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PRESIDENT'S WEATHER REPORT:

# President's Weather Report

Every ministry and nonprofit organization has the same concerns—raising money for their mission, their projects, and their worthy causes. The concept of fundraising has been around for a long time. In fact, the Bible tells about several people involved in fundraising; people like Moses, David, Hezekiah, Nehemiah, Jesus, and Paul were involved in fundraising activities to support God's work.

understand raising and receiving donations for God's work in a way that is pleasing to Him.

Moses was given the task of building the earthly sanctuary. God told Moses, "Tell the Israelites to take an offering for Me; from every person whose heart makes him willing you are to receive my offering" (Exodus 25:2).

The building of the tabernacle was probably the first capital campaign, and what a success it was. In fact,

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Asking for money, as well as receiving donations, are tangible ways to advance the Kingdom. Jesus had more to say about money than about most other things that we talk about in church. Money gets right into the real stuff of our lives. Most of us commit incredible amounts of our time, energy, and creativity to make money, but comparatively few seem to know how to handle it.

Take a quick journey with me through the Bible for some principles that will help us

Moses had to tell the people to stop bringing their offerings—they had received too much. (Can you imagine if Adventist World Aviation had this same problem?) In reading this story in Exodus 25, we realize that Moses faithfully detailed the needed gifts and explained how the gifts would be used. The requirement was only a "willing heart."

King David was also involved with a capital project—a temple for God. He donated his personal

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treasures of gold and silver to the temple. Then he asked who else wanted to contribute that day. It was the leaders of the families and tribes that contributed willingly. The Bible says, “The people were delighted with their donations, for they contributed to the Lord with a willing attitude; King David was also very happy” (1 Chronicles 29:9).

The Bible tells us in Luke 8:1-3: (NET) “Some time afterward he went on through towns and villages, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and disabilities: Mary (called Magdalene), from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna the wife of Cuza (Herod’s household manager), Susanna, and many others who provided for them out of their own resources.”

This shows that Jesus and His disciples received donor support, and much of that support was from women “out of their own means.”

The Apostle Paul had a lot to say about giving, as can be read in 1 Corinthians 16:1-4; 2 Corinthians 8 and 9, Philippians 4:10-20; 1 Timothy 6:17-19, and in other texts. The words found in these texts talk about systematic monthly contributions, as well as giving pledges. In fact, in 2 Corinthians, it appears that Paul used competition between the Macedonians and the Corinthians to finish a “stalled fundraising campaign.”

When we become involved in

the fundraising process to further God’s work, we are following in the footsteps of some incredible people of faith. And the natural result of this process is people bursting out in praise, thanksgiving, and knowing that God’s work continues.

Every day AWA gives praise to God for you, our donor! You are the core of this ministry. Without you, we would not exist. We thank God for your faithfulness to His ministry; we thank God for His faithfulness to His ministry.



Ric Swaningson, president/CEO



**SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT**

Last issue page 20 contained the omission which read in part: “...while controlling any drifting tendencies with the rudder pedals.” should have read “while controlling any drifting tendencies with the ailerons and keeping the nose straight with the rudder.”



# It Was Good, then Bad, then Wonderful

**J**ohn,\* his wife, and their two young children began coming to our February meetings, which were being held in one of six venues on the island of Palawan. They were involved; they came every night. Their children loved the special programs planned for them.

Then, on the second Saturday night of our meetings, something special happened; then something awful happened. The sermon that night was on baptism. During the appeal, at the conclusion of the sermon, John and his wife came forward. They wanted to be baptized. Peace showed through on their faces. They were excited to surrender their lives to Jesus.

After saying goodbye to us and other church members, John took his family home, on his motorized tricycle. Together as a family they had a late evening meal; then, he left the safety and comfort of his home to earn his wages as a policeman for his barangay (neighborhood).

During the lateness of the evening, he and two of his policeman friends were patrolling their barangay on his tricycle. Suddenly they were ambushed by a man wearing a “mask” made from a shirt, and carrying the chain from a chainsaw in one hand and a large machete in the other hand. His friends,

fearing for their lives, instantly ran away.

John, trying to get off the tricycle, was being pummeled by the intoxicated attacker. Fortunately he was able to keep the knife from touching his body; but not the chain. It was causing many contusions and wounds to his body. In his attempt to keep from being killed, John was knocked to the ground. With one hand he was able to grab the offensive chain; with his other hand, he found a broken tree branch--large enough to defend himself, yet small enough for him to swing at his assailant.

Fearing for his life, thinking about the possibility that his wife and children may be losing a husband or father, he lifted up the broken tree branch and swung it at the enraged man. Hitting him on the head, the man fell backwards onto the ground--and became very still.

Immediately John called for medical attention--for himself and for the man on the ground. He then called for the barangay police to come. It was soon determined that his attacker was dead. When the police came, it was decided that he would be safer staying at the barangay police station, as many times the locals take matters into their own hands.

Sitting there alone, John’s thoughts turned back to the church, where several hours earlier he and his



Aaron and Melissa hand a Bible to John.

wife had made the decision for baptism.

“How could this wonderful night turn into something so awful?” he asked God.

