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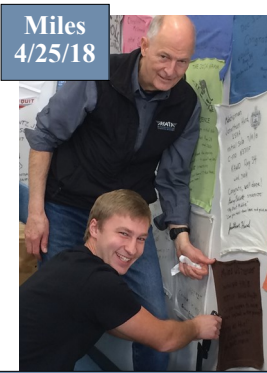
Smiles all around as MATA students move ever closer to the mission field!

To the non-aviator, achieving a flight rating may sound so sterile and well, just plain technical in nature. But there is another side. A flight student builds character as they pour all they have into studying, flying, and learning this new skill (most of the time persevering through the frustrations of making mistakes). It can be an emotional process and very

mentally draining. At MATA we enter into the student's journey through encouragement, prayer, and celebration when a new flight rating is earned. *Celebrate with us in thanks to the Lord for the students, their accomplishments, and all He has done through our ministry to help move them one more rating closer to serving in full-time aviation ministry.*



Dave
4/20/18

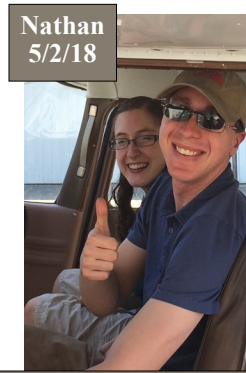


Miles
4/25/18



Jeff
6/1/18

Ella's first student to solo!



Nathan
5/2/18

His first passenger (wife, Amy) is ready to go!

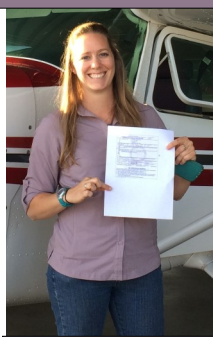
Initial Solo

Private Pilot License

Instrument Rating



Chad, 5/15/18



Michelle, 5/16/18



Brock, 6/10/18

Flight Instructor



Dan, CFI 3/23/18



Ella, CFI 5/8/18, CFII 5/18/18

Flight Achievements in "Plane" English

Initial Solo: your first time flying ... *by yourself!*

Private Pilot License: you are now an official pilot who can carry people in visual weather conditions.

Instrument Rating: an add-on to the private pilot license that allows you to fly into clouds and low visibility conditions.

Commercial License: with this license, you can fly for compensation or hire.

Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) & CFI Instrument (CFII): these allow you to teach Private/Commercial and Instrument students respectively.

UPComing ...



Check FB and our website for all the latest updates and schedules.

June 28 - July 9 **MATA IN MEXICO** The Nunziato family will be serving alongside a MATA graduate in Mexico (see p. 2)

July 6 - 8 **ARLINGTON, WA "FLY-IN"** Be sure to stop by the MATA booth at this year's 50th anniversary fly-in.

July 22 - 27 **AVIATION SUMMER CAMP** (see p.1)

July 28 - August 22 **MATA IN ALASKA** Pray for the MATA team as they serve in various ways in Western Alaska (see p.2)

Aviation Summer Camp for TEENS

Please remember to pray for our annual camp, its preparations, and the 18 campers who will attend. The camp runs from July 22nd-27th.



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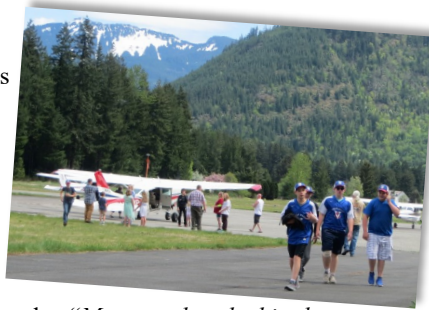
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Darrington, WA

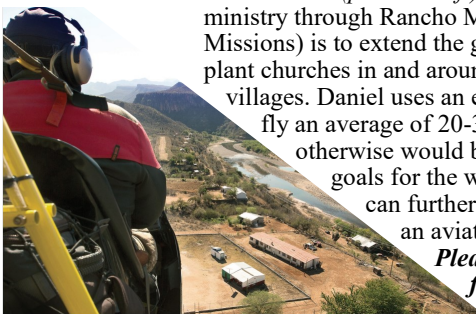
MATA was invited to Glad Tidings Assembly of God Church in Darrington, WA this past May 6 for a missions emphasis Sunday. Executive Director Dary Finck shared during the service about missions and the ministry of MATA. This Sunday coupled MATA's visit with a community outreach event for Glad Tidings church. *"Many unchurched in the Darrington community showed up to eat and for the MATA airplane rides and wound up seeing Jesus in the process!"* - Pastor Tim Zieseemer



Mexico

Doug Nunziato, MATA's Chief of Maintenance, and his family will be taking a ministry trip to Alamos, Mexico from June 28 - July 9 to serve alongside MATA graduate Daniel Jones (pictured left). Daniel and his wife Ana's ministry through Rancho Maranatha (Calvary Chapel Missions) is to extend the gospel, disciple believers, and plant churches in and around Alamos to include mountain villages. Daniel uses an experimental 2-seat aircraft to fly an average of 20-30 minutes to villages that otherwise would be an all-day drive! One of the goals for the week is to assess how MATA can further support Daniel's work from an aviation perspective in the future.

Please pray for an effective and fruitful trip for the Nunziatos.



Director's Corner DARY FINCK

As MATA approaches its 20th year of operation in August, we reflect on God's call for this organization to train pilot's for His Kingdom, and how God has been faithful these many years. We have had the privilege to train men and women for His glory and now have people in 12 countries. God is raising up the next generation with many young people standing up to take their place in the Great Commission. May God continue to bless their work as we look forward to the next 20 years of service.



Mission Alaska

We are celebrating the Lord's faithfulness through your generosity - *we are delighted to say that we raised over \$15,000 at this year's Alaska Fundraising dinner!* Thanks to these gifts, a team from MATA will leave the end of July for various ministry opportunities in Alaska.

At KAKO Bible Camp: From August 1st-5th about 50 Native Alaskan women will come to KAKO for a berry picking retreat. Most of these women come to KAKO looking for a reprieve from the normal struggles they face every day in village life. MATA staff Margaret Lewis and Stacie Elliott, along with 4 other camp counselors, will help lead the retreat. As a means to minister to these women, they will use ministry tools and activities that help in sharing the Gospel - the hope our lives find in Christ. John Lewis, MATA staff, will also be at KAKO during this week serving in various ways around camp. Gary Elliott, MATA's Chief Flight Instructor, along with MATA students will be offering aviation services to KAKO during the berry picking retreat. *Please pray for clarity in planning on the flight side as the details are still being worked out. Please pray for the team at KAKO as they minister and share Christ's love during this retreat and that lives will be changed as a result.*

In Marshall, AK: After KAKO, John and Margaret Lewis will return to Marshall, AK to serve for 2 weeks. They have remained in contact with the people of Marshall and look forward to being face-to-face once again to encourage and minister to their needs both physically and spiritually. They plan to use their gifts in music, construction, and counseling along with a Bible study to reach out to those who lack hope and feel so alone. *Please pray the Lord would use the Lewises in a mighty way to advance His kingdom in the people of Marshall.*

Marshall, AK

