and housing. Even Amos and Heidi's house was damaged. Your faithful gifts and prayers, in spite of the many changes we face, put missionary pilots like Amos around the globe. Thank you and God bless you.

Gordon Bakke  
Executive Director