After a few days, the church members found a safe place for John and his family to stay until things calmed down. It was during this time that we visited with him. He told us that he knew in his heart that God was with him and would make something good out of the situation.

The peace that we had seen on his face during his stand for baptism was gone. We prayed with John and assured him that his life was in God’s hands. We continued to pray for John and his family; the church continued to shower them with love.

On the last Friday evening of our meetings, John and his family came back and were warmly welcomed by the church. Again, during the final call for baptism, John and his wife again came forward, reiterating their desire for baptism. It was a night of rejoicing. That evening, John and the other baptismal candidates were given new Bibles. John carefully turned the pages of his Bible, tears streaming down his face. He knew the promises in this special book would sustain him.

The next morning was a bright and beautiful Sabbath on Palawan Island. The church members, baptismal candidates, and team members from all six meeting venues came together for a special church service and potluck. Would John and his family be there?

As soon as I saw them come into the church, we made room for them on our pew. They were focused on the sermon, listening intently to the message being given by Pastor Ric Swaningson. Later in

the afternoon, almost everyone gathered together at the swimming pool at the lodge where the team members stayed. More than 150 people were baptized, including John and his wife. I know the entire heavenly hosts were singing praises to God.

When John came up out of the water, a big smile was on his face. I saw the joy of Jesus and the peace of understanding there. He knew his home was now in heaven and that God was with him. I went up to him and hugged him. He said, “Thanks for coming to Palawan. I have two new friends--Jesus and you!”

Palawan will always be a special place for me; I too, found a new relationship with Jesus there. It was in Palawan that I also rededicated my life fully to Jesus and His mission. When I became involved with Adventist World Aviation on this mission trip, I saw firsthand the impact this ministry has—but not just in Palawan. Every team member from the United States was impacted by this ministry; every church member who came to our meetings was impacted; the village people were impacted; and the mission office was impacted.

Adventist World Aviation has been invited to come back to Palawan to share the message of Jesus. There is still so much work to be done there. There are still so many people who have not yet received Jesus, or even heard His special name. Palawan needs AWA to come back with team members, to continue their mission aviation service throughout this island; Palawan needs you!

Please continue to support this project. Your daily prayers and your monthly donations are much needed and appreciated, and will help people like John to discover the joy of trusting in God and His Word.

Aaron West was one of the speakers during the Palawan meetings in February 2014. He is a certified welder in California.

\*Not his real name.



# The Hanleys: Easing Pain, Bringing Comfort, Saving Lives



**I**t was slightly past midnight when I heard the persistent knock of the diesel engine, which invaded the subconsciousness of my sleep; but not enough to cause me to consider what it might mean. About the time I realized that something was happening, the truck tires crunched on the gravel and the engine sounds faded into the distance, returning silence to the Central American night.

My son, Zack, and I were the guests of Clint and Marilyn Hanley at the mission airbase of Wings Over Nicaragua. Marilyn, a registered nurse, had been summoned from her bed not long after midnight to check the status of a young woman in labor in the nearby village of Tronquera. It seems that babies have a peculiar need to make their arrival into this world at the most inconvenient times. While mothers-to-be have no control over the timing, night-time deliveries seem to create a greater fear of complications.

After her examination, Marilyn had enough concern to recommend that the mother-to-be should be rushed to the nearest rural hospital/clinic. From here, she passed the torch on to her husband, Clint, who is a mission pilot by day and

pick-up truck/ambulance driver by night. Clint loaded the patient into the back seat of the truck and rushed off for the one-hour drive to the Wasparam hospital, which I later discovered was the cause of my midnight awakening. Clint wheeled into the hospital with just a few minutes to spare. Thankfully, the first-time mother gave birth uneventfully under the supervision of a doctor. Then Clint was able to get a couple of hours sleep before the misty dawn broke over the forest.

We met in Managua, where we spent a few days following Clint around, doing business and searching for a variety of items with moderate success. The dozens of taxi rides, heavy traffic, and multiple stops to accomplish simple tasks brought back memories of our time in Guyana, where similar conditions prevail. The highlight was hailing a taxi while standing along the road with a 20-foot extension ladder. Thankfully, we found a resourceful Nicaraguan driver who was willing to tie it on with some twine and take us to our destination for shipping. Clint's supplies were shipped on a very long overland journey by

truck from Managua and were simply addressed “Tronquera Gringo.”

After negotiating the complex security and filing procedures at the Managua International Airport, our departure in the mission Cessna 172 was uneventful; we soon left the towering volcanoes behind as we headed for the Miskito Coast known as the RAAN (Region Autónoma Atlántico Norte). The RAAN is the largest region, but also the most isolated, and the area residents are often underserved. Locally, Spanish is rarely spoken, in favor of the indigenous Miskito language. Remarkably, Clint, Marilyn, and their children, Brandel and Bethany, speak it quite fluently.

It is here, among the Miskito people, that the Hanleys have established a mission airbase—the only one of its kind in the country. Mission pilots, with the use of their planes, have a unique ability to ease suffering and save lives, and are therefore the frontline of mission service. Emergency medical flights, from remote airstrips to the hospital in Puerto Cabezas on the coast, save hours or even days for patients suffering from illness or injury, and often save many lives.

