

## LOOKING BACK



### *A Brief History*

So begins the story ... "a doctoral project that got out of hand," writes Pastor Mike Crowell, MATA's founder, an ordained pastor in the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (AFLC). In pursuit of his doctoral degree, he joined his love of aviation (he was a Certified Flight Instructor) with his heart for the Great Commission task into a doctoral thesis on mission aviation training.

In 1997, his earnest research into the field of mission aviation training led to the discovery of the need for providing short-term aviation training opportunities for those preparing for mission service, and for those already involved in ministry. By the fall of 1998, God had clearly led Pastor Crowell and his wife, Lori, to pursue full-time ministry in the training of missionary pilots and the Mission Aviation Training Academy was born. Having humble beginnings (no students and limited resources), God had grown MATA by early 2005 to 30 enrolled students and 5 aircraft for training.

Unexpectedly, in July of 2005, Pastor Crowell took his last flight on this earth as the Lord flew him home into eternity. With the loss of MATA's founder, God continued to bless the ministry by providing key new staff people just when they were needed most.

Today, continuing in the vision of Pastor Crowell, MATA is doing its part in Kingdom service, "as the Lord would lead, to speed the Gospel unto all the earth."



Pastor Crowell (left) with student Brandon Penkoff



### OUR MISSION

"Our mission is spreading the message of the Gospel farther and faster through the equipping and training of pilots for mission aviation ministry. This includes helping pilots meet the qualifications for major mission aviation organizations, as well as training pilots directly for service with smaller, independent mission aviation ministries."

### COME TRAIN

Call, e-mail us, or check out our website to see all that MATA offers. Our role is to help equip you for the Lord's call of missionary service in your life.

### PRAY, GIVE, SERVE

Our work at MATA depends on prayer and financial gifts to sustain us along the way. We also need qualified staff to serve. Call us to find out more, or to sign up to receive our quarterly MATA ministry letter.

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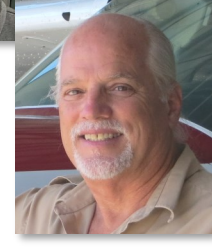
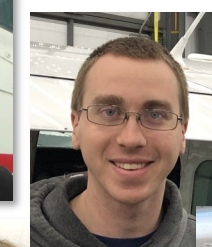


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## Training & Equipping Pilots for MISSION AVIATION MINISTRY





# MISSIONARY PILOT QUALIFICATIONS

Christ-follower

Person of  
Character

Servant's heart

Teachable spirit

Self-Discipline

Professional  
Attitude

Technical  
Competence

A Heart for the  
Nations!

Alumnus Bryan Eygabroad  
Serving with MAF



*Let the peoples  
praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples  
praise you!*  
(Psalm 67:1-3 ESV)

Alumnus Josh Harrington  
Serving with JAARS



## WHY TRAIN AT MATA?

Our flight training is primarily given to those who desire to become missionary pilots or use their aviation training as part of a ministry. MATA offers flexible training and can tailor a training program to fit your needs and time frame. We have experienced instructors that help you meet the strict qualifications for mission flying, whether you are just beginning your flight training, working on additional ratings, or advancing your skills.

### TRAINING COURSES\*\*\*

Private Pilot ~ Instrument Rating  
Commercial Pilot  
Multi-Engine Rating ~ CFI and CFII

### ADVANCED TRAINING

Tailwheel Endorsement  
High-Performance Endorsement  
Complex Endorsement  
Mountain Flying & Grass Airstrips  
Soft/Short-Field Operations  
CRX MAX Advanced Aviation Training Device  
Technical Evaluation Prep

\*\*\* **Note:** Bible courses and A&P mechanic certificates may be required for new student applicants.



## TRAINING IN MINISTRY

through Alaska Missions



Our advanced students have the opportunity to go and serve in Alaska as pilots or aircraft mechanics. They participate in front-line mission work which provides invaluable training and experience during their preparation years for full-time missionary service.

## Aviation Summer Camp for TEENS



One week at Aviation Summer Camp could change your teen's life. They'll get to experience flight, ground school, hear from missionary speakers, sit under Bible teaching, have loads of fun with other teens ... and they might even return home sensing the Lord's call to be a missionary themselves.