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PRESIDENT'S WEATHER REPORT:

# Showing Kindness to Others

**H**ave you ever insulted someone, cut in line in front of others, laughed at the misfortune of others, tried to look better than those around you, or ignored those needing help?

Our world today is full of people who are only thinking of themselves. They forget to show kindness, to help others, to respect others. Their attitude is that of a "survival of the fittest" mentality. They like to receive kindness, feel like they deserve the

has been a private pilot since 1973.

Pastor Story was a teenager when he first saw a Piper Colt, which he thought was a classic little aircraft. Years later, when a friend recommended that he buy a Tri Pacer, the Colt came to mind. Their children were grown and lived miles away, and the two of them could manage just fine in a PA22-108. He found N5302Z just south of Milwaukee. Jimmie asked Joseph to promise not to donate it like he had their last plane.

**"What is desired in a man is kindness." — Proverbs 19:22**

kindness, but they certainly are not willing to share kindness with others.

Fortunately, there are people in the world today who do show kindness in many ways, as much as possible, and who think of others first—all the time. Pastor Joseph Story and his wife, Jimmie are perfect examples.

Pastor Story is a semi-retired pastor. He and his wife Jimmie are currently the pastoral couple at the Payabya Seventh-day Adventist Mission near Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Pastor Story and his wife have been involved with mission trip evangelism since 1998. He is also a family nurse practitioner and

The Colt lived up to all Joseph's expectations. It was a clean, well-kept little plane. The controls were slightly heavier than the Cessna 150s he had flown. In keeping with the reputation of the short wing Pipers, it didn't bounce as much in turbulence. Neither did it have a long glide ratio. It was fun for him to fly.

Although the airport was only two miles from their home, it seemed there was little time for flying. Three churches can keep him very busy. After retirement, they kept busy with mission trips to various places and working in medical clinics. During this time, the

Colt sat waiting to be flown.

One day Joseph and I were talking on the phone about mission trips. In the course of our conversation, Joseph bemoaned his poor, rarely flown plane. So, I said, "Why don't you donate it to AWA?"

Then I proceeded to tell Joseph about our academy aviation programs, which could use such a plane. But, Joseph told me about the promise he had made to his wife—never give the plane away. Even though Joseph advertised it for sale, there were never any serious interests.

After getting the annual inspection done on it in December 2016, Joseph was making out the check to the City of Hot Springs for January and February hangar rent. Jimmie said, "That airplane is costing us a lot of money, for as little as you fly it." That was true. It was also true that Joseph wanted to see it used, preferably for a good purpose. Then she said "Why don't you donate it to AWA?" And that is what the Story's did. They know the plane will be used for the Lord's work, which gives them great pleasure and shows such kindness.

What is kindness? What does the Bible say about kindness?

In Galatians 5:22-24 (NIV) we read, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires."

Kindness is listed as one of the fruits of the Spirit. We also see love and mercy associated with kindness. In 2 Peter 1:7, Peter adds love to "brotherly kindness. In Colossians 3:13, Paul tells us to put on "tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, long-suffering."

In Proverbs 20:28 you can read the qualities God wants in a leader, "Mercy and truth preserve the king, and by lovingkindness he upholds his throne."

Philippians 2:3-4 tells us what kindness is, "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others."

Proverbs 19:22 states, "What is desired in a man is kindness." Psalm 25:6 also tells us that kindness is not a new thing, "Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your loving kindnesses, for they are from of old."

When God created mankind, He bestowed upon them various godly characteristics and traits. Kindness was one of them. When sin entered the world, we could choose to be kind to others, or to show a lack of kindness. God wants us to choose His way, which includes kindness. Throughout the Bible we read about God's mercy and kindness being shown through people He inspired. God sent many leaders and prophets to help His people, to bring them out of their wickedness, their life of bondage. These leaders were tools to extend God's lovingkindness and mercy to the world.

Adventist World Aviation is about showing kindness to others. Through Angel Flights, AWA is able to provide lovingkindness to patients who need to travel to medical institution for specialized treatments. The travel by car may be too long and hard for a patient. AWA's missionaries who are serving in other countries show lovingkindness each day to those they are serving.

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# The Flight Plan

A day doesn't go by that AWA isn't amazed and awed by the generosity of our supporters. Much growth has happened in 2016 alone. God has blessed AWA not only financially, but with new employees, missionaries, aircraft, equipment, and opportunities. It is our prayer that we will continue to serve and honor Him in all things.

We know you are praying for us each day. Each dollar given is a special reminder of your trust in our ministry. Thank you for your partnership as we continue to serve and reach out to those in need of Jesus' love.

## INTRODUCING A NEW AWA TEAM MEMBER

AWA welcomes Dustin Holliday to the team! He will be serving as Relief Pilot at our Nicaragua



Dustin and Lisa Holliday

Airbase when Artur & Margarita Karst go on furlough to Germany for the birth of their first child. Having Dustin available to meet our needs in Nicaragua was truly within God's timing. We were unsure how to keep operations going while Karst's were on furlough, and God provided a pilot. Dustin and his wife, Lisa, are currently long-term missionaries in Puerto Cabezas with the Vergo Mission.