Marilyn serves as the main source of medical consultation in the community and is often called to make house calls.

## Hope Restored

**T**he tropical sun blazed down as two girls, hot and tired from a three-hour trip, trudged down a dusty road. Gabriella and her sister, Arlen, were walking from the village of TeeKaimp to Tronquera, hoping to see the nurse. Since an accident at 5 years old, Gabriella had been blind in one eye. Now at the age of 21, her bad eye had become progressively white and swollen.

The condition of her eye was not life-threatening, but it was causing increasingly painful migraine headaches. However, if left untreated for much longer, the condition of her eye would have become life-threatening in the near future. Fortunately, her visit coincided with doctors who

This service often requires her to travel on an ATV through muddy jungle trails across creeks and ravines, usually in the dark and in heavy rain, just to arrive at patient homes. It is this selfless demonstration of compassion that builds trust and prepares hearts to hear of the compassion of Jesus Christ.

If we, as human beings from a foreign land, are willing to travel through harsh conditions to come to the aid of those in need, how much more will our heavenly Father come to our aid during times of trouble?

The Hanleys have invited AWA to partner with them in order to grow and develop this project. The challenge has been accepted and we need missionaries to help make this happen. Are you an experienced pilot or mechanic who is feeling a call to mission service? Give us a call or go online at [www.flyawa.org](http://www.flyawa.org) and fill out an application; we want to hear from you!

Jud Wickwire serves as AWA's director of operations.



Thanks to the help of Clint and Marilyn Hanley, Gabriella was able to receive an operation to replace a dead eye, which was causing complications that could have become life threatening.



Gabriella has been blind in one eye since the age of five because of an accident. As she grew older, the eye had become progressively white and swollen.

were visiting from the United States. After performing a medical evaluation, the doctors were able to confirm that her eye was dead, and that it was indeed the cause of her migraine headaches.

The doctors then informed her that the headaches would progressively get worse if her eye was not removed in the near future. Unfortunately, with no equipment or training, the doctors weren't able to help her immediately. So, for the time being, she was sent home with a little bit of medicine to treat her migraines.

Every month she faithfully came to the clinic for her medicine and for a simple check-up of her eye. Without the proper means of treatment, her migraine headaches continued to progressively get worse. In order to better manage and care for her condition, it was thought that she would have to make multiple trips to the capital city of Managua for evaluation, operation, and follow-up. The journey to Managua is no simple task. It is a long trip, expensive, and can be especially scary to a young lady who has never before experienced what it is like to be in the city.

As we helped her start the long multi-step process, we heard of the recent arrival of an ophthalmologist in a nearby city of Puerto Cabezas. After an initial evaluation appointment, the doctor consented to do the operation locally without sending her to Managua. On the appointed date, I flew her to the hospital and checked her into the

emergency room for an operation the following morning. The check-in process took approximately three hours.

After much prayer and continued faith, we were told that the operation was successful. Fortunately, she was only required to stay for an additional day to monitor her progress. I was able to check on her multiple times and bring her food throughout the day.

On the day of discharge, she was still a bit unsteady from the procedure. I flew her back home and then drove her to her house, which was approximately 45 minutes from the runway.

About a month later we took her into town again to see the doctor, who was very pleased with the results. Her migraines were completely gone and she seemed much happier. The next thing on the list was to get her a prosthetic. Glass eyes are not available on this side of the country, so we had to make a special arrangement with the doctor to bring in a glass eye to the capital city of Managua.

Another month went by before we were able to return to the big city for her to receive the glass eye. Once we arrived, the doctor placed a large mirror to her back, and then slipped the glass eye in place underneath her eyelid. With the glass eye in place, the doctor turned the chair around and for the first time she saw her eyes—both normal in appearance and exactly the same color. To say the least, Gabriella was thrilled.

Gabriella is one of hundreds of patients that we are able to minister to and help. Although her eye was not life-threatening at the time, it would have become so if it had been left untreated. Preventing sickness and improving the quality of life are also important parts of our work. This is all made possible because of the donations from around the world to help people in hard situations. Thank you for your help!

Marilyn and Clint Hanley are helping to meet medical needs and bring comfort to people in a remote area of Nicaragua.





# The Flight Plan

**T**his month in AirWays, we want to show appreciation to our donors and volunteers. It is because of you that Adventist World Aviation exists and is able to carry on our mission to make the world a better place. I hope you realize the importance of your prayers and monthly donations for this ministry. Each prayer is heard in heaven and each dollar contributed goes to help continue God's work.

## VOLUNTEERS

Adventist World Aviation appreciates our volunteers. They help us in many ways. It is a pretty common mistake to think of volunteering as just something nice that people can do. Yes, it makes them feel great about helping, but their services have a great impact on our ministry. Some of the areas in which AWA has benefited from our volunteers include evangelism outreach in Palawan, cleaning and winterizing the hanger, working on the planes in the hanger, stuffing envelopes in the office, giving mission reports during church services, and helping out at AWA booths at various conventions.

If you have been one of our volunteers, we thank you for your services. You have helped keep our ministry going, and have helped share God's love around the world.

