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00:00:03,200 --> 00:00:06,160



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00:00:07,120 --> 00:00:08,960  
>> Throughout many field campaigns

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00:00:08,960 --> 00:00:11,560  
we've come a long way  
in expanding our knowledge

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00:00:11,560 --> 00:00:13,680  
and understanding  
of our atmosphere.

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00:00:14,200 --> 00:00:17,040  
But this hasn't been  
a one person effort.

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00:00:17,520 --> 00:00:19,680  
Collaboration and  
close coordination

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00:00:19,680 --> 00:00:23,680  
within the ATTREX team have  
made this endeavor possible.

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00:00:31,480 --> 00:00:33,680  
>>For any field experiments you do,

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00:00:33,680 --> 00:00:35,760  
you have the questions that  
you are trying to answer

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00:00:35,760 --> 00:00:38,120  
and then you figure out  
which data do you need

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00:00:38,120 --> 00:00:39,720  
to best answer the questions.

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00:00:40,040 --> 00:00:41,720

Once you've done that,  
then you figure out

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00:00:41,720 --> 00:00:44,760

who has the capability of  
making those measurements.

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00:00:45,080 --> 00:00:48,120

>>So basically, what we've done  
is gather the leading experts,

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00:00:48,120 --> 00:00:52,200

in theory... in modeling  
of the atmosphere...

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00:00:52,200 --> 00:00:54,440

and in making these very  
challenging measurements.

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00:00:54,640 --> 00:00:57,480

>>And that is the only way that  
you can really do science.

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00:00:57,720 --> 00:00:59,400

You have to go  
to the right place

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00:00:59,400 --> 00:01:02,600

and measure at the right time  
with the right people.

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00:01:03,000 --> 00:01:06,240

>>And part of the reason I really  
like these airborne science campaigns

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00:01:06,240 --> 00:01:08,200

is that they are sort of  
these grand endeavors,

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00:01:08,200 --> 00:01:09,840

where everyone comes  
out to the field,

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00:01:09,840 --> 00:01:12,560

we're all working very hard  
with a common goal

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00:01:12,760 --> 00:01:15,080

and very thankful  
to have the opportunity

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00:01:15,080 --> 00:01:17,040

to get these measurements.

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00:01:22,560 --> 00:01:25,120

>>The other thing about  
these NASA campaigns

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00:01:25,120 --> 00:01:28,080

is the data will then be  
shared with everybody.

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00:01:28,520 --> 00:01:31,240

So it'll be used by people  
from all different countries.

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00:01:31,440 --> 00:01:33,040

>>The more people  
that use the data,

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00:01:33,040 --> 00:01:35,480

the more of an impact  
our data have.

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00:01:35,800 --> 00:01:37,840

>>Because we are all basically  
working together,

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00:01:37,840 --> 00:01:41,000

trying to understand how  
the atmosphere works.

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00:01:47,160 --> 00:01:48,680

>>The data we have gathered

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00:01:48,680 --> 00:01:52,480

will be used to benefit humanity  
for many years to come.

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00:02:01,520 --> 00:02:04,560

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00:02:11,520 --> 00:02:13,280

>>When you make an observation,

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00:02:13,280 --> 00:02:16,320

that's only the beginning  
of the story.

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00:02:19,280 --> 00:02:22,760

It's like walking  
into a crime scene

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00:02:22,760 --> 00:02:25,560

and taking a picture and  
collecting some evidence.

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00:02:25,880 --> 00:02:27,880

Footwork begins after that.

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00:02:27,880 --> 00:02:31,960

The real work of putting  
everything together to produce

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00:02:31,960 --> 00:02:35,480

a full picture of what's  
happening in our atmosphere.

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00:02:35,840 --> 00:02:38,160

>>And ATTREX is basically  
part of that puzzle.

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00:02:38,160 --> 00:02:41,160

We are addressing  
a key uncertainty

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00:02:41,160 --> 00:02:45,000

in how the models predict  
future climate change.

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00:02:45,240 --> 00:02:50,360

>>We have to actually figure out  
how all of these things work.

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00:03:01,640 --> 00:03:04,320

>>So the real underlying  
objective of ATTREX

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00:03:04,320 --> 00:03:06,960

is to understand climate change.

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00:03:07,240 --> 00:03:09,680

It's well known that climate  
change will have

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00:03:09,680 --> 00:03:14,360

dramatic effects on people and  
ecosystems across the planet.

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00:03:14,560 --> 00:03:16,400

>>The atmosphere  
is always changing

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00:03:16,400 --> 00:03:18,560

Levels of gases  
are changing...

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00:03:18,560 --> 00:03:20,440

Temperatures are changing...

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00:03:20,880 --> 00:03:24,880

And you have to make  
very precise measurements

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00:03:24,880 --> 00:03:27,720

in order to try to  
see those changes.

