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“Learning to Work and Serve within the Regulations”

This is the normal mantra in the aviation world: learning to work and serve within the regulations (as set forth by the FAA). But the “regulations” mentioned above in the quote, attributed to Director Dary Finck, were referring to *doing ministry* under the COVID-19 regulations. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, MATA had to cancel Aviation Summer Camp, move Bible study into small-group settings in various homes, adapt operations and training at the office/hangar facility, and curtail our normal Alaska summer ministry. Village ministry and Alaska itself were virtually shut down due to the virus, but God provided other opportunities. We thank the Lord for the four “open doors” (highlighted below) where we were able to “work and serve within the regulations.”

MATA student Justin and Board member Scott Quist had a unique opportunity to ferry a Cessna 175 from Naknek, Alaska to North Dakota. This journey gave Justin 21.7 hours of needed flight time plus invaluable cross-country flying experience. *“The trip was extremely beneficial for me from planning the entire flight, navigating Canadian airspace, and being pushed by Scott to become a better aviator along the way.”* - Justin



1 Scott and Justin spent the night in a tent in Camrose (AB), Canada



2 David serving in Alaska

MATA student David was able to go to Naknek, Alaska recently to do I.T. computer work for the Christian radio station located there. He also built pilot time flying to Anchorage with missionary Jeremy Crowell, picking up supplies, transporting workers, and flying Jeff and Jane Swanson for a reunion with their daughter, Hope, recently returned from flight training at MATA.



3 Writing letters to Marshall

John and Margaret (MATA Staff) are unable to visit Marshall, Alaska this year, but they still continue to minister from afar. They send letters and devotionals by mail, and regularly phone those in the village who need encouragement in the Lord. *Please pray for the light and love of the Lord Jesus to penetrate the darkness, and for lives to find true hope in the Lord.*



4 Jeremy (L) and Chad in route

Board member Jeremy and MATA student Chad also ferried a mission aircraft from Naknek, Alaska to North Dakota for heavy maintenance work. This Cherokee 6 is a workhorse on the mission field in Alaska. *“This was my first time piloting a low-wing aircraft, and Jeremy was a great coach as I gained much needed cross-country and high performance experience.”* - Chad

HAVE YOU VISITED “IT” YET?

I.T. Manager, Clayton Howie, spent countless hours redesigning and editing the new MATA website. Learn more about MATA, flight training, costs, and MATA’s mission serving the global mission aviation community when you visit “it”:

www.mata-usa.org



Clayton working on the new website

Funds Needed for MATA’s Future Growth

The MATA Board recently approved expansion of our facility at MATA, which will allow us to grow our operations. With the potential for greater student enrollment once our Part 141 school status is approved by the FAA, we need more classroom and office space.

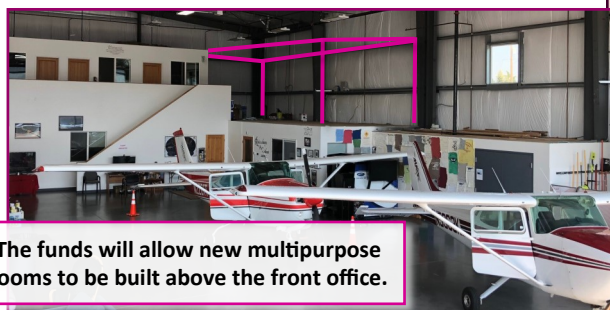
We are trusting the Lord to provide **\$100,000 goal** for this project.

This amount would cover all construction costs plus the outfitting of the new spaces with desks, computers, etc. We are excited to report that as of this printing we have already received 60% in donations towards this goal!

Would you prayerfully consider giving towards this project?

We are humbly grateful to the Lord for all He continually does through MATA! Donate to the “Building Project Fund” at:

www.mata-usa.org/donate/



The funds will allow new multipurpose rooms to be built above the front office.

Ministry Events

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

THE MATA BIBLE STUDY

One of the ways MATA prepares students for missionary service is by helping them grow in their Christian faith, primarily through Bible studies. This season of Bible study is focused on developing Christian character in our lives, with the theme text from Galatians 5:16-24. Scripture memory is also being encouraged throughout the study.



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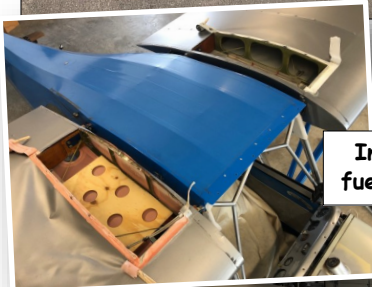
STUDENT NEWS

YOUR GIFT DONATIONS CONVERTED INTO VALUABLE FLIGHT HOURS!



Since it was purchased in June, N2311E has flown 116.2 hours! Hope Swanson trained regularly in it, accruing 75.6 flight hours. Students Justin and Matthew also benefited from this newly acquired aircraft, achieving their tailwheel endorsements. *Congrats to these students and thank you for your gracious gifts towards this project!*

TAILWHEEL ENDORSEMENTS
Justin 08/31/20 Matthew 09/07/20



ALASKA UPGRADES

As part of transitioning N2311E to Alaska, several major modifications were accomplished. New installations included two new fuel tanks, a pre-heater kit, shoulder harnesses, plus bigger main and tailwheel tires along with a new tailwheel assembly. A fresh inspection will also be accomplished before the plane heads North.



“What’s a TE?”

Before a prospective missionary pilot/mechanic can join a mission organization they must pass a **Technical Evaluation (TE)**. This “hands-on” evaluation tests the skill areas of either maintenance or flight (or both) in a candidate applying to serve with a mission organization. MATA offers a TE prep course to prepare candidates for this very important step towards the mission field.

*Please pray for **Matthew Lynch** and **Matt Carter** as they prepare at MATA for their flight TEs with Mission Aviation Fellowship in the upcoming months!*

Congrats to Benjamin Bookman! He passed his Powerplant written test on the path of becoming an aircraft mechanic!

MATA STAFF & BOARD MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS!

Dary Finck

MATA Director
Seaplane Rating,
08/30/20



Joe Hopkins

MATA Board Member
CFI, 08/27/19
CFII, 08/12/20
Seaplane Rating,
10/04/20