## MONTHLY DONOR PROGRAM

Donations are what keep our planes flying, provide for our missionaries, keep the lights on in the office, and provide the salaries for AWA's employees. Can you imagine what it would be like if your paycheck was "hit and miss?" Could you sleep soundly at night if you were wondering whether your income was coming in for that month?

The same is true for Adventist World Aviation. Each month we trust God to provide for this ministry; we believe that God has entrusted you (our donors) to help us in service for Him.

Therefore, to help make this easier on you, and consistent for us, we are beginning a MONTHLY DONOR PROGRAM. Those who participate in this program will become part of Adventist World Aviation's partnership program--the Navigators! Won't you consider becoming one of our Navigators?

A Navigator partner with Adventist World Aviation is one that gives monthly--at an average of \$1,200 per year. This can be done either through automatic donations on your credit or debit card, through automatic PayPal donations, or by consistently sending in your check or money order each month. For Adventist World Aviation, we consider this "auto pilot" giving from our Navigators.

## GET INVOLVED

There are many ways that you can be involved and stay connected with Adventist World Aviation, and we invite you to participate in any way that works for you. We keep our Web site updated with reports from the mission fields, new and exciting mission videos, announcements, and many other things. Please log on each day and see what new and exciting things are happening ([www.flyawa.org](http://www.flyawa.org)). Stay connected with AWA through Twitter and Facebook! On Twitter you can find us at @adventistworlda, and on Facebook we can be found by searching Adventist World Aviation or AWA. Please check us out and "FRIEND" and "LIKE" us!

Thank you for connecting with us in 2014!

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# The Black Shorts

Through my educational program at Walla Walla University, I have been blessed with the opportunity to work with the AWA missionary team in Guyana for several months now. I have enjoyed homeschooling the Labores’ children, tutoring the locals, playing sports with the youth, helping with Bible studies and Sabbath School programs, assisting on medical evacuation flights, and doing maintenance on the aircraft. From all of my adventures and challenges, I have seen and learned many things; but one thing that I am still learning is to freely give.

One morning, a boy named Timothy came by our house trying to sell us lemons. He comes every few days with fruit from his family to sell us, and I always find it amusing how much fruit he wants us to buy.

Once, he came to our house with 40 pounds of bananas for us to buy. We picked out a fraction to buy from him, but he kept urging us to buy more. It was apparent he needed the money; we asked him why. He told us that he was required to wear black shorts to meet the dress code for the school function that day. If we bought all of his bananas, he would go down to the market and purchase his shorts. However, he still needed more money to pay the bus fare, as he didn’t have enough time to walk. His hope of participating prevented him from seeing the realistic difficulty.

Right then, God reminded me of the black shorts I had. I thought to myself, “I wouldn’t mind letting Timothy borrow them—even though I’m tall, and it’s hard for me to find shorts to buy.”

Although I realized I would probably never see my shorts again, I still decided to help him. When I gave him my shorts, he had a big grin on his face and his eyes glowed with excitement.

There are many things you can give people, including time, food, and money. Everyday you also give people intangible things, such as hate, sorrow, amusement, joy, or love. But what is the most valuable gift? Giving my shorts to Timothy taught me that joy and love are the most important gifts that you can give. In fact, they are the gifts that Jesus gives us every day. The love and joy from knowing Jesus is a great treasure, and I am glad for the opportunity to share them here in Guyana.

Brendan McNally serves as a student missionary in Guyana, assisting Bill and Laura LaBore as they help to meet the needs of and share with those in need.





# God Works Through Us

Sometimes I have a difficult time with patience. When you live in the jungle, hundreds of miles from the nearest city, patience is a necessity. Things happen a lot slower in Guyana, than in the States. For example, cooking a meal usually takes at least an hour, because everything must be made from scratch. Putting gasoline in the car can take two or three times longer, since there are no pumps and the gasoline must be siphoned.

Shopping takes a long time, because every store sells something different; if you want PVC pipes, fittings, and glue, you visit three different stores—one for each item. And, to top it all off, you must walk or ride a bike everywhere. You could take a bus, but you never know when you will find one going where you need to go; so don't count on it. Suffice it to say, things don't happen instantly. God works in a similar way.

The book of Genesis is filled with stories about people who did not have patience. God made many promises to Abraham and his offspring, but He did not fulfill them right away. Abraham was promised a son; Abraham and Sarah became impatient with God and tried to have an heir through Hagar. Jacob was promised the birthright blessing of his father. He secured this promise through deception, instead of waiting and trusting God. Moses was told that he would deliver the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. Yet, he had to wait another 40 years in exile before he was ready to be used by God to deliver the Israelites from the hand of Pharaoh.

God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Even in the New Testament we find Judas trying to push Jesus to set up an earthly kingdom, because he was too

impatient to wait and understand God's true purposes.

God works the same way in the mission field today. He knows what is best and the best time for things to happen. In the seven months that I have been in Guyana, I have seen God working in very obvious and amazing ways. However, this does not happen every day. Most days come and go, each day bringing its own small challenges. Many times I feel as if the things I do daily do not make a difference in the lives of others; other days I feel the exact opposite. I am put in positions where I have to make difficult decisions that affect the lives of people around me and affect their views of God. It seems like a terrible responsibility to bear. However, ever so often, God uses the groundwork laid by these day-to-day interactions to pave the way for something amazing.