In 2014, Dustin felt called by God to attend flight school and receive his private pilot's license followed by his commercial and instrument ratings. After successfully earning his ratings and certificates, he felt further led to serve as a missionary in Nicaragua. Since then, he had been waiting on God to show him how aviation would be part of his mission work.

*Adventist World Aviation* is happy to have him on board. Dustin is currently doing some flying with Artur and will be completing some training in the Cessna 182 at AWA Headquarters in May.

## OFF THE GRID & MISSION SPOTLIGHT

Have you had the opportunity to watch *Off the Grid*? These are mission stories and project updates that you will thoroughly enjoy, produced by AWA's videographer, Gloria Tokics Murphy. Episodes can be viewed on 3ABN on Mondays at 2:00 PM (Eastern Time) or on Hope Channel on Mondays at 9:00 AM, Thursdays at 6:30 PM, and Fridays at 12:00 PM (Eastern Time). Or you can view them all online on our website at [www.flyawa.org/videos/](http://www.flyawa.org/videos/)

## AWA Nicaragua Baby Medevac Mission Spotlight

[youtu.be/bIX1k0YZKBc](http://youtu.be/bIX1k0YZKBc)

Learn more about the ins and outs of Nicaragua Medevacs on this Mission Spotlight. This short video serves as a real reminder of the importance of



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aviation in the hard-to-reach areas of the world, where land and water transportation is long, slow and painful and when each minute could mean the difference between life and death for our brothers and sisters in Nicaragua.

## AWA Nicaragua Bad Alternator Mission Spotlight

[youtu.be/nnsd9NVS0tk](http://youtu.be/nnsd9NVS0tk)

Find out what happens when an AWA aircraft alternator breaks down mid-flight minutes away from the rural mission base in La Tronquera, Nicaragua! Learn about the difficulties of aircraft repairs, and how the Lord provides the means to keep the AWA aircraft in the air and serving the Miskito peoples.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### July 24-30, 2017

AWA will be set up at the **EAA AirVenture Oshkosh Fly-In & Convention** in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. With over 500,000 people attending, AWA hopes to spread the Gospel and share our amazing mission stories from

around the globe. Please come out in support!  
[www.eaa.org/en/airventure](http://www.eaa.org/en/airventure)

### July 28-August 5, 2017

Once again, AWA will have our booth set up at the **British Columbia, Canada, Camp Meeting**. We hope to see you there!  
[www.bcadventist.ca/article/7/camp-meeting](http://www.bcadventist.ca/article/7/camp-meeting)

### August 2-5, 2017

**Adventist-Laymen's Services & Industries (ASI) International Convention** is taking place in Houston, Texas, and AWA will be there. We are excited to reconnect with this community and look forward to the encouragement and the exchange of ideas. What a blessing! [www.asiministries.org/](http://www.asiministries.org/)

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# AWA Flights Support Missionaries in Alaska

In early April, the *Adventist World Aviation* mission plane was the transportation for a fast-moving itinerary through the Northwest Arctic. The purpose of the flight was to resupply missionaries in Shungnak with fresh groceries, carry extra luggage for missionaries in Selawik to Kotzebue, meet with the local church members and missionary families, and transport the Alaska Conference leadership to each site, especially to Ambler for their first-time visit.

Ambler is the proposed site for a new chapel and mission base. Elder Quentin Purvis, Alaska Conference Vice-President for Administration, and Elder Tobin Dodge, new Arctic Mission Adventure

Director, with pilots Jim Kincaid and Robert Gordon were together on the flight. It was a great experience to bring encouragement to the folks on the front lines after a long, sometimes lonely winter.

Please keep this mission work in your daily prayers. Your financial support to AWA's Alaskan project is greatly appreciated.

Jim and Linda Kincaid, both pilots living in Fairbanks, Alaska, have served more than 36 years in various capacities, including pastor and church administrator, native missions, commercial aviation, and aircraft maintenance.



Tony Sherman with children, Hezekiah and Abigail, on the snow machine with the out-of-town visitors in the sled ready for the return to the airport.



# Open House and Dedication Ceremony

The tarmac at the Johnson Regional Airport, North Carolina, was quiet as the first volunteers arrived on Sunday, March 26, and began setting up for the open house. Since some of the plans had changed just minutes before sundown on Friday, there were many things to accomplish.

Initially, the grand opening event for *Adventist World Aviation* expected to host approximately 50 guests. But, it was suggested that AWA uses a free online RSVP software to track interested attendees. As a result, the number of guests planning to attend had increased considerably. Late Friday afternoon, Pastor Ric Swaningson informed the airport staff about the increase in attendance to more than 260 people, which was four times the number anticipated!

The celebration and ribbon cutting ceremony



Carolina Conference President Leslie Louis offers dedicatory prayer alongside Ric Swaningson.

would happen at the beautifully renovated airport building. This was great news to AWA, knowing the guests would have a comfortable environment in the spacious main airport complex.

