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Trinity Aviation Academy: Training Pilots with a Mission

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Trinity plans to start classes in Fall 2011

Word of mouth travels fast, and the word is getting out about Trinity Aviation Academy.

Over the summer, several potential students have expressed interest in joining us. We have two student applications approved and expect to begin classes on Sept. 12.

We are also looking into student visas as we have an international student interested in training at Trinity.

Still other students are working on getting together financial aid so that they can begin classes in the future.

A big answer to prayer came in a very materialistic way this spring — Trinity received a donation of about \$14,000 worth of sheetrock!

Director Dan Mulkey believes the sheetrock donated will be enough to completely frame in the classroom as well as dorms that will be built in the future.

Additional donations include several desks and chairs for the classroom and a commercial printer.

Thank you to all who have donated materials and finances so generously!

Meanwhile, work on the classroom continues. We were blessed to have help from a ministry team connected with Youth With A Mission.

Tribal Waves performs fire dances and more, aiming their evangelism

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Members of ministry group Tribal Waves helped Trinity staff with the classroom project in mid-July.

Above: Robert McCrea carries out an old piece of wall.

Left: The team (along with two young members of Trinity's family) pose for a photo after a job well done.

How You Can Pray For Trinity

Board: Continue to pray for wisdom for our president, Bernie Johnston, and the board of directors.

Finances: We are seeking a donor (or grant) to pay off the property on which the academy is located. We are also asking the Lord to lead us to a professional fundraiser familiar with our type of organization.

Classroom: We have plenty of help offered to do the work on the remodel, but we still need framing materials.

Aircraft: We are selling two aircraft to replace them with one that will do the work of the two and eliminate additional insurance costs. Pray for the sale of the two planes and that we are able to obtain the plane we need.

Instructors: Tad Henry is training this month for his last flight exams. Also pray for continued provision and health for Tad, Hope and their children.

Students: Marcus Erickson, our co-worker and student, is working through the summer in the Air Force Reserve and has some long hours. Pray for the Lord's provision, health, and favor for Marcus, Katie and their children. Also pray for Marcus as he works out his medical issues with the FAA.

Future Students: Pray for the students God is sending our way, for their provision and placement in the organization the Lord would have them.

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efforts at young people. The team was in town in July to minister to the young people in Eatonville and took time out to help us work on the classroom. The team made quick work of tearing down an old wall in the future classroom. Thanks, guys!



A truck-load of sheetrock pulls into the Trinity Aviation Academy campus. Trinity received a donation of \$14,000 worth of sheetrock.

What's new at Trinity this summer?

by Dan Mulkey

Much has progressed in the last few months:

Student Interest

We have had a great number of emails and phone calls from young people interested in Trinity. Some potential students are interested in the complete program, and some just need the flying or maintenance training.

Classroom Work

We have torn out the ceiling in the classroom, and the remodel continues. We must have it finished by Sept. 12, when our first full two-year term will start. We have already had many classroom supplies donated, including a desk and chair.

More Online

If you haven't checked out our website lately, please do so. Our school catalog and application are now online.

Also, on the right side of each page you will see links to a few of the mission organizations for which we train our students. Check out the information on these organizations to get a greater understanding of the important work in mission aviation.

IAMA Members

Trinity Aviation is now a member of the International Association of Missionary

Aviation, or IAMA. This association pulls mission aviation organizations together to share safety concerns, flying and maintenance issues, needs for airplane parts, missionary training goals, any prayer requests and needs.

This organization is an awesome tool. After we joined, they put us on their preferred school list — We have already received dozens of student inquiries because of it!

We also sent our instructor, Tad Henry, to their annual conference. See his report on page 3.

Volunteer Instructors

Tad Henry will soon complete his instructor and instrument instructor ratings thanks to help from a retired Vietnam veteran and F104 pilot and instructor. This gentleman has offered his airplane and time at the cost of fuel only. The training will not be in an F104 jet, however (much to Tad's dismay)! Tad is in McMinnville, Oregon, completing this training.

Another gentleman, who is an Army helicopter pilot and instructor, has volunteered his time to give our instructors and students their tail wheel check-outs and endorsements. For you novices, that is an aircraft with a wheel under the tail rather than under the nose. This type of aircraft requires different take off and landing techniques.

Trinity instructor attends mission aviation conference

by Tad Henry

Trinity Aviation Academy recently joined IAMA, the International Association of Mission Aviation.

According to the IAMA website:

“IAMA fosters a community of Christian airmen whose hallmarks are safety and technical competence.

“Today, IAMA’s membership includes more than 70 mission agencies, training schools, and individuals. Members work together to bring the transforming message of Jesus Christ to people living in places that are remote and very difficult to access.”

As staff of a member school, I was able to attend the 40th annual IAMA convention. This year it was hosted by LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas.

As a relative newcomer to missionary aviation, I was greatly encouraged by the synergy among the various organizations. There is very little

“mine” and “yours.” Instead, they operate in the realm of, “It’s all God’s.”

Resource and expertise sharing is common. Individuals will work for and with multiple organizations at the same time. I met more than one missionary that came off the field from one mission group and was on loan to another for teaching and training.

I attended several seminars that were very well done and really gave vision for Trinity Aviation Academy. We strive to train our pilot/mechanics to the standards of the sending organizations, and their leadership was enthused, helpful, and patient with me as I picked their brains.

Some of the subjects covered in the seminars were Effective Initial Flight Training, Safety Management Systems, Effective Fund Raising, Pilot Standardization, and Error Prevention. These will all roll into our curriculum and help to create

MISSIONARY PILOT ORGANIZATIONS

IAMA:

<http://www.iamanet.org/>

Mission Aviation Fellowship:

<http://www.maf.org/>

JAARS:

<http://www.jaars.org/whatwedol/aviation>

New Tribes Mission:

<http://usa.ntm.org/go/missionary-aviation/>

effective, efficient, and safe pilot/mechanics to aid in the Great Commission.

We are truly blessed to be a part of IAMA and look forward to working with the member organizations and individuals to advance the Kingdom of God!



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