Since being here, two separate churches and many individuals have requested Bible studies. In addition, others throughout the community have requested us to provide Sabbath Schools and children's programs for them. Yet, it has not always been this way.

When the AWA missionaries first arrived in Guyana, it was very difficult for them to see progress in their work. There is a time for building relationships and learning the culture that everyone must go through before souls can be won.

Joshua McKinney has learned many valuable lessons through his experience as a student missionary—one of them is patience.





# Little Things Bring Big Blessings!

“**S**ista Laura, meh needing some shoes fo’ meh daughta,” she replied. Karen, her 15 year-old daughter, really wanted to go to school, but she had no shoes. She was borrowing her cousin’s shoes so that she could go.

The school dress code in Guyana includes black enclosed shoes. They cost about two days’ wages, which is about \$10 USD. For families who have six to ten children, and barely enough money to feed their children, this can be difficult or impossible.

Sadly, Laura had to inform the mother that there were none available at this time, but that we were expecting a shipment of several barrels filled with precious donated items. The mother’s face lit up in anticipation.

Then we decided that this time, instead of giving away the shoes, we would conduct a work-a-thon, giving the children the opportunity to work for the shoes; they could pick up trash along the main road for an hour in exchange for a pair of shoes.

When the much-anticipated barrels arrived, they were off-loaded from the boat and brought back to our home. The shoes were separated by size and carefully organized; then, they sat quietly until Sunday morning, waiting for their new owners.

Bright and early on Sunday morning, about 7:00 a.m., the sun was already hot and showing its jungle fierceness. The children were already quietly waiting outside the gate of our home. By 8:00 a.m. we opened the gates and about 80 children came swarming in.

Laura explained the “game plan” for the day. They were to line up, then four or five would come into the kiosk at a time and select the shoes they wanted and that fitted. Then their little hands were marked with a permanent marker, so they wouldn’t go around twice; their name was written on a piece of paper and shoved into the shoes, and the shoes were set aside.

After this process, the children would go out and collect the trash along the main road for an hour. If they worked well, they could return and retrieve their shoes.

It took about an hour for everyone to choose their shoes, during which time another 20 more children showed up for shoes. At the end, we sadly had to turn away more than 30 children, as we did not have enough shoes.

The children did a great job picking up the trash. Many onlookers were very impressed by the children lugging large sacks of trash and cleaning the roads. The children laughed and joked as they went along,



The Calimesa Contemporary Issues Sabbath School class sent a barrel full of shoes to Guyana, where the cost of a pair of shoes is two days' wages.



After participating in a work-a-thon, each child received a pair of black enclosed shoes, enabling them to meet their school dress code.

all happy to have the opportunity to help and thinking of their new pair of shoes that was waiting for them when they finished their work.

Once their task was completed, we passed out water for them to drink and their shoes. Each child who received a pair of shoes was also given two pairs of socks, which were also donated.

We are very grateful to the Calimesa Contemporary Issues Sabbath School class for all their hard work in sending a barrel full of shoes. This is the same Sabbath School class that also passes around an empty gas can every Sabbath, and more than \$500 is raised every month for fuel money for the plane.

Along with the shipment of shoes, we also received five barrels of donated clothing and toys from two other churches. These barrels were emptied and divided into bags, which were specifically packed for individual homes; not an easy task. Then came the fun part of distributing them.

We trudged up and down trails to reach some of the houses, carrying the bags. The smiles on their faces when we reached their homes made it all worth it.

Last year we had received several donations of clothing and toys, which were passed out on Christmas Eve. People are still talking about how much they appreciated the gifts. One such family is Mr. and Mrs. Stahl.

Mr. Stahl is about 80 years old. The big smile he wears on his face is probably longer than he is tall. His wife is incoherent when she speaks, and it is hard to know whether she understands you at all. Her grey

eyes stare far away as she babbles. Wisps of white hair hang at her shoulders.

It was Christmas Eve, and they had just finished eating the last of their rice. The cupboards were empty in their little home. They looked out their window and saw Bradley Church, one of our student missionaries, walking down the hill, carrying a bag filled with food and some clothing. Mr. Stahl said, "No one has ever shown God's love in that way before." He wanted to know more about the God we serve; he now regularly attends Bible studies, and the excitement in his eyes is fun to see.

Recently, he told us about growing up in a large family, and how there was no money to send him to school; all he learned to do was write his name. It is hard to study the Bible when you cannot read and your eyesight is poor. Using some donation money, we were able to buy him a CD player and a CD that contained the Bible. We will also be giving him sermons and Christian music. He was overwhelmed with gratitude when we gave these items to him.

We thank each one of you for the time, effort, and money to send us these much-needed items. You are part of the AWA team and the work that is being done. Without your support, none of this would be possible!

The LaBore family, Bill (project manager) and Laura (pilot) with their two children, Micah and Danielle, have been serving in Guyana since 2005.