The warm breeze and upbeat conversation about *Adventist World Aviation* and what having the corporate offices located in North Carolina were enjoyed by those in attendance. As you may know, AWA's headquarters moved from Troy, Wisconsin to Smithfield, North Carolina in September 2016, to take advantage of better climate, both economically and meteorologically.

Currently, AWA is making plans for exciting programs, such as a flight training school to train future mission pilots who will get their roots in the Carolina Conference. The local Adventist community will further begin receiving a boost in public awareness and



People at the open house, learning about AWA, enjoying the refreshments, and meeting new friends.

appreciation through our Angel Flight program, which provides non-emergency mercy flights in the United States for patients who would benefit from a short flight versus a long, painful drive to a medical facility.

Elder Louis, the president of the Carolina Conference, has graciously extended a warm hand in partnership with AWA by offering a dedicatory prayer for the future partnership with the local church and God's blessings for the outreach we will accomplish together.

All of the missionaries of *Adventist World Aviation* wish to thank our new church family for your endorsement. We invite you to check out the mission stories found in the Off the Grid programs on *Adventist World Aviation* YouTube Channel. The stories share AWA's exciting work occurring around the world.

Prayerfully consider whether God is prompting you to support one of our special aviation programs or to provide financial support to one of our missionaries in the field to keep them in service to the people who benefit so greatly from our Adventist presence in their country.

Dan Storkamp serves as Director of Development for AWA.





# We're Rolling On



Top: John and Caroline Scofield taking a scenic flight.



Above: Robbie Hakes after first solo flight.

This school year, students were exposed to lots of new ideas and subjects as they went through ground school class. Most didn't have a lot of previous exposure to aviation. Some of them are also looking forward to gaining more experience getting some real flight time. Students enjoyed ride-along opportunities to observe their peers during training, and explored local aviation with various field trips.

Robbie Hakes, a junior at Thunderbird Adventist Academy, has jumped the solo flight hurdle and is working on obtaining his private pilot license before starting his senior year.

Robbie says, "Aviation is a passion for me. In fact, I couldn't wait to graduate from elementary school so that I could start the journey to becoming a pilot with the AWA-Thunderbird program. I couldn't wait to begin training, and I was hooked during my first flight lesson. I love being challenged, and flying an airplane [especially at this location] is a challenge.

I've worked hard at the school to pay my school



Left: TAA's aviation students for 2017.

Below: Folks enjoying the aviation breakfast during Alumni Weekend.



bill so that I can have some money to use for flying. I am amazed at what I have been able to accomplish so far, thanks to the support of my family and generous donors. One of the best days of my life was the day I passed the FAA pilot knowledge exam; but, I will never forget my first solo flight. Mrs. Simmons and I were flying around the Scottsdale traffic pattern when she asked how I felt about my control of the aircraft. I responded that I felt comfortable. Subsequently, she requested a full stop landing, and we taxied to the ramp. She wrote the endorsement in my logbook, pulled out her handheld radio, and said "I'll be listening," as she hopped out and closed the door. I made my circuit and landed safely! I love flying and look forward to receiving my private pilot license and progressive training for the next level. My plan for my future is to become a corporate or charter pilot, perhaps even in some form of mission service. Being able to achieve my dream of aviation is truly a blessing."

A large group of Thunderbird Adventist Academy (TAA), alumni and friends, joined us this spring for the annual aviation breakfast, as the school wrapped up its alumni weekend events. Sponsored in part by

TAA, this event has been growing in the last couple of years bringing a fun and casual atmosphere, with the opportunity to fellowship and to learn more about the AWA aviation program here.

We are blessed to have a great partnership with the Arizona Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. They allow AWA to be based at TAA. It's a win-win. Since aviation is strongly woven through the history here at the school, there is much interest to see it thrive again. With AWA providing the aircraft and staff for this homeland mission project, the ability to get flight-related experience is again something that is drawing students to the academy. We are excited to be able to provide this unique option to young people at TAA and are grateful for those who are cheering us on, supporting in various ways and praying for our success. Despite some challenges, we are receiving blessings and making headway as we work with students on the ground and flight program.

