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A "Multi-Tool" on the Mission Field - A Missionary Pilot

OH, THE MANY ROLES!

- BIBLE STUDY LEADER
- LOCAL CHURCH DISCIPLESHIP & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES
- FILL-IN PASTOR
- JESUS FILM & SCRIPTURE MATERIALS DISTRIBUTION
- IT/COMPUTER WORK
- FILL-IN RADIO STATION MANAGER AND ENGINEER
- GENERAL HANDYMAN
- AUTOMOBILE, FOUR WHEELER, AND SMALL ENGINE MECHANIC
- PLUMBER
- ELECTRICIAN
- FURNACE OR A/C REPAIR
- CONSTRUCTION & BUILDING MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR
- AND MORE!

Service and sacrifice are marks of a Christian's life - and this is no less evident in a missionary or missionary pilot's life. In addition to their main task in aviation, missionary pilot/mechanics also serve as a "multi-tool" on the mission field filling a variety of roles to minister to those around them. Serving in these various other ways greatly blesses the recipients while helping advance the cause of Christ.

MATA seeks to build a servant mindset into its students. Every month two hours of service is required at the MATA facility by each student (e.g. cleaning bathrooms, airplanes, the hangar area, etc.). Brandon Penkoff, reflecting on his time at MATA, stated that what MATA does to prepare its students to be missionaries and not just merely pilots is extremely important. Pilots who are unwilling to serve in other ways are not going to be helpful missionary pilots on the field and will not reflect the character of Jesus.

"By doing the work of Construction and Maintenance Coordinator I've helped all of our people working on Bible translation efforts to stay at work and to be productive during this time of COVID-19."

-Brandon Penkoff, JAARS pilot/mechanic, Cameroon

"Learning to troubleshoot and repair radio transmission systems has enabled the Gospel to go forth into the remote villages when we are not able to fly in to minister to the people personally."

-Jeremy Crowell, FLAPS pilot/mechanic/pastor, Alaska

"Many missionaries that attend a local church will find an eager and very willing congregation desiring for you to serve in a leadership role." -Bryan Eyebroad, MAF pilot/mechanic, Lesotho



Missionary pilot/mechanics serving on the field:
Brandon Penkoff (left) distributing the Jesus film in one of the 275 spoken languages in Cameroon and Jeremy Crowell operating the Christian radio station in Naknek, Alaska



Recap Mission Alaska Fundraising Event



The MATA family was greatly humbled at the response to this year's Alaska fundraising campaign!

The campaign centered around purchasing an Aeronca Champ to train missionary Hope Swanson who serves in Alaska. This aircraft and Hope's training are part of a greater "MATA North" feasibility study. MATA has the vision to meet the overwhelming need to train and equip pilots doing Gospel ministry in Alaska.

We are excited to announce the final total for the campaign is \$35,395! *Thanks to each and every one for your prayers and generous giving!*

Hope has begun her training in N2133E!

Ministry Events

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

As all ministry events have been cancelled this year due to the virus, we look forward to engaging in these events beginning this fall.

- Fall (date TBD)** MATA Bible Study and Fellowship, the MATA Facility
- Nov. 13-14** Missions Fest Seattle, Edmonds, WA
MATA will have a booth to mobilize future missionary pilots.
<http://missionsfestseattle.org/>

LIFE AT MATA DURING THESE DAYS ...

As all of you attest, this year has been like no other because of COVID-19. As our "outward" ministry events have all been cancelled (e.g. no conferences or speaking engagements, fly-ins, summer camp, etc.) it has given us the opportunity to re-focus on some internal tasks. Along with office reorganization work, over the past months we have been able to update our facility and think through future plans as we look towards FAA Part 141 school status approval.

In addition to this, we have remained focused on our main task of flight training our students and seeing "fruit" in celebrating four successful check-rides already this year!

And finally our finances have remained "in the black" and we sincerely thank all of you for your faithful support of the MATA ministry and staff workers. *To God be the glory!*

Aviation Summer Camp for TEENS

*We regret to communicate that this year's summer camp has been **cancelled** due to COVID-19 restrictions.*

Please keep watch on our website as we anticipate having a great camp in 2021!

www.mata-usa.org/summer-aviation-camp/



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STUDENT NEWS



Flight Training also includes "Hitting the Books"

Many get excited about their first flight in an aircraft, but along with flight comes lots of study. MATA students are guided through their flight training through a very refined and carefully planned course curriculum. This coursework not only includes flight lessons, but ground school lessons, lots of personal study, and tests along the way. Airspace, weather, and aerodynamics

are just some of the *many areas* covered as they study through FAA manuals and regulations combined with other textbooks. *Please continue to pray for all our students as they work and study hard to be missionary pilots!*

Congratulations Guys on Passing!

Commercial Pilot



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Instrument Rating



Nate, 06/03/20



MATA Student Brock Welge Interns with Pacific Mission Aviation (PMA)

When Amos Collins (MATA Alumnus, Chief Pilot PMA) came to MATA in 2019 and spoke of their internship program in Palau, Micronesia, **this opportunity seemed to resonate with MATA student Brock Welge**. Brock needed to build flight time to meet mission agency requirements and what better place to do it but on the mission field. Brock and his family left to begin a 6-month internship on Palau in November of 2019. What

awaited them was an experience that not only gave Brock invaluable flight and aircraft maintenance experience but also put to work his skills and giftings - along with the rest of his family - in many other areas: serving in the local church, children's ministries, and evangelistic Bible studies on the island of Angar. For Brock, he also utilized his construction/electrical/mechanical skills and was able to lead a team working on the Palau PMA hangar. **By the end of the internship, God was confirming in their hearts that they should pursue full-time mission work with PMA!** *Please pray for the Welge family as they continue forward in the call to serve the Lord in Kingdom work.*

"Ministry at PMA gets Rachel and I excited about what God is doing in the Pacific islands" - Brock



Brock, Rachel and kids

pictured
(left to right):

**Flights,
Ministry,
and flying
with Amos**

