Those of you who have been on the journey with us over the last couple of years will know about some of the challenges we have been facing in seeking to find effective pathways for training those who God calls into the ministry of Mission Aviation.

19 years ago, we started mission aviation training as a department of Bible College of Victoria. We wrote the curriculum – there was no such thing as a national training package in the field of aviation in those days.

But things have changed – drastically. The entire landscape of vocational training is radically different from what it was in those early years. And it is hugely more complex. There are now numerous state and federal government departments and non-government entities involved, all with their own compliance and reporting requirements. And in these days of rapid and effective communication methods, it seems that few of those departments and entities talk to each other.

But one thing hasn’t changed. Every mission aviation organisation is suffering from a lack of qualified aviation personnel – engineers and pilots who have a passion to take the Gospel to difficult-to-reach people and places.

That’s the thing that drives us. We believe that no person, and no place, should be out of reach of the love of God.

That’s why ACMA was born – to train people for this strategic ministry. In those 19 years, we have been privileged to train 200 pilots and engineers. But we can’t stop there. And we can’t do it by ourselves.

Over the last 12 months, the ACMA Staff and Board have sought the Lord in seeking to find His direction for the future. And we believe He has led us to re-establish ACMA as Australia’s primary centre for mission aviation training.

In order to accomplish that, we are right now forging formal partnership arrangements with appropriate Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) whose expertise is in relevant areas of vocational training and compliance. This includes all three aspects of training for mission aviation:

- Bible/mission training
- Aircraft maintenance training, and
- Flight training

In essence, the structure proposed for the future incorporates the following elements:

- Bible/mission training at ACMA will include two courses. The first is the

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Cessna 182, VH-VSU, belonging to the Australian Society for Indigenous Languages (AuSIL) has now been assembled at ACMA and is awaiting final CASA approvals before being released for service.

The aircraft’s registration letters, VH-VSU, actually describe the aircraft’s purpose – “Vernacular Scripture Use”.

For nearly 60 years, AuSIL has been working with Aboriginal Australians to facilitate bringing God’s word, the Bible, into many of the approximately 160 different languages spoken throughout the continent. Randall (pictured here with the aircraft) and Shirl Pearson now have the satisfying task of using the Cessna to carry literacy specialists, church leaders, and language consultants throughout the Northern Territory and surrounding areas to encourage believers who, for the first time, are experiencing a direct connection to God’s word because it is in their own language.

First SOLO! – Congratulations Jason Robinson on your first Solo Flight at ACMA on 12th October 2013.

Rob Hovenden (ACMA Engineering graduate) recently completing a 100 hourly inspection on an MAF Airvan in Timor-Leste.

Mission Aviation active in the Philippines disaster.
accredited Cert. IV in Christian Ministry & Theology conducted by ACOM (Australian College of Ministries). The second is a Certificate in Mission Aviation conducted by ACMA, which will include seminars in areas particularly relevant to the ministry of mission aviation.

- The proposed **aircraft maintenance training** pathway will consist of completion of the accredited Cert. IV in Aeroskills at ACMA under the RTO authority of Kangan Institute. Graduates will then take a 10 week course at Kangan or Aviation Australia to complete the theory training for the Diploma of Aeroskills. Relevant experience will then be required to fulfil the practical competencies required for award of the Diploma and licensing by CASA.
- **Flight training** will continue to be delivered for the next 18 months under the RTO authority of Melbourne School of Theology and MAF’s CASA approvals. During 2014, ACMA will be establishing a new structure in accordance with proposed CASA legislation to ensure continuation of its flight training program beyond 2015.

**All of us at ACMA are profoundly grateful for your support! We could not have come to this place in our history without you. We praise the Lord for His grace and for the benevolence of His people.**

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**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
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...

Praise Points

Praise the Lord with us for:

- The development of a suitable pathway for engineering training for mission aviation.
- A great Open Day on September 7th.

Prayer Points

Please pray:

- For the provision of suitable qualified personnel to assist in the ministry of mission aviation training.
- For the provision of students who have a heart for mission and mission aviation training.
- That the Lord will continue to assist us in developing appropriate strategies to meet the critical needs on the field.
- That adequate financial resources will be provided to enable continued high quality training.

Volunteer Positions at ACMA

Aircraft Engineers
...for commercial maintenance

Facilities Maintenance
...gardening, cleaning and general maintenance

An opportunity for you to have an impact on the ministry of ACMA... through PRAYER

Time & Date: 7.30pm – 1st Thursday of each month
Hosted by: Jim & Ruth Charlesworth at 32 Melissa Street Donvale

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.

Contact Jennifer Barton
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- How you can train for Mission Aviation...

Contact Delyse Searle
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Donations required for 2013

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

- $118,000
- $100,000
- $80,000
- $60,000
- $50,000
- $20,000

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