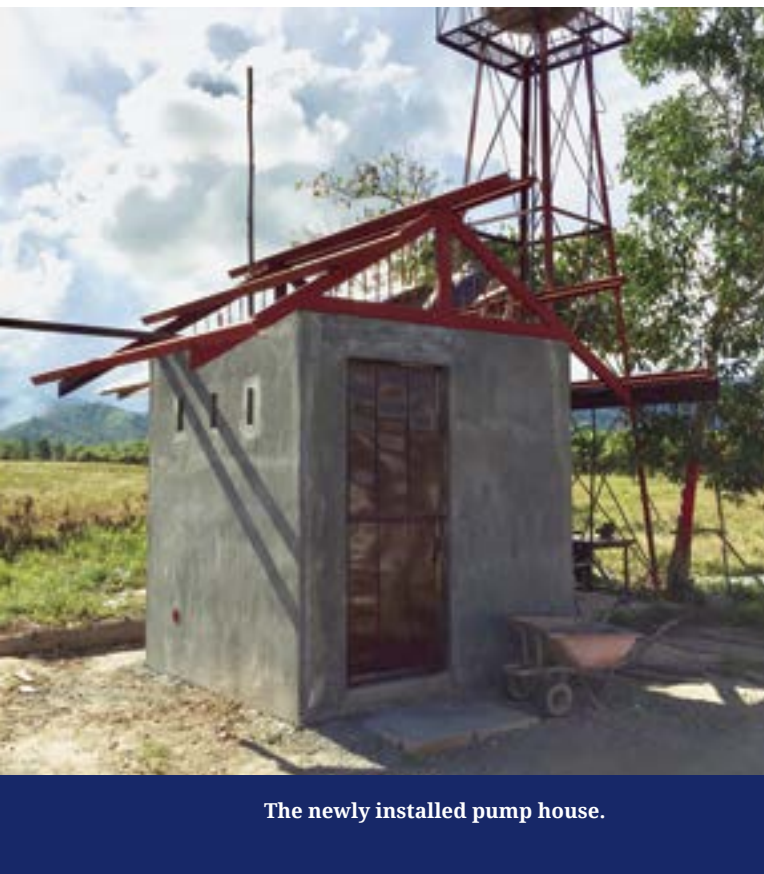
Dina Simmons is the Flight Director at Thunderbird Adventist Academy.







# Mission House Developments



The newly installed pump house.

**T**he mason's trowels scraped against the wet cement as they expertly smoothed the wall with wet mortar. The hot sun beat down on their backs and the ground, making the earth cracked and hard. It's the dry season, and the days are VERY hot.

The masons, Mr. Pikes and his nephew Mr. Hinero, have been working on the house for nearly a year; their talents are very much appreciated. They also appreciate having a job, since there are no other jobs in the area. When we run out of work for them, they will have to move their families to the main city to find work. We are hoping we can keep them as long as possible.

They finished building a secure enclosure around our well and pump. This area will also house the generator and pressure pump. There are some people here who are easily tempted to steal, so we must make sure that these things are secure.

We have received enough funds to buy a transformer and the electrical cable that will bring power to the site. We needed a total of 1,600 feet of electrical cable, two cables 800 feet each. Because the line has to cross the runway, we have to bury it

underground. The trench is already dug and waiting. We were only able to buy 800 feet of the needed line. We bought out the store and will need to find another place that has an uncut length of 800 feet we can buy.

Another exciting progress report is that last week we were able to buy most of the tile for the house. Our plan was to manage with cement floors. However, we discovered tile flooring wouldn't cost as much as we initially thought. Bill purchased the tiles but they were so heavy, and we did not want to damage the truck by loading them all on at once. Each box of ten tiles weighed about 65 pounds. It took three separate trips to bring them to the house, and another load of adhesive cement.

Getting building materials can be a challenge. It takes an hour to drive to the main city where the store is located. Even though the supplies are ordered in advance, it takes the store about an hour and a half to prepare and process the order. They check and double check all the receipts several times before leaving the store. Then, as they load the supplies on the truck, it is all checked again. Finally, Bill can travel the hour back home. It is about a three and half hour ordeal for each load.

In addition to the above activities and after



Micah (left) and Danielle (right) helping with the painting of their new home.

homeschooling, our family has been painting the house as time permits. It is always interesting to see what new colors we are wearing as we wash up and go home. I sometimes wonder if the walls get more paint, or if we do.

We will move in as soon as we finish putting in the electrical line, install a protective railing on the upper deck, install a fire extinguisher, and finally receive our occupancy permit. This mission house is the launch pad for this entire operation on Palawan. We are excited to get it done and get back to God's important work.

In between all this, Laura continues to work on getting her Philippine pilot's license. She has jumped through most of the legal hoops and is almost done. Good thing, too! The plane is expected to be finished and should arrive mid-summer, Lord, willing!

Thanks for your prayers and support.

The LaBore Family—Bill (project manager) and Laura (pilot and nurse), with their two children, Micah and Danielle, are now serving in the Philippines.







# Reaching Others for Jesus

Getting the mission house built has taken up most of our time in recent months. It is essential to have a safe place for our team members to stay before we move on to other projects. Fortunately, building houses, airbases, and other structures are not what gets us the most excited. The end-goal is not the structures, runways, or aircraft. The REAL reason we are here is to reach out to others

with the love of God. When we have opportunities to do outreach, we are thrilled. We love it when people come to our home for simple treatments, such as wounds or small infections. We do whatever we can with the supplies we have.

Other times, we go to different communities and take the medical care to them. Recently, we were able to team up with Drs. Karla and Kilman Boutet. Karla is a dentist, and Kilman is a doctor. They are missionaries who live near AWA's airbase. Their skills have made them invaluable team members. We enjoy working with them.

Bill and Laura LaBore also go when they can, giving Laura the opportunity to use her nursing skills. My wife, Raylene, has even been able to help with distributing medicines, keeping records, and translating. I am learning how to assist Dr. Karla in pulling teeth. We have people coming to us who have been suffering for some time with painful, rotting teeth. They are too poor to afford to go to the dentist, so when the tooth is extracted, they are relieved and happy. We also teach them how to brush their teeth so they can keep their teeth longer.