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00:03:28,000 --> 00:03:31,520

>>When satellites measure, they  
do it by looking through

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00:03:31,520 --> 00:03:34,080

the atmosphere over  
a very long path length

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00:03:34,080 --> 00:03:37,280

(multiple hundred of kilometers)  
they're averaging the data over.

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00:03:37,400 --> 00:03:40,160

So if you have lower water  
and higher water,

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00:03:40,160 --> 00:03:42,280

what you're going to measure  
there is the average.

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00:03:42,600 --> 00:03:45,080

When the airplane flies  
through these air masses

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00:03:45,080 --> 00:03:49,600

They are measuring over 10s and 20 meters at a time.

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00:03:49,760 --> 00:03:52,120

So they are getting  
an entire variability.

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00:03:52,440 --> 00:03:55,840

>>So far, we've gathered these  
fine structure measurements

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00:03:55,840 --> 00:03:57,800

Of clouds and water vapor

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00:03:57,800 --> 00:04:00,440

and the interaction between  
water vapor and clouds.

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00:04:00,720 --> 00:04:03,760

And that's being used to better  
understand how the clouds form

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00:04:03,760 --> 00:04:05,560

and how they affect  
the amount of water

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00:04:05,560 --> 00:04:07,800

that is getting in  
the stratosphere.

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00:04:08,280 --> 00:04:10,520

We've gotten a lot  
of measurements

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00:04:10,520 --> 00:04:13,320

of ozone destroying substances

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00:04:13,320 --> 00:04:15,480

in the Tropical  
Tropopause Layer,

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00:04:15,640 --> 00:04:17,680

which will ultimately get  
into the stratosphere,

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00:04:17,680 --> 00:04:19,120  
so we can better predict

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00:04:19,120 --> 00:04:21,080  
how much of these get  
into the stratosphere

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00:04:21,080 --> 00:04:24,000  
and improve predictions  
of ozone destruction

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00:04:24,000 --> 00:04:25,880  
and the ozone layer recovery.

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00:04:26,200 --> 00:04:28,680  
>>All of these processes are the  
things that we are after

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00:04:28,680 --> 00:04:30,440  
with ATTREX.

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00:04:31,680 --> 00:04:36,600  
[Radio chatter]

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00:04:40,280 --> 00:04:43,880  
>>We've seen very  
interesting relationships

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00:04:43,880 --> 00:04:46,240  
between temperature,  
water and particles

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00:04:46,240 --> 00:04:47,920  
that we are seeing  
in the atmosphere

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00:04:48,040 --> 00:04:49,760  
This is really

wonderful information

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00:04:49,760 --> 00:04:53,760  
and will be incredibly useful  
for how we can improve

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00:04:53,760 --> 00:04:55,600  
our modeling  
of the atmosphere

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00:04:56,120 --> 00:04:58,360  
>>But, any time you do  
climate science...

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00:04:58,360 --> 00:05:01,640  
it can be contentious in  
many parts of the world.

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00:05:02,000 --> 00:05:07,400  
So having data that is out there  
free, open and defensible

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00:05:07,800 --> 00:05:09,120  
is important.

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00:05:09,360 --> 00:05:11,200  
If your data aren't  
available for everybody

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00:05:11,200 --> 00:05:12,840  
it's always going  
to be in question.

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00:05:13,160 --> 00:05:15,040  
>>The way we look at it from  
the science community

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00:05:15,040 --> 00:05:16,840  
is that the data is all shared.

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00:05:17,040 --> 00:05:19,360

So it'll be shared amongst  
different institutions...

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00:05:19,360 --> 00:05:20,920

different agencies...

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00:05:20,920 --> 00:05:23,200

and even different countries  
all around the world.

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00:05:23,640 --> 00:05:25,880

Because we all have the common  
goal of trying to understand

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00:05:25,880 --> 00:05:27,680

how the atmosphere is working

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00:05:27,800 --> 00:05:29,960

and how the atmosphere  
is changing.

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00:05:41,080 --> 00:05:43,560

>>The scientists' understanding  
of the climate system

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00:05:43,560 --> 00:05:46,080

and answering the key  
questions that can help

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00:05:46,080 --> 00:05:49,920

resolve the uncertainties that  
decision makers have to make,

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00:05:50,080 --> 00:05:51,080

is key.

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00:05:51,280 --> 00:05:53,040

>>And so we'll still

need measurements

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00:05:53,040 --> 00:05:54,960

and the measurements  
will improve...

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00:05:55,160 --> 00:05:56,720

and our understanding  
will improve,

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00:05:56,720 --> 00:05:58,320

but we'll need this  
measurements to...

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00:05:59,080 --> 00:06:02,160

further quantify how the  
atmosphere is changing.

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00:06:02,400 --> 00:06:04,440

>>The more we understand  
the processes

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00:06:04,640 --> 00:06:07,720

the better off society  
will be because of it.