# Thank You For Giving To The Lord

**W**hile visiting Paruima, Guyana, we discovered an old classmate of mine. Funny the people you run into! While visiting with her and her husband, they told us about the success they had using a 10% Lugol's iodine solution to treat leishmaniasis, commonly known as "bush ass" in Guyana.

The disease is transmitted by the sand fly, which is a parasite that lives in the skin, causing an ulcer and other complications. The ulcers are painful and take months to heal. Leishmaniasis is serious in its own right, but secondary infections are a great risk, as well.

We knew of an old woman near us who had an ulcer on her foot from "stepping on snake urine." In trying to make the ulcer go away, they had tried all kinds of treatments, such as folk medicine, creams from the hospital, and "burning it with kerosene." We wanted to try this simple iodine treatment, which includes using a hot water bottle to induce a local fever of at least 103 degrees for an hour.

Upon our return from Paruima, we did not have time to give the woman the treatments, so we gave some of the iodine solution to the people who were already giving her other types of treatments, explaining to them how to administer the iodine. About a month later they reported that the ulcer had healed nicely.

At the end of February, we heard about an eight-year-old girl who had an ulcer on her foot; the doctor had informed her mother that they could not do anything more to help her. Then the girl's mother came and asked us to help them. Since the mother is a nurse at the local hospital, we decided to teach her how to give her daughter daily treatments; then, we would go every other day to take pictures of the progress.

Through our training, we explained that God works with us, as we work with Him in helping our bodies heal. We informed the mother that the heat helps weaken the parasite. The iodine also weakens the parasite, while boosting the immune system. We also emphasized the importance of prayer for God's healing touch and wisdom.

The first three days we went with the "see one, do one, teach one" idea. On the second day, the ulcer looked less "beefy" and the mother was very encouraged. We returned on Sabbath and stayed while the mother applied the treatment to her daughter. We sang songs, told a Bible story, and did a craft with the four girls who lived in the house. The two women there also enjoyed the stories and songs, as much as the children. Every other day I would go back to the house and take pictures of the progress in the healing

*“Thank you for giving to the Lord.  
I am a life that was changed.  
Thank you for giving to the Lord.  
I am so glad you gave.  
Then another man stood before you  
And said, “Remember the time  
A missionary came to your church  
And his pictures made you cry.  
You didn’t have much money,  
But you gave it anyway.  
Jesus took the gift you gave  
And that’s why I’m here today.”*

of the ulcer; on Sabbath I would do a little program with them.

One day I was talking to one of the women and she asked why Jesus had to come to earth. I asked if she knew about the “Fall.” She had never heard about it, and so I told her the story of Lucifer “falling” from heaven.

She asked if she could borrow my book with the story of Adam and Eve, which I gladly loaned to her. When I returned to her home the next Sabbath, she informed me that she had read the first bit of the book and began asking questions. Based on her questions, I wondered if she had heard the story of how the world had come into existence, according to the Bible. Since she had not heard the story of Creation, I read the first chapter and a little of the second chapter of Genesis to her and the girls. They were delighted!

Since the little girl’s foot was almost healed, I informed them that I did not need to come out on Sabbaths any more. But they said, “No, sister! Please keep coming and telling us Bible stories and bringing little crafts.”

It is exciting to see another small group of people gathered together to hear stories of Jesus. In fact, a few other little girls asked if they could come and join the group.

Our documented treatment results were reviewed with the local doctor, who is familiar with the girl’s medical condition. He was willing to reexamine the girl. Hopefully, this is a treatment that can be implemented so more people can be relieved of the pain and suffering of this disease.

When I think of the older woman and this little girl, who suffered with the painful disease of leishmaniasis, I am so thankful for the donations received by Adventist World Aviation that help maintain our service for Jesus. Many people, who have been served because your donations, may not be able to thank you in person. But when we get to heaven they will say, “Thank you,” as stated in the words of Ray Boltz’ song, “Thank You for Giving to the Lord.”

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Greg and Chrystal VanFossen, along with their two children, Brandon and Serena, have been serving in Guyana since May of 2011.



# A Sabbath in Early Spring



This group of missionaries is practicing for a concert in a nearby village. Concerts provide a non-threatening way to establish a presence in an unentered area.

**I**t was Friday; the airplane was fueled and ready to go. Its covers were all in place to prevent ice from forming on the tops of the wings and control surfaces. The pre-heat system was plugged in to make for safe and easy starting. It would be near 0 degrees Fahrenheit in the morning.

On Sabbath morning, at the Kotzebue church worship services, we announced that there were three empty seats in the plane for the trip to Shungnak. Immediately the seats were filled with young adults, hungry for mission experiences and adventure—two nurses from the local hospital and one college student visiting family locally. The attraction of seeing the scenic beauty of the southern flank of Alaska's Brooks

Range and the Kobuk River Valley was an added benefit.

The five people on board for this flight to Shungnak were pilots Jim and Linda Kincaid, and passengers Amy Remboldt, Renetia Lewis, and Brian Glass.

The purpose of the visit to Shungnak was two-fold; we try to visit our far-flung missionaries at least once a month to encourage them and give them support and we bring needed things with us. Yet this time we were also planning and practicing for a music concert for our presentation in the nearby village of Kobuk in a couple of weeks.

