The Future of ACMA

From the very birth of ACMA nearly two decades ago, the ACMA vision has always been about training aviation personnel for an effective ministry in Mission Aviation.

Over the last 19 years, the Lord has wonderfully blessed ACMA in its strategic training role:

- Accredited training programs have been conducted in both Flight Training and Aircraft Maintenance Training. In addition, Bible/Mission training has been incorporated into the technical training programs
- Students from 21 different countries have been trained
- We have been privileged to graduate 200 pilots and engineers, approximately 90% of whom entered mission aviation service. Some of those are in senior positions with a number of different mission aviation organisations
- ACMA has had a global impact. Graduates have entered ministries internationally, and have served in Australia, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia/Papua, Timor, Cambodia, Asia, Alaska, and a number of countries on the African continent

The original vision which gave birth to ACMA has not changed. The need for aviation personnel to be recruited, trained and sent to field programs is as strong today as it was twenty years ago. What does need to change is the way ACMA fulfils that vision.

ACMA – The Future Shape of Mission Aviation Training

In seeking the Lord’s direction for the future of ACMA, the ACMA Board has confirmed ACMA’s continuing role in mission aviation training, and received a clear vision of the path ahead.

ACMA’s Role: to provide specifically targeted, high quality mission aviation training that is more cost effective than typically available in the normal commercial aviation environment.

Features:

- ACMA will provide graduates suited to the range of mission aviation organisations, recognising that each organisation will have its own unique orientation training requirements.
- A major emphasis will be placed on recruiting people for mission aviation from within the Christian school network.

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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

How You Can Help
- Pray for us in this transitional phase
- Donate to apprentice training
  Funds will be used directly to subsidise the training of apprentices for the ministry of Mission Aviation Aircraft Maintenance Engineers.

Our Goal...
- $10,000 by September 2014
- $30,000 by June 2015.

Recruitment of Future Apprentices/Student Pilots
- **Engineering Training**
  ACMA will take over responsibility for AvServe (the commercial aircraft maintenance facility at Coldstream). ACMA will adopt the apprenticeship model as a means of developing a ‘pipeline’ consisting of AvServe and other supportive Aircraft Maintenance Organisations that will, within a few years, generate a minimum of 3-4 trained engineers each year. The initial step is to appoint an apprentice at AvServe by September 2014.

- **Flight Training**
  From the end of 2014, MAF will cease its responsibility for flight training at the Mission Aviation Centre at Coldstream and move its own training centre to far north Queensland. ACMA will continue to conduct a 200 hour Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL) at its Coldstream facility, including in it the single engine Instrument Rating, it will be conducted as an accredited Cert. IV in Aviation under the authority of an approved RTO.

- **Bible/Mission Training**
  Bible/Mission/Theology training will be completed by the apprentices/student pilots either concurrently with their technical training, or before or after it. ACMA is approved by the Australian College of Ministries (ACOM) to facilitate delivery of ACOM’s 1 year Cert. IV in Christian Ministry and Theology. A program of one-on-one mentoring will also be implemented to help build ‘mission readiness’ in the trainees. This will be packaged as a non-accredited Certificate in Mission Aviation.

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Application to, and service with, Mission Organisations.

Bruce Searle
CEO, ACMA
Yes... God Can!

“I’m than first-hand when encouraged for others, it happened. Unrealistic even – yet by His grace, new instructors. New procedures, new rating. Pilot’s license was new. New airspace. New aircraft. Everything within us, to Him be glory”. Eph 3:20

In the first week of 2014 I packed up the family car and drove from my home in Adelaide to ACMA in Coldstream. There a life-long dream would be realised. A goal cherished, nurtured, and at times given up on was achieved. I turned my private pilot’s license into a commercial license with command instrument rating. Where is God’s power in that?

I’m old – at least by pilot training standards. I had little time... under 4 months.

I had forgotten much of the theory that I’d learned for my commercial pilot exams years ago. Everything was new. New airspace. New aircraft. New instructors. New procedures and checklists. It was ambitious, unrealistic even – yet by His grace, and the hard work and sacrifice of others, it happened.

I wouldn’t have got there at all but for my amazing wife Nicole, who encouraged and enabled me to go. When I arrived I experienced again first-hand that God could supply all my needs. I had a nice place to stay in Lilydale. I experienced professional instructors that cared about more than just how well I flew.

The entire ACMA family at Coldstream adopted me and looked after me.

Twice Nicole visited. Both times her visit ‘coincidentally’ lined up with a generous offer to stay in a staff member’s temporarily vacant house. We got to drive around some amazing countryside and see beautiful gardens. Every day I met and got to know dedicated, sincere, Godly people. Daily devotions were honest, real, practical and inspiring. I made good friends. I laughed with them – a lot. I played tennis as often as possible with my new mate Prabhu (from India), and we devoured many a good curry together.

There were good times. But it wasn’t always easy. Any worthwhile dream never is. I worked hard. I had full days at ACMA, studying and flying, with more study in the evenings and weekends. There was doubt. There were difficulties. There were hold-ups... and the ever present possibility of failure. It cost – a lot. And not only financially. The course took me away from my dear wife and family. The self-imposed pressure to perform was enormous.

In short, I stuck my neck out a long way... and God blessed it. I know I did not achieve success by the work of my hands. As hard as I worked, as much as I wanted it, I was inadequate. God did it. This inspired a new confidence in me.

Not self-confidence – God confidence – the certainty that comes from experiencing the fact that God is present with me, that He cares, and that He CAN do more than all we ask or imagine. I had an incredible adventure – with memories that will last a lifetime, but that realisation was the most exciting thing of all.

David Jensen

Open Day
featuring Mission Aviation training

Saturday 6 Sept 2014
11am-4pm

Coldstream Airfield
96 Killara Road Coldstream
(see reverse for map)

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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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Praise Points

Praise the Lord with us for:

- The arrival of the new portable Red Bird simulator.
- The clarity with which the ACMA Board has determined the shape of ACMA’s future training programs.
- The 200 graduates of ACMA to date, and for the 5 flight students who have graduated, or will graduate in 2014.

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Prayer Points

Please pray:

- For the commencement and effectiveness of recruiting in Christian Schools using the portable Red Bird simulator.
- For sponsorship funding for Engineering apprentices.

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Position Vacant

ACMA MISSION AVIATION MOBILISER

... to raise awareness and recruit young people for ministry as mission pilots and aircraft maintenance engineers. The major focus of this new position is to engage with students in Christian schools using ACMA’s new Redbird flight simulator.

INTERESTED? Contact Bruce Searle at bruce@acma.vic.edu.au

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ACMA Affiliated Organisations

- MAF
- AIR
- JAARS
- AvServe
- Wycliffe
- Helimission
- Ranges Tec

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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.
- How you can train for Mission Aviation...

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