It’s on the water!

No – it’s not an amphibious aircraft for use in Mission Aviation.

But it is a very important part of the future of Mission Aviation.

ACMA’s latest acquisition is a state-of-the-art Redbird simulator which has just been shipped from Texas. It is scheduled to arrive in Melbourne early May.

The simulator will be used in ACMA’s flight training program in the future. But it will also fulfil another strategic role in recruitment. This simulator is installed in an air-conditioned trailer, and will facilitate ACMA’s new emphasis on recruitment of young people for Mission Aviation, particularly as it travels on a regular basis to Christian schools.

The most urgent need in Mission Aviation today is for trained, qualified personnel – both pilots and aircraft engineers. That is why ACMA was formed as a training organisation 20 years ago. In that time we have been privileged to graduate 200 pilots and engineers, but the need is just as acute today as it was when ACMA started.

Praise the Lord with us for the donation which made the purchase of this simulator possible!

And please pray that it will be effective in igniting a spark that will become a burning passion in the lives of many Christian young men and women, as they are exposed to the wonderful ministry of giving wings to the Gospel.

FROM THE CEO...

Bruce Searle
CEO, ACMA
Ian Rudduck

“Originally I worked as a mechanical fitter in Mt. Isa, but now I am finishing flight training at ACMA. This is due to be completed around Easter. Flight training and Bible/mission training at ACMA has been a great experience, but it is part of a bigger picture as Ash (my fiancée) and I plan to join MAF after we are married in the middle of this year. But we are also aware that God’s picture is bigger than ours. The next few years (and our lives) will be different from what we expect so we are trusting Christ to lead us in His way at this time.”

Aaron Rigg

“After two and a half years of part time flight training at ACMA, during which I was also operating my own business, I have just completed the Command Instrument Rating and Advanced Flying to finalise our application to serve with MAF.

Together with my family, we are planning to spend the rest of this year building our prayer and financial support team, and then move to an Indigenous Australian community in Arnhem Land with MAF.”

Please pray for our continuing students

Danny Gill  Hudson Jasper  Jason Robinson  Keiran Sampson

The greatest need for mission aviation is...

TRAINED PERSONNEL

THE NEEDS RIGHT NOW...

- JAARS – 6 Pilots, 15 Aircraft Engineers.
- MAF – 25 Pilots, 10 Aircraft Engineers
- NTM (New Tribes Mission) Aviation – 5 Pilot/Engineers, 3 Aircraft Engineers

IN THE FUTURE...

- JAARS – 45 Pilots, 45 Engineers in the next 10 years.
- MAF – 20 Aircraft Engineers in the next 10 years
- NTMA – 54 personnel in the next 5 years
ACMA connection to reopening airstrip

In the middle of the jungle in the Western Province of Papua New Guinea is the small community of Rumginae. A hospital was built there in 1966 and it fulfils a strategic ministry as it serves the people of the area, saving and treating many lives and providing a place of hope and refuge.

MAF pilots served this area for years making it possible for many people to reach the hospital and gain the help that they needed. Most villagers need to walk through swamps, rivers and almost impassable rainforests to reach the medical post. By air it took 45 minutes! However, in 2012 the airstrip was closed after it was deemed to have fallen below a safe standard. Medical emergencies were then detoured to Kiunga airport which was a difficult 40 minute drive from the Rumginae Hospital.

Chris Mattinson, an ACMA engineering graduate, was able to lead a team to complete the final work on the airstrip and on the fourth of February 2014 the Rumginae airstrip, a vital link in providing aid to many, was reopened.

Thanks was expressed to Chris Mattinson and the many people who assisted in the work on the airstrip, and to Matt Painter (ACMA flight graduate), Markus Bischoff and Luke Newell (ACMA flight graduate) who continued to fly into Kiunga and provided the local communities with transport to their much needed medical help.

Ongoing prayer requests include:

- Thanks for Christ and His sacrifice on the cross
- Thanks for the task and fulfilment to bring the good news to the ends of the earth
- Pray for the hearts of the people groups to be prepared, ready and receptive to the gospel
- Pray that the Lord will open the floodgates of heaven and provide the needed resources.

Will you join us in prayer? For the latest prayer requests and more information on HFA go to: www.hfa.org.au

ACMA witnesses a new birth

Over the last months, ACMA staff have been privileged to witness the formation and birth of a new entity with an exciting mission.

Hope from Above (HFA Inc.) is an organisation established in December 2013, and is currently based at ACMA.

The purpose of HFA is to assist in bringing the Gospel to unreached and inaccessible people groups. This will involve overcoming their isolation through aviation and technology, where no other alternatives are available, and without which these people will not hear the Gospel. Isolated conditions could be due to remoteness, political situations or language barriers, and often it could be a combination of factors.

This is a unique ministry. Through strategic research, the HFA personnel are identifying the location of unreached and inaccessible people groups, and establishing what is required to reach them with the Gospel. Using aviation and innovative technology, they then explore possible solutions to overcome the isolation. Working alongside the HFA network of partner organisations, they seek to utilise the best possible solution to help local ministries meet with the isolated people groups.

The partner organisations are an integral part of this ministry as they contribute expertise and a wealth of knowledge of their local field.

Another core aspect of the ministry of HFA is to raise awareness in the church in Australia about the inaccessible and unreached people groups, and the need to bring the Gospel to them.

HFA recognises that this is no simple task and it requires long-term commitments. Without God’s intervention and provision of the needed breakthroughs, there is no chance of success. Therefore prayer is the most important contribution to this ministry.

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Funding Opportunities at ACMA

As you can imagine, aviation training demands continual upgrading of facilities in order to provide effective and efficient training. Additionally, the facilities at ACMA need expansion to cope with growth.

YOU CAN HELP US! The following projects are needing funding. All of these are in addition to ACMA’s annual operating budget...

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**Volunteer Positions at ACMA**

Aircraft Engineers

...for commercial maintenance

Facilities Maintenance

...gardening, cleaning and general maintenance

**Donations required for 2014**

Please pray with us for the Lord’s continued provision.

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For more information on:

- How you can be a partner with us in the Mission Aviation Course.
- How you can support Mission Aviation Training through bequests.
- How you can support Mission Aviation Trainees.

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Check us out on Facebook.

**Praise Points**

Praise the Lord with us for:

- The completion of the new portable Red Bird simulator and its arrival in May.
- The good progress being made by current flight students.
- The donations required to meet the 2013 budget were received.

**Prayer Points**

Please pray:

- For the effectiveness of the portable Red Bird simulator in sparking a vision for Mission Aviation amongst Christian school students.
- For the recruitment of suitable people to train for mission aviation to meet the continuing critical demand.
Non-Tax Deductible Donations

- Please enlist me as a Prayer Partner
- Please enlist me as a Financial Partner

I would like to share as follows
- $__________ monthly
-  Please debit my credit card (see info right)
- Please find my one-time gift of $_______ enclosed (Please make cheques payable to Australian Centre for Mission Aviation)
- Please send me details about leaving a Bequest to ACMA in my Will

ACF will send a receipt for your tax deductible donation:

- Enclosed is a cheque payable to The Annabel Charitable Foundation Ltd OR
- Please charge my credit card: Mastercard OR Visa

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ACF will send details about leaving a Bequest to ACMA in your Will.

Donors wishing to receive a tax deduction for their donation are required to complete the details below:

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Account number: 381844

Please email us or telephone or include your name as a reference when paying by EFT.

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