

MATA

MISSION AVIATION TRAINING ACADEMY

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Students Moving Forward into Missions

Even with the COVID pandemic at hand, the Lord continues to open doors for MATA students to move forward toward the mission field! In 2021 we have had the joy of seeing many complete their training, pack their suitcases, and take next steps forward into full-time missionary work with their families.

We remain so grateful for your continued partnership with the MATA ministry and its staff! The Lord uses your faithful support and prayers to sustain our efforts in training and equipping pilots for mission aviation ministry. In this, we all work together, advancing Christ's Kingdom even in the far-off corners of the world. *Praise God with us for the following students moving forward in 2021!*

The LYNCH FAMILY and MATT CARTER
to DRC, Africa to Haiti



MAF
www.maf.org

The WELGE FAMILY and MELODY COLEMAN
to Palau, Micronesia



PMA
Bringing Hope, Changing Lives
www.pmapacific.org

The BOOKMAN FAMILY
to Kenya, Africa



AIM AIR
www.aimair.org

JOSH FISH
to Naknek, Alaska



AFLC HOME MISSIONS
Serving with FLAPS
www.aflochomemissions.org

JACK ZISAKIS
to Ft. Pierce, Florida



Missionary Flights
Serving the Caribbean Islands
www.missionaryflights.org

Mission Aviation Awareness Day

In August MATA hosted over 250 people for Mission Aviation Awareness Day at our facility. In an effort to increase exposure for missionary aviation locally, we invited numerous surrounding churches and many others to come and learn about this unique means of spreading the Gospel. Mission agencies present included JAARS, Send North, Free Lutheran Association of Pilot Supporters (FLAPS) Mission Aviation Fellowship, and Africa Inland Mission.

Mission Alaska

Thank you for your continued support of "Mission Alaska!" This training program combines advanced flight training for our students with serving missionaries in Alaska. *This year your donations totaled over \$16,000 for this ministry! We praise the Lord for His gracious provisions through you!*



AFLC Pastor Jeff Swanson (pictured) is flown to Ekwok, Alaska, for ministry in N2133E, the Aeronca Champ purchased from the 2020 fundraiser.

Ministry Events

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

- November 5-6** Missions Fest Seattle, Westgate Chapel, Edmonds, WA
<https://missionsfestseattle.org/>
MATA will have a booth to mobilize future missionary pilots.
- November 15-22** Operation Christmas Child drop-off period, MATA Facility

Construction is Finished!

After months of work which included planning, fund raising (*thank you so much, once again!*), and "tearing down and building up," we are happy to announce the completion of our new classrooms and office space at MATA. These rooms were immediately put to work for flight instruction and I.T. purposes (see below). *Please continue to pray for "more workers" as MATA staff (along with students) have transitioned forward to serve on the mission field.*



The new classrooms and flight simulator room

MATA Welcomes New Staffer BECKY HOWIE

Becky Howie, wife of I.T. Manager **Clayton**, joined MATA in August as the new bookkeeper. Becky has vast experience and knowledge in financial record-keeping and has already been a huge blessing to have on the team. *Would you pray for (or even support) Clayton and Becky as they are in support-raising mode as Becky left a salaried position to join MATA's ministry.* <http://www.mata-usa.org/clayton-howie/>



Clayton and Becky in the newly constructed I.T. room

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) at MATA

To learn more: www.samaritanspurse.org

This Christmas season, MATA has partnered with OCC to be the shoebox primary drop-off location for the city of Arlington, WA and also serve as the central drop-off for Snohomish County.

Amy Nunziato, wife of MATA staffer **Doug**, is serving as the Central Drop-Off Team Leader for Snohomish County. We are delighted to serve our local community by joining hands with Samaritan's Purse and OCC to reach the nations for Christ.





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STUDENT NEWS

**Instrument · Apr 29TH
Rating**



After **Matt Condon** earned his Instrument Rating, he and his family traveled to Alaska to serve at Kingdom Air Corps. during the summer. Matt earned his Commercial Pilot certificate, float rating, and tailwheel endorsement while there and will return to MATA for advanced training. *He and his family are praying for their next steps towards overseas missions.*

**Commercial · May 12TH
Pilot**



Nate Mills came to MATA in 2019 after growing up in Israel. Nate has a heart for church planting and discipleship. He hopes to combine those desires with aviation in serving on the mission field. *He is planning to marry later this year, so we at MATA are excited for what the Lord has in store for him and his new bride!*

**Instrument Rating · May 25TH
Commercial · June 29TH
Pilot**



Jack Zisakis serves with Missionary Flights International (MFI) as an A&P aircraft mechanic. Already holding a Private Pilot certificate, Jack needed a flight school where he could get his Instrument and Commercial fairly quickly. MATA met that requirement for him and MFI! *Jack hopes to transition into a pilot role with MFI to eventually fly DC-3s serving Caribbean-based missionaries.*

Private Pilot · July 8TH



Hope Swanson (pictured with MATA Board member and Flight Instructor, **Scott Quist**) finished her training and earned her Private Pilot certificate in Alaska this summer. Scott, who lives in Alaska, flew the little blue Champ N2133E from MATA to Palmer, Alaska in June. The next day after Scott's arrival, Hope was back in the plane she had learned to fly in while she trained at MATA. *Please continue to pray for Hope as she seeks the Lord's direction for her future ministry in Alaska.*

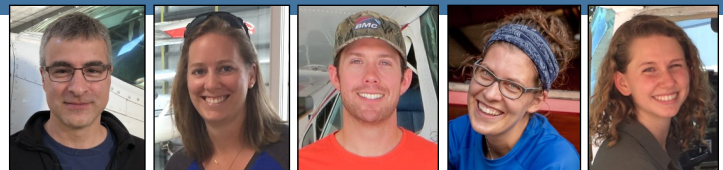


MATA STUDENT SERVING IN ALASKA

MATA Student **Dave Perkins** completed his 15th trip to Naknek, Alaska and his 3rd trip this year! He is serving with the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (AFLC) Home Missions.

Dave is an I.T. Specialist working with computers, networking, and assisting the Christian radio station ministry of KAKN 100.9 FM. His most recent trip in August focused on replacing computer and transmitter equipment in the remote repeater stations of Dillingham and Iguig. Dave recently received his Instrument Rating and will continue his flight training towards his Commercial Pilot certificate in the fall.

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS FROM MATA STAFF & STUDENTS!



(from left to right) MATA staffer **Doug Nunziato** recently earned his Advanced Ground Instructor (AGI) rating. Former and current MATA students earning their A&P mechanic certificates over the summer in preparation for serving on the mission field: **Michelle Craig, Ben Jones, Annamarie van der Meijden, and Melody Coleman.**

PLEASE PRAY for our **current students** (Justin, Dave, Annamarie, and Chad) plus **our alumni** (preparing for the mission field and those currently serving on the field), that the Lord would equip them as missionaries and pilots as they give their lives for the cause of Christ to reach the isolated peoples living in remote areas around the world.