

MATA

MISSION AVIATION TRAINING ACADEMY

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“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.” - John 1:14, 16 (ESV)



This past year MATA has been carried along by the Lord’s hand undergirding us each step of the way. We have truly been blessed by His grace - “*grace upon grace*” - in Christ. We praise Him and celebrate His goodness towards us as we reflect back over 2017 and move forward in 2018!

In 2017, many flight hours were flown safely, we were able to serve and help missionaries on the field, and our staff continues growing to meet the demands of our ministry. We also

launched a Board-approved Capital Campaign initiative to buy our facility. This was just made public on November 18 at our MATA Open House and we are so thrilled at how the Lord has already provided so much towards its purchase!

Will you join us in celebrating all the Lord has done? Your generous giving, faithful prayers and encouragement make you not only a blessing to us, but part of *our team*. We are so thankful for each one of you. **Merry Christmas!**

MATA Ministry

- 1114.4 training hours flown
- 70.7 Summer Camp flight hours flown
- 3 Alaska ministry trips with 58.6 hours flown in service
- Completed 2 major maintenance projects on 2 missionary aircraft which departed for their fields of service

Reflecting Back 2017

STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 11 new pilot certificates/ratings
- 1 new maintenance intern
- 2 MATA alumni raising support to leave for overseas missionary service in SE Asia with MAF and JAARS.

MATA PERSONNEL

- 2 new Board members
- 3 new staff members
- 1 new baby!

Sold!

The REDBIRD flight simulator providing the funds to purchase an upgraded flight simulator for student training.



Moving Forward 2018

Capital Campaign:

The purchase of the MATA hangar

Our hangar is the base of operation for all we do at MATA. It’s our administrative and flight offices, maintenance facility, and our “classroom” in every respect, for equipping and training the next generation of missionary pilots.

When our current lease came due in 2017 the MATA Board and Director, Dary Finck, calculated that in 10 years within a new 30-year lease at fair market value we would use over \$1,000,000 in donor funds for lease payments - *with 29 years more to go!*

In an effort to better steward our donor-provided resources and through much prayer, MATA leadership initiated a Capital Campaign to purchase our facility for \$1.3 million ... *which, to date, has pledged and giving at \$1,050,000!* We are trusting the Lord to provide the remaining \$250,000 by our closing on the purchase date of December 27, 2017.

Would you join us in PRAYING or PLEDGING A GIFT that we might enter 2018 debt-free as owners of our facility?



Please call MATA for more information:
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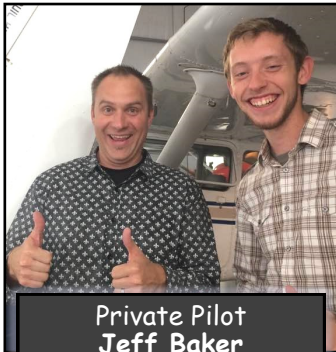
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Student Corner



Private Pilot
Jeff Baker
09/16/17
with instructor,
Benjamin Bookman, on right



Instrument Rating
Vitaliy Nikishin
10/31/2017
with FAA Designated
Flight Examiner



Commercial Pilot
Ella Robbins
11/18/17
with FAA Designated
Flight Examiner

Please Pray

- Pray for **our students and staff** as many of them need financial support.
- Pray for students who are close to achieving their next ratings: **Nathan Harmer**, working on Private Pilot; **Chad DeVlieger** and **Michelle Craig**, working on Instrument Ratings. Pray for good weather and diligent study as they finish up.



Friday Nights at MATA

A long-standing ministry at MATA has been the Friday night meal and Bible study with staff, students, and local supporters. The time spent together is for the purpose of fellowship and studying the Word together. Students are also given the opportunity to teach the study to develop their ministry skills. This fall, we have also been privileged to hear from missionaries representing Crossworld, MARC, Ethnos 360, and JAARS who serve(d) in Papua, Africa, and Alaska. They shared about their ministry and encouraged us all.

For more information, see our website:
<https://www.mata-usa.org/friday-night-bible-studies/>



DARY FINCK Director's Corner



Anticipation is the feeling many are experiencing this season. We anticipate family, friends, gifts, gatherings, and traffic. By definition anticipation is the act of looking forward, especially with a pleasurable experience. It swells from preparations made to facilitate the experience. We want everything to be just right so when the event arrives, our expectations are met.

At MATA we are anticipating what God has for us to do. We are preparing for the future, to be used in serving God's Kingdom to a greater extent.

But with anticipation comes doubt. We do not want to be let down or let others down. How can all these things happen?

For many years the Israelites anticipated Jesus' arrival, but doubt entered their mind generation after generation. God was faithful to send Jesus and atone for our sins. And now we are anticipating His return. How can we keep from doubting he will come back? Keep our eyes on Jesus. He has commanded us to anticipate reaping the field of souls He has sowed, and we are to anticipate many coming to the Lord. This takes much preparation, first learning how to follow Christ, then preparing disciples of Christ. Thank you for being part of Kingdom work as we celebrate the birth of our King of Kings and Lord of Lords.