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00:06:08,040 --> 00:06:09,760

And, some of those  
key processes,

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00:06:09,760 --> 00:06:11,400

the only way you are  
going to answer them,

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00:06:11,400 --> 00:06:14,640

are through airborne campaigns  
like the one we're doing here.

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00:06:18,040 --> 00:06:19,800

>>Our future very much depends

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00:06:19,800 --> 00:06:22,560

on the understanding of  
the world around us.

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00:06:24,000 --> 00:06:27,440

On how this complex system  
we call Earth changes.

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00:06:32,760 --> 00:06:36,160

That's why our mission is not  
only about doing research,

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00:06:36,160 --> 00:06:39,480

but also about encouraging  
younger generations.

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00:06:39,840 --> 00:06:41,880

They are the future of science

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00:06:41,880 --> 00:06:45,600

and the key to continue  
understanding and improving

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00:06:45,600 --> 00:06:49,720

the lives of all of us  
who call this planet home.

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00:06:55,600 --> 00:06:59,080

>>The students do not normally  
have an opportunity to see this.

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00:06:59,080 --> 00:07:00,720

>>To show them that  
there's actually stuff

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00:07:00,720 --> 00:07:03,920

beyond just looking at what's  
in a book is very invaluable.

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00:07:03,920 --> 00:07:06,280

>>It gives them  
meaning and relevance

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00:07:06,280 --> 00:07:08,400

to the the work that  
they do in school.

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00:07:08,640 --> 00:07:10,880

>>I can't stress it enough  
just how important it is

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00:07:10,880 --> 00:07:12,880

for the students to  
make that connection,

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00:07:12,880 --> 00:07:14,560

because that's where  
they make their decision

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00:07:14,560 --> 00:07:16,840

as to what they're gonna do  
for the rest of their lives.

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00:07:20,560 --> 00:07:22,120

>>It's fantastic to have

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00:07:22,120 --> 00:07:26,000

real scientist, real pilots,  
real engineers and technicians

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00:07:26,000 --> 00:07:29,000

coming in and sharing their  
experiences with the kids,

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00:07:29,000 --> 00:07:31,360

because that brings  
science to life.

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00:07:31,600 --> 00:07:34,200  
>>So we are bringing our science  
into their classrooms

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00:07:34,200 --> 00:07:36,400  
as well as bringing  
the students here

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00:07:36,400 --> 00:07:38,280  
to see our science in action.

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00:07:38,560 --> 00:07:41,640  
And we're hoping that this will  
inspire some of the students

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00:07:41,640 --> 00:07:44,680  
to pursue careers in science,  
technology, engineering or math

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00:07:44,680 --> 00:07:46,880  
And one day even work for NASA!

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00:07:53,160 --> 00:07:56,640  
>>I saw how excited  
the kids were so...

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00:07:56,640 --> 00:07:58,680  
It's awesome!

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00:08:06,720 --> 00:08:09,320  
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00:08:18,600 --> 00:08:22,000  
[Radio chatter]

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00:08:58,080 --> 00:09:02,000  
>>So, on December 24, 1968...

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00:09:02,400 --> 00:09:06,520

astronaut William Anders  
took a picture of the Earth.

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00:09:06,520 --> 00:09:08,880  
He was in Apollo 8 and  
he was orbiting the moon

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00:09:08,880 --> 00:09:11,440  
and took a picture of  
the Earth that is called

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00:09:11,440 --> 00:09:13,120  
the "Earthrise picture".

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00:09:13,360 --> 00:09:15,400  
[William Anders: Oh my God! Look at that picture over there!]

152  
00:09:15,400 --> 00:09:18,400  
[There's the Earth coming up.  
Wow, is that pretty.]

153  
00:09:18,920 --> 00:09:20,520  
[Frank F. Borman: You got it!]

154  
00:09:20,520 --> 00:09:22,360  
[Oh... That's a beautiful shot!]

155  
00:09:23,280 --> 00:09:24,360  
>>And you look at that...

156  
00:09:24,360 --> 00:09:28,120  
and the vastness of space  
with this grey moon...

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00:09:28,120 --> 00:09:32,560  
and you realize what a unique  
thing the Earth really is!

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00:09:37,720 --> 00:09:41,720

And the Earth doesn't come  
with an owners manual.

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00:09:42,080 --> 00:09:44,720  
It's for us to try to figure out

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00:09:44,720 --> 00:09:48,000  
all of the complexity  
that we see here.

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00:09:55,080 --> 00:09:57,080  
>>Our campaign is  
coming to an end,

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00:09:57,320 --> 00:09:59,600  
but new ones will  
continue exploring...

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00:09:59,920 --> 00:10:01,760  
making new discoveries.

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00:10:04,280 --> 00:10:06,040  
Our journey is not over.

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00:10:06,280 --> 00:10:07,760  
Keep watching....