During one of our outreach programs, Laura took many blood pressures and blood sugars. They found three people whose blood sugars were so high; most

likely they had diabetes. The patients had no idea because they were never able to have their sugars checked before. Dr. Kilman was able to do a lot of lifestyle teaching to help lower their sugars. In many cases, medicines here are either unattainable or unaffordable to the people. Many are very willing to change their lifestyle, but they need to be taught.

We are in need of simple medical and dental supplies. If you are interested in helping by sending some of these items, please contact the project manager, Bill LaBore, directly at [blabore@flyawa.org](mailto:blabore@flyawa.org), and he can assist you with the logistics of sending the supplies. Some of the supplies needed are:

**Medical:** Gauze, 2x2s, 4x4s, 6x6s, etc., band-aids, clotrimazole cream for fungal infections (athlete's foot), triple antibiotic cream, cranberry capsules (for UTIs), medical tape, suture (all sizes), Otoscope.

**Dental:** Instruments for extracting teeth, especially an elevator, forceps and cauterizing sticks.

A couple of weeks ago, a man who was riding his motorcycle, swerved to avoid hitting a dog. He had a terrible accident and was severely cut in many places. When he came to us, most of his wounds had



Raylene helping in the medical clinics.

healed. However, his knee was swollen to the size of a lemon, and he could hardly walk. Even though we were just getting ready to go to church, Laura was able to treat it. Raylene invited him to join us at church, which he did. You never know what can happen with a little TLC. This man came back to our house last week and was so excited to show us how he could now walk and bend his knee without any pain. It still wasn't completely healed, but it looked much better.

We thank you for keeping us in your prayers that God will direct us to people in need that we can help.

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## HELP WANTED

You don't need to be a pilot to be a mission worker for *Adventist World Aviation*. Mission pilots and other missionaries are urgently needed. Do you have a desire to share Jesus with others, to live in another country and learn a different culture? *Adventist World Aviation* is expanding into other parts of the world and urgently needs pilots, A&P mechanics, A&P inspection authorities, certified flight instructors (CFI), project managers, Bible workers, and medical personnel. Pilots must have instrument ratings, commercial ratings, and high performance ratings.

Anyone interested should also have a strong desire to share the message of Jesus. Please send resume to Adventist World Aviation, 3457 Swift Creek Road, Corp. 3, Smithfield, NC 27577, or by e-mail to [info@flyawa.org](mailto:info@flyawa.org).



Dental team helping to relieve pain in patients.





# “I Was Blind, But Now I Can See!”

**A**s tears ran down on Anthony’s face he said, “I was blind, but now I can see! Now, I can hear the word of God every day!”

Recently teams from the Ministry of Public Health, the Mabaruma area Seventh-day Adventists churches, and our *Adventist World Aviation* (AWA) team conducted a joint outreach to the river communities of Obadiah and Hobadiah. The joint effort consisted of dental, medical, and spiritual support. Bruce represented our AWA team during the river visits.

While setting up the dental exam area at Hobadiah, Elder Sheldon approached Bruce and asked if he would be willing to share a message with a blind man and his wife, who were hoping to hear an inspirational message. Bruce discovered that Anthony and Delva

loved the Lord and that Anthony had been blind for the last 11 years. He so longed to read God’s Word and to feast on His Bread of Life daily. They heard that a church group was in their village and were hoping to hear an inspirational message.

Bruce asked if he could share a message for them that Jesus has placed in his heart. He shared the message of God’s love for all people, that the love of God is more than we could ever imagine, that God loves us so much that He sent His only Son to earth to save us all from our sins (John 3:16-17). Bruce also shared with them that Jesus desires for us all to love Him supremely. The love He is talking about is a deep abiding love that is willing to forsake all for Him.

In Luke 10:27, Jesus says we should love God with

all our heart, all our soul, all our strength and with all our mind and love our neighbor as ourselves.

How do we grow our love for God? By praying and feeding on His word daily.

Anthony expressed his appreciation for the inspirational message. He said, “Brother, I long to feast on God’s Word, but I am blind and cannot see.

Bruce said, “God will always make a way for our spiritual desires and growth.” Bruce followed by saying, “Brother, I believe God has arranged our special meeting today to fulfill a divine purpose.” Bruce explained he had a special gift for him that he carries for just this type of occasion. Bruce took out an audio Bible from his backpack and began explaining that due to the generosity of faithful partners and supporters in the United States, he had a solar-powered audio Bible to give to him.

Anthony’s expression was priceless. The joy on his face was indescribable. He was glowing and so very happy and excited to know that he could once again feed on God’s Word. As tears ran down Anthony’s face he said, “I was blind, but now I can see! Now, I can hear the Word of God every day!” Bruce said, “Brother, I wish all of us were as happy and excited to read the Word of God as you are to hear the Word of God. This world would be a much better place.”