Concerts are a non-threatening way to enter villages where we have had no presence. We have now been invited by the pastor of the dominant religion to hold a concert in his church. We have a second concert scheduled in another larger village in the near future. Our efforts to break down prejudices are bearing fruit.

It is our prayer that God will continue to bless His work in this beautiful, but challenging, mission field.

Jim and Linda Kincaid, both pilots living in Kotzebue, Alaska, have served for over 36 years in various capacities including as pastor and church administrator, Native missions, commercial aviation, and aircraft maintenance.



# How Much Do You Want this Business?

**W**hen one thinks about donations, they usually think in terms of money—checks, cash, or a credit card transaction. But donations come in various forms—volunteering time or gifts of tangible items. For Adventist World Aviation, in addition to financial gifts, we appreciate volunteers giving their time to our ministry, as well as gifts of tangible objects, e.g. cars, airplanes, airplane parts, clothing, toys, and other supplies to help our missionaries serve in the mission field.

A few months ago, AWA and AWA-AZ (Thunderbird Adventist Academy) received a much-needed radio from TKM, Inc./Michel Avionics, located in Scottsdale, Arizona. The radio was for one of their training aircrafts—without it, the plane could not be flown.

Derrick Heisey, flight instructor and Erik VanDenburgh, project director of the AWA-AZ school, went to TKM, Inc./Michel Avionics to visit with their management and to see about getting a radio for their aircraft. Upon entering the office of TKM, they were greeted by the secretary. Immediately, she picked up the telephone and called the CEO, Ken Becicemeyer, asking him if he would like to meet the customers in the lobby. He immediately said, “Yes, of course!”

When Ken came into the lobby and greeted Derrick and Erik, it was his first day and his first hour as the new owner

of this company, and he was greeting his first customers. After talking with Derrick and Erik for a few minutes, and learning about their mission aviation program at Thunderbird Adventist Academy, he immediately said, “As my first transaction, I am pleased to donate a new radio for your aircraft, and we will also repair your other radios.”

Previously to becoming the CEO for TKM, Ken had been the CEO for AmSafe Global Holding, another aerospace company, but had retired about five years ago. Then, he decided he wanted to purchase a small aviation company, and, after much prayer, came across TKM.

Not only is Ken the new CEO of TKM; he is also on the board of directors and treasurer for Phoenix Seminary, which is a nationally recognized, graduate-level theological seminary located in the heart of Phoenix, Arizona. He also serves on the board of the Phoenix Rescue Mission in Phoenix. He believes in letting God lead him in his endeavors and has asked God to help him minister to others through TKM. Ken is happy that God caused his first sale to be a donation and to become introduced to such a great group as AWA-AZ!

Thanks to the generosity of Ken Becicemeyer, AWA-AZ (Thunderbird Adventist Academy) is able to continue their flight instruction for young students, and this is encouraging them into service for Jesus.



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# AWA Third Annual Fly-In and Memorial Day Weekend 2014

The events of the third annual fly-in at the McDermott Air Park in Sullivan, Wisconsin, began with Sabbath School and church services at the Waukesha Community Seventh-day Adventist Church in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Jeremiah Weeks, the associate director for ShareHim, presented the sermon entitled Contact! His message contained interesting aviation stories, emphasizing the importance of communication; we need to communicate the story of Jesus daily with others—creating Kingdom friends. Then a special potluck lunch was provided by the church family for all the guests.

Bright and early on Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m., people began arriving at the McDermott Airport for a breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, vegetarian sausage, and orange juice.

As people ate and enjoyed their food, friendships were renewed and new ones were made; and the musical talents of Nancy Morauske created the perfect ambiance for fellowship.

It was amazing to see the 40 planes come flying in, including a Stinson aircraft. At one point, seven planes were sequenced for landing into the pattern for runway two-four. It was exciting to see the planes positioned on the grassy areas along the runway.

Around noon, everyone was treated to an aviation show put on by remote control pilots with various model planes, some as unusual as a flying lawn mower. Then, in the early afternoon, the children had an opportunity to participate in the Young Eagles program, allowing them to fly in a small aircraft—many for the first time.



Pastor Ric and Nancy Morauske providing music for the guests.



The first aircraft to arrive, flown by one of the guests.



Emily Waagen is admiring the 1944 Stinson.



Dawn Swaningson and Christine Christian help prepare breakfast for the group.

As I visited with several of the people from the community who came to enjoy the day, I was told such things as, “This is one of the best fly-ins we have been to in quite some time.” Another lady from Palmyra informed me, “I did not realize all that Adventist World Aviation did. What a great ministry!”

When I asked several of the young people why they came, they told me, “We love airplanes and wanted to experience our first airplane ride. And we wanted to eat pancakes.”

Many from the community left knowing more about Adventist World Aviation and its worldwide ministry. It was a great day, and thank you to all who helped

make this event a great success!

Plans are already being made for the fourth annual fly-in, which is scheduled for Sunday, May 24, 2015. We invite you to join us and help share in the fun, the food, and the ministry of Adventist World Aviation.

Charlene West is project development and evangelism director for AWA.

