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An Unexpected Gift ...



... and the story, at first, was a mystery.

Director Dary Finck opened a probate court letter at his desk one day to surprisingly discover an aircraft had been willed to MATA. *Who was the person? And why MATA?* After some research, it was discovered that this California-based pilot stopped at Arlington Municipal Airport one day for fuel. Someone from MATA assisted him with a maintenance issue at the pump and then this “California pilot” flew off again. Remembering the kind deed, this gentleman, in his planned giving, bequeathed to MATA a 1973 Cessna 172M, N13255.

MATA intern Vitaliy Nikishin, already planning to be in California, was perfectly positioned to transition the plane back to MATA. After a 2-day, 12-hour flight from El Monte, CA to the hangar at Arlington, N13255 was “opened up” for a thorough inspection. In discovering that many repairs and upgrades are needed, *would you prayerfully consider giving towards the cost of preparing this aircraft for future flight training?* Please contact us to learn more or visit www.mata-usa.org/donate to donate. *Thank you!*



Pilot-mechanic Vitaliy Nikishin working on repairs and ordering parts for N13255.

“Many hands make light work.”



Ben Jones, Vitaliy Nikishin, Jonathan Robbins & Dary Finck

In February a MATA team (pictured above) traveled to Naknek, Alaska to assist FLAPS missionaries Jeremy Crowell and Josh Fish with much-needed work. The team’s primary focus was to maintain and repair aircraft used in missionary service. An annual inspection was performed on a Cherokee 140 and many discrepancies were also addressed on a Cessna 182 and a Cessna 150. All four team members shared their testimonies at a local church and also experienced “a taste” of Native Alaskan culture at a local church family’s home over a traditional meal. *The team’s work saved the FLAPS ministry in Naknek well over a hundred hours in labor which saved the ministry thousands of dollars in expenses.* In the Lord’s strength, the MATA team worked hard over seven long days to accomplish the needed work.

A FLEET NEED



A Cessna 180 aircraft

The M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust is considering MATA’s request for matching funds to help purchase a Cessna 170/180 for a total project cost of \$175,000. This plane will serve as a high performance, tail-wheel training aircraft which additionally would help deepen MATA’s impact in its Alaskan ministry. Thus far, a generous MATA donor has contributed \$42,000 toward a match of \$87,500. *An additional \$45,500 is still needed. Would you pray about and consider a gift to help us acquire this airplane?* Please contact us to learn more or visit www.mata-usa.org/donate to donate. *Thank you!*

Save the Date!

2022 THANK-YOU LUNCHEON “Showcasing God’s Work at MATA”

We’re excited to share all God is doing at MATA and also “thank you” for your faithful partnership in this ministry. Come meet our staff and students and see our training aircraft. More details to come in the mail.

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022 · 11:30AM - 3:00PM

at the MATA Facility
19002 59th Dr. NE Arlington, WA 98223

PLEASE RSVP:
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Ministry Events

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



- April 29 - May 1** **Mission Conferences, various locations**
MATA will be present at Family Bible Church (Oak Harbor, WA) and Emmanuel Baptist Church (Mt. Vernon, WA) mission conferences sharing about our ministry and mission aviation.
- May 14** **Red Tailed Hawks Youth Program, at the MATA Facility**
Please pray for this event as we engage these young guys and girls sharing not just about mission aviation, but the Gospel as well. *Learn more about this club at:* www.redtailedhawksflyingclub.org
- May 21** **“Thank-You” Luncheon, at the MATA Facility**
Rescheduled from November 2021. See above for more information.
- July 24-29** **Aviation Summer Camp, at the MATA Facility**
Please pray for this annual camp and its preparations. We only have a few camper slots still available! *Learn more at:* www.mata-usa.org



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STUDENT NEWS

ALUMNI UPDATE

“NEW STUDENTS INBOUND FOR MATA”

In the past two years we have seen a record number of students - *11 in all, with their families* - move toward the mission field. With their departure we are excited to welcome new students into the program. *Would you pray for them as they begin their flight training in the upcoming month.*

KOEN SCHWEIZER & SPENCER SUDDERTH - 2021 MATA Aviation Summer Campers begin training for their Private Pilot Certificates.

BRADY FEHR - A former missionary with Youth With A Mission (YWAM), who has traveled the world as a team leader, will begin training for his Private Pilot Certificate.

GREGORIO RODRIGUEZ ORTIZ - A Mexican national will be training to serve with MAF Mexico. He will begin MATA’s Technical Evaluation (TE) Prep Course.

PLEASE PRAY for:

Bryan and Mari Eygabroad, serving with Mission Aviation Fellowship, Lesotho, Africa, have been waiting over a year for their daughter’s visa to enter the U.S.A. Bryan is a MATA alum and is approved to join the MATA team, on loan from MAF, as a flight instructor. As they have exhausted every option to have it processed, **would you pray for the Lord’s intervention to provide their daughter’s visa!**

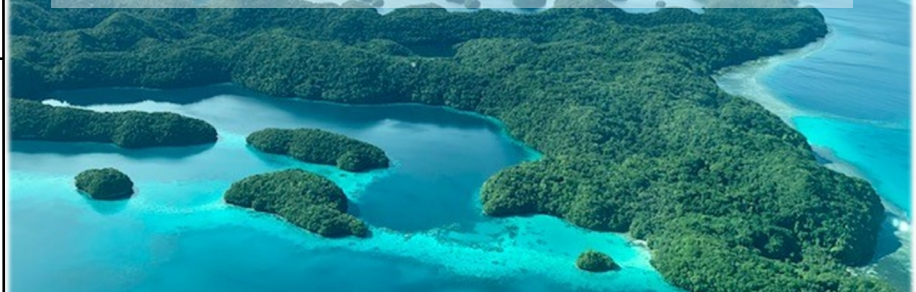


In March MATA staffer **Justin Vaughan and family** landed in Palau (Micronesia) on loan to **Pacific Mission Aviation (PMA)** for one year. In the middle of all their packing and preparations, Justin also earned his maintenance Inspection Authorization (IA) on February 12th before departing. *Will you join us in praising the Lord as we see former students working together with PMA and other organizations in remote locations around the world for the sake of the Gospel!*



Justin Vaughan (right) flying with fellow PMA missionary Stephen Newton

“I got checked-out in T8A-211 and got my first couple landings done in Angaur and Peleliu. Also flew my first passengers from Angaur to Koror with [MATA Alum] Brock.”
- Justin Vaughan



Survival Training

(left to right) Former MATA students Justin Vaughan, Brock Welge, and Melody Coleman along with PMA missionary Stephen Newton training for open water survival emergencies.