Bruce explained that he was with *Adventist World Aviation*, a humanitarian organization based in Guyana to introduce people to our Lord and Savior, Jesus. Anthony was so happy that he couldn’t stop saying, “Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow! Please send my thanks to your partners in the States!”

Partners, thank you! Your prayers and support have enabled us to share Jesus with many in Guyana, just like Anthony.

Three weeks later Bruce and two missionary candidates from Germany were visiting Hobadiah. After lunch, they were talking in the boat next to the pier when they realized the bow of the boat had wedged under the pier. As the tide was falling Bruce, Vera, and Barbel struggled with removing the boat.

Things were not getting better as the water continued to fall. Suddenly, from out of nowhere, Delva appeared walking toward them on the pier.

“Good afternoon, brother,” she said.

Bruce replied, “Good afternoon, Delva! It is so good to see you again.” Bruce continued, “I think we have a small problem. We need to slide the boat bow out from under the dock; I’m unable to do it by myself.”

In less than 15 seconds Delva (about 57 years old) climbed underneath the dock in her dress and lowered herself into the brown river water to join Bruce with pushing the boat’s bow to free it from the wharf. After working the bow for about 10 minutes, they successfully freed the boat to everyone’s relief.

We all gave praise to God for the blessing. Delva said that Anthony sent his greetings and would like Bruce to visit him the next time he is in Hobadiah. Bruce promised to return in three days and he would visit Anthony. Delva shared Anthony’s happiness with his audio Bible which he listens to several hours a day and needs to charge it every other day. He repeatedly thanks our ministry for bringing him the Word of Life.

Three days later Bruce, Arnold, and Alfie returned to Hobadiah to visit with Brother Anthony in his home. Anthony shared the story of his blindness, that he has been blind three times and each time it was worse, and each time God restored his sight. We spent an hour sharing inspirational messages from the Bible with Anthony and his family. Anthony invited us to return and visit with him more. We agreed that we would return and next time we would study the Bible together and see what spiritual light is revealed to us all.

Please pray for Anthony and his family who live in the river community of Hobadiah. Anthony is seeking a closer walk with Jesus. Now that he has a solar-powered audio Bible he can feed on His Word daily.

Alfie, Anthony and Arnold in Hobadiah at Anthony’s home.



Bruce and Monique Wilkerson are project managers for the Guyana project.







# Why Does She Do It?

From the first time I was able to get my hands on the controls of an airplane, I was hooked. My passion for aviation led me to want to learn more, and to a degree in aviation at Andrews University. Yes, I know now how to fly an airplane. But I also know, and I have recognized for a while, that God is calling



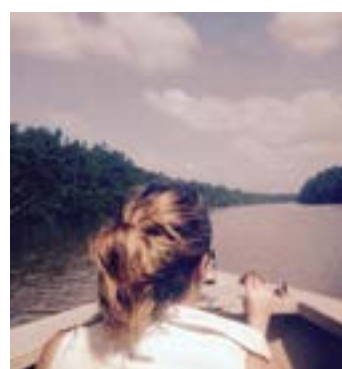
Rebecca Crittenden fills the aircraft with fuel.

me to more than simply flying an airplane. He has a bigger, better, more exciting plan for my life.

Throughout college, I contemplated taking a year off school to be a student missionary. However, I was always in the middle of something or found an excuse not to go. During Summer 2016, I decided to listen to

God. He said, “Go.” I finally said, “Okay.” After I had finished my degree, I found myself in Guyana, South America.

I wasn’t sure what to expect when I got to Guyana.



Would I like it? Would I adapt quickly? Would the people like me? And most importantly, how would God use me? I knew all of these questions would be answered in time. But when?

The week I arrived, I was thrown into a whirlwind of flying with Laura LaBore and Darren Lea. As we flew, I was able to get checked out on different airstrips in the region and glean valuable information from Laura, as well as Darren, about flying in Guyana. Throughout the week, we had medical evacuations, transportation of a dead body to be buried, and transporting education officials from the region to different schools. It was a lot of fun, and I learned a lot. Along with flying, I have also been able to find out more about aviation maintenance.

After a period of about a month, I settled down into

Above: Rebecca teaching ground school to interested villagers.

Right: Rebecca doing maintenance on aircraft.



the routine of life as a missionary pilot intern. I laugh at the word “routine” because that doesn’t describe how life is in Guyana. I have learned to be very flexible and willing to do things I haven’t done before.

I started to wonder what I should do between flying and aircraft maintenance. Bruce Wilkerson suggested I use my recently acquired knowledge and skill as a Certified Flight Instruction (CFI). He explained to me that he had encountered many people in the community who hope and dream of becoming a pilot. So, I met with the Regional Education Director and received approval to teach an Aviation Ground School class. When class began, I thought maybe I would have two or three students. But, no! I had nine students the first day. I was amazed and excited. I can tell my students are interested and enthusiastic about learning more about aviation. They are very bright! I am proud of what they have learned so far, and they keep coming back to class.