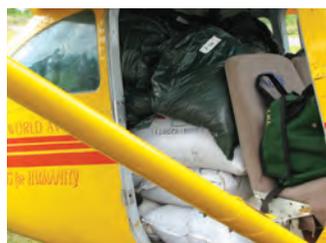


Some of the many guests enjoying the Sunday-morning pancake breakfast.



One of the model RC airplanes that provided a fun airshow.

# Sustainability



**H**ave you ever called to make an appointment with your favorite hairdresser or barber, only to discover that they no longer work there? What is the first thing you do? Probably try and figure out where they have moved to so you can follow them, and you might even go to great lengths to keep your locks in the caring hands of that someone you trust. In my case I have to admit that the need for a favorite barber sailed a few years ago due to lack of follicles.

Nevertheless, none of us would have to think very hard to come up with examples of people with whom we have developed a relationship of trust. How about your dentist or hygienist? Or the mechanic that you know you can trust to do the job right and charge you fairly? In most cases, when our trusted provider moves on, it is little more than an inconvenience, but the truth is we embrace those certainties and securities in our lives, and change is often discouraging.

Imagine the impact of change in front-line missions; the loss of a mission aviation program in a remote area is devastating. A

core objective of Adventist World Aviation is sustainability. Projects are designed and intended to serve “for as long as needed.” Sustainability of missionary families, sustainability of mission projects, and sustainability of missions support. AWA missionaries daily demonstrate the love, care, and compassion of Jesus to those who have never seen it before. We want to express our deepest gratitude for the support of this unique ministry, for making it possible to directly impact the lives of thousands every year.

AWA is growing in answer to many calls for help to carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ to places where no other method of transportation is available.

Thank you for helping us do even more!

Jud Wickwire serves as AWA's director of operations.



# The Planned Giving Society

**A**dventist World Aviation has been blessed by those who have included AWA in their estate plan. Because of this, we are forming a Planned Giving Society, which is a list of those who have included AWA in their estate plans. These names would be published on a yearly basis in our AirWays magazine to honor those individuals, and to encourage others to follow their example.

If you have already included AWA in your estate plan, have designated assets to us through a Payable On Death designation, or have purchased a gift annuity of which AWA

is the final beneficiary, and you would like to be included in this list, please let us know. We will need your permission to include your name in our Planned Giving Society. If you wish that your name not be included, we would still appreciate knowing that you have included AWA in your estate planning.

Richard Habenicht is AWA's director of development.



Remember AWA is available to help with your estate planning through a will or trust. AWA is partnering with Western Adventist Foundation (WAF), a non-profit organization brought into existence to assist Adventist entities by expertly managing their trust services and planned giving programs. The WAF team is committed to the same values and goals on which AWA was founded about 20 years ago. Their attorneys, administrators, and caring business professionals have a vision to be an active part of the mission and ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, including ministries like AWA. For more information, please contact Richard Habenicht, AWA's trust director at 414-226-5195.



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- We are interested in learning more about how we might be able to include AWA in our Estate Plan.
- We have questions about estate planning. Please contact us.
- We have already included AWA in our estate plans.
- We have already included AWA in our estate plans and give permission for AWA to include our name in the Planned Giving Society.



# Adventist World Aviation Project Needs

## Guyana

Description	Budget	Received to Date	Amount Still Needed
55 gallon barrel of humanitarian supplies & airplane parts	\$2,400	\$1,617	\$783
Pathfinder plane - Final repairs	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
Pathfinder plane - Deployment	\$8,000	\$2,000	\$6,000
Cessna 206 - aircraft #2	\$150,000	\$15,000	\$135,000

## Philippines

Palawan Airbase (runway, hanger, house)	\$350,000		\$235,000
Helicopter	\$350,000	\$0	\$350,000
Pathfinder plane #2 - rebuilt	\$110,000	\$0	\$110,000

## Brazil

Cessna 206 on floats	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000
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## Alaska

Hanger in Dillingham	\$100,000	\$42,493	\$57,507
Kodiak aircraft	\$1,200,000	\$874,974	\$325,024
Cessna 172 - aircraft	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000
Cessna 206 - new engine	\$35,000	Purchased Thank You!	\$0

## AWA-Arizona (Aviation program at Thunderbird Adventist Academy)

Cessna 172 - aircraft	\$80,000	Purchased Thank You!	\$0
Aircraft support*	\$4,000	\$934	\$3,066

## AWA-Pennsylvania (Aviation program at Blue Mountain Academy)

Aircraft support*	\$3,500	\$60	\$3,440
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## AWA-Tennessee (Aviation program at Heritage Academy)

Cessna 172 - aircraft	\$80,000	\$20,000	\$60,000
Hanger and runway	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
Aircraft support*	\$3,500	\$25	\$3,475

\*Aircraft support-fuel, equipment, inspections, maintenance, insurance.



# In Memory and In Honor

The many gifts given in memory of a loved one are greatly appreciated by Adventist World Aviation. These special gifts help share Jesus with others through our aviation programs. If you wish to honor a loved one through a memorial gift, please indicate so with your donation and provide the individual's name. We will be happy to list your gift in a future *AirWays* magazine.

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