I have also found myself tutoring two girls in math and reading. One student is in the sixth grade; the other student is in transitional school. The transitional program means they are between primary and secondary education. They have passed primary but are not allowed or ready for secondary. Neither of these girls understands the concepts of basic arithmetic or reading. It’s difficult to realize, that many of the people in the community have similar stories to these

girls, and it saddens me that I can’t help them all. I’ve enjoyed working with the two girls, and I’m sure God has put me in their lives for a reason. I know He has put them in my life for a reason.

This internship has given me lots of opportunities. I’ve learned to ride a motorcycle, drive a boat, teach, and rely wholly on God. I am learning and growing every day. I encourage any young adult to do mission service while you can. I’ve had a lot of people tell me they wish they could have done it. So, why not do it? When I am finished with this internship, I wait eagerly for God to reveal other opportunities of service for me.

Rebecca Crittenden recently graduated from Andrews University with a degree in Aviation. She is now a student missionary in Guyana.





# The Magenta Line

**T**he Magenta Line is your active route depicted on a map screen of your GPS or other display. Following it ensures that you stay on course to your destination or next waypoint.

I started flying some years before the magenta line was such a thing. You measured the distance and true course with paper charts by drawing in pencil lines and wind correction angles using a protractor. With this information, you used the E6B Flight Computer, affectionately known as the “Whiz Wheel” to calculate the magnetic course, corrected for magnetic variation, wind direction, and velocity, followed by time en route and fuel consumption. The chart also had to be carefully reviewed for airspace details, obstacles, terrain, and other details, as part of pre-flight planning.



Now, flight planning software and apps do all of this in a snap, even live weather conditions, with just a few taps on a screen. As pilots, we are not off the hook for the responsibility of obtaining all pertinent information for the route of flight but it is vastly faster and more accurate.

I recently made a 1,400 nautical mile cross country that took me over a Canadian Province and eight states in the United States. It would have taken dozens of paper VFR charts and sectionals, as well as a binder of airport information. Furthermore, if I wanted to make the same trip next year, I would have to buy most of them again because they are constantly being updated and re-issued. Today, that information, and much more, is stored on my iPad. It is automatically updated as new information is issued. Even better, my phone is a backup as the same information is on it.

Neatly overlaid on the map is the magic of the magenta line. It is highly visible compared to the old navigation methods that required keeping needles centered on the correctly tuned radio frequencies. My position is clearly depicted as a small airplane pointed

in the direction of travel. How easy can it get?

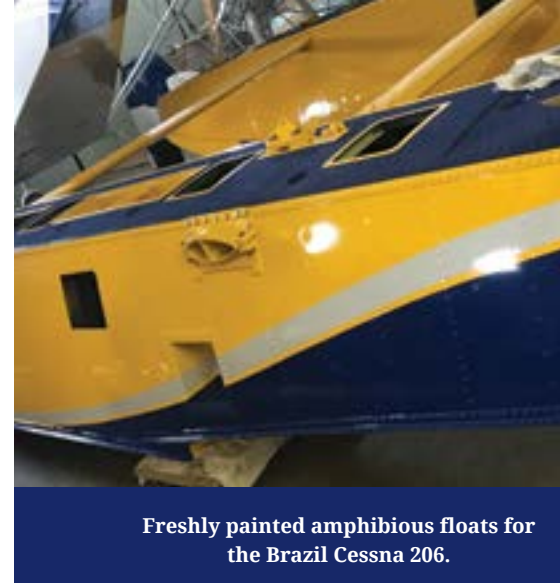
The catch though is that in making computer calculations, the result is only as good as the data entered. What if I entered the wrong destination? That magenta line is going to only lead me to where I instructed. Twice on that long cross country trip I made errors on entering my destination code. Fortunately, I took the time to review the course details and realized that something was amiss with the headings or distance and made the corrections.

Being part of the leadership of AWA is an amazing privilege but also carries a high level of responsibility and accountability. Hundreds of generous supporters like you trust us to not just follow the magenta line but to set our course to the right destination. Honestly, there are

times where we drift off course or enter the wrong destination. We use our best judgment; truthfully that is not good enough. Without faith and prayer we may prove to be competent but we will never reach our full potential. For us at AWA that is the exciting element of being in the Lord’s work. We know we must be agile and willing to make corrections as God reveals the finer points of where He wants us to be.

During the last week, I had the privilege of meeting with two pilots who trust us with their airplanes. Like most aircraft owners, they have a special affection for their planes. Letting them go carries some level of emotion which I can fully understand. The future purpose of their airplane with AWA is of special interest to them. We certainly make every effort to place airplanes in mission service or training environments. Regardless, they have the assurance that aircraft donations will directly provide resources for delivering and supporting mission aviation and keeping us on that magenta line.

This year is proving to be busy for *Adventist World*



Freshly painted amphibious floats for the Brazil Cessna 206.



Ken White and his family in front of donated Cessna 172.



Jud Wickwire and Joe Story with donated Piper Colt.

Aviation for aircraft projects:

- The Cessna 206 floatplane for the Brazil project is progressing steadily. The team at Skytek Aviation in Vernon, BC recently painted the floats with the striking blue and yellow paint scheme and the wings are nearly ready for paint as well.

- Mission Maintenance Services (MMS) is in final assembly and avionics on the original Pathfinder 182 and after some shakedown flights we will be shipping it to the Philippines.

- Wings of Hope, in cooperation with a school in Lancaster, Texas, are preparing a Cessna 182 for the project in Guyana. The engine is in assembly and then will be headed for paint with the AWA blue and yellow livery. We are looking forward to a summer deployment for this airplane.

- The Cheetah Light Sport trainer is being repaired by Dr. Danny Riggs in Tennessee after it was damaged in a wind storm. The repairs are complete; it is ready for the completely new fabric covering. This airplane will be up for sale sometime this summer.

- The Cessna 150 trainer in Canada is being re-wired by Randy Ferguson in Kelowna, BC, and then it

will be ready for avionics and assembly.

In other news, the hangar project at Thunderbird Adventist Academy in Scottsdale, Arizona, while slower than we had hoped, has taken a leap forward with the acquisition of a steel hangar that will greatly improve our long-term facility options.

Another hangar assembly has been loaded in a shipping container and is now at sea on its way to Guyana. This is a monumental step forward which we have been working on for years. We are very excited that the Lord is providing. Thanks to Travis Maloney and the team at KBM Construction for putting together this hangar package.

At AWA we want to stay true to course on that magenta line in service to God. We thank you for helping us make that possible.

Jud Wickwire serves as AWA's vice president of operations.







# The Needs of Nicaragua

In the fall of 2016, my wife and I retired from our professional lives in Canada and returned to our native country of Nicaragua to engage in both missionary and humanitarian efforts in local communities throughout the country. In January of 2017, my wife and I visited the city of Nueva Guinea to attend a camp meeting convention organized by Pastor Francisco Serrano.

Pastor Serrano is the president of the South Atlantic Mission, which consists of many communities that are living below the national poverty line. During the camp meeting, the pastor and elder of the church shared the challenges their mission encounters on a daily bases. The mission field covered by the South Atlantic Mission is very large. The tithes and offerings they collect is insignificant compared with the expenses of the mission. Unfortunately, the mission had to lay off a number of pastors because of lack of funding. As a result, the remaining pastors of the mission needed to pastor multiple churches.

In addition to lack of pastors, many of the churches are inadequate and unsafe because they are built using makeshift materials, such as cardboard and tin, and they have no sewage systems. This is simply

because the church members are too poor to give tithes to support the costs associated with the church ministries and church maintenance.

The South Atlantic Mission also identified health problems associated with lack of prenatal care and insufficient childhood nutrition. Many expectant mothers in the region's churches and communities are unable to afford nutritious foods or vitamins to foster the healthy development of their unborn children. Therefore, there are low birth rates and high fetal and maternal death rates. This cycle of inadequate care continues into childhood and results in issues with children's development and long-term health problems once they reach adulthood. Out of desperation, many individuals are forced to resort to harsh working conditions, crime, prostitution, and panhandling just to eat.

My wife and I were given the opportunity to meet with a young husband, Cristóbal Antonio Argenal Zarate, who is 25 years old and his wife, Ada Marbely Lanzas Rivera, who is 22 years old, along with their 1-year-old daughter. Cristobal and his family live in a makeshift home composed of cardboard boxes and plastic wrap, which leaves them with no



Villagers waiting to receive medical care.



Above: One of the jungle churches in Nicaragua

Below: Women receiving assistance during community outreach



protection from harsh weather conditions or intruders. Unable to find employment during the day, Cristobal has been forced to work at nights leaving his wife and young baby vulnerable and scared for their lives. Unfortunately, Cristobal has no choice but to work these late hours, which still does not afford them enough food to avoid hunger and malnourishment, and causes his daughter to be vulnerable to illnesses.

This is just one example of the problems faced by the church members in this mission. Please pray for the people in the South Atlantic Mission, and all of Nicaragua. Pray also for AWA's team members as we continue to serve Jesus, hoping to bring a better future for those in this region. Your donations to the Nicaragua project will help us continue our work in this mission.

Francisco & Victoria Alvarez, *Adventist World Aviation* Missionaries to Nicaragua.



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## PRESIDENT'S WEATHER REPORT:

Then, there are those who show lovingkindness to *Adventist World Aviation* and its missionaries. When you pray for our missionaries, provide financial support to help them keep serving, or send school and medical supplies, clothing, books, and Bibles to help in the community outreach programs, you are showing lovingkindness, and it is very much appreciated.

When individuals donate vehicles, RV's, and aircraft to *Adventist World Aviation*, this is also a gift of lovingkindness. For instance, recently, Joseph Story donated his Colt aircraft to *Adventist World Aviation* to help in training new mission pilots. The gesture is appreciated, and full of lovingkindness.

No matter the gift of kindness, if given with a godly spirit, the impact will be huge to *Adventist World Aviation* in helping to bring others to Jesus, in helping to save a life, and bring Jesus' soon coming a bit closer.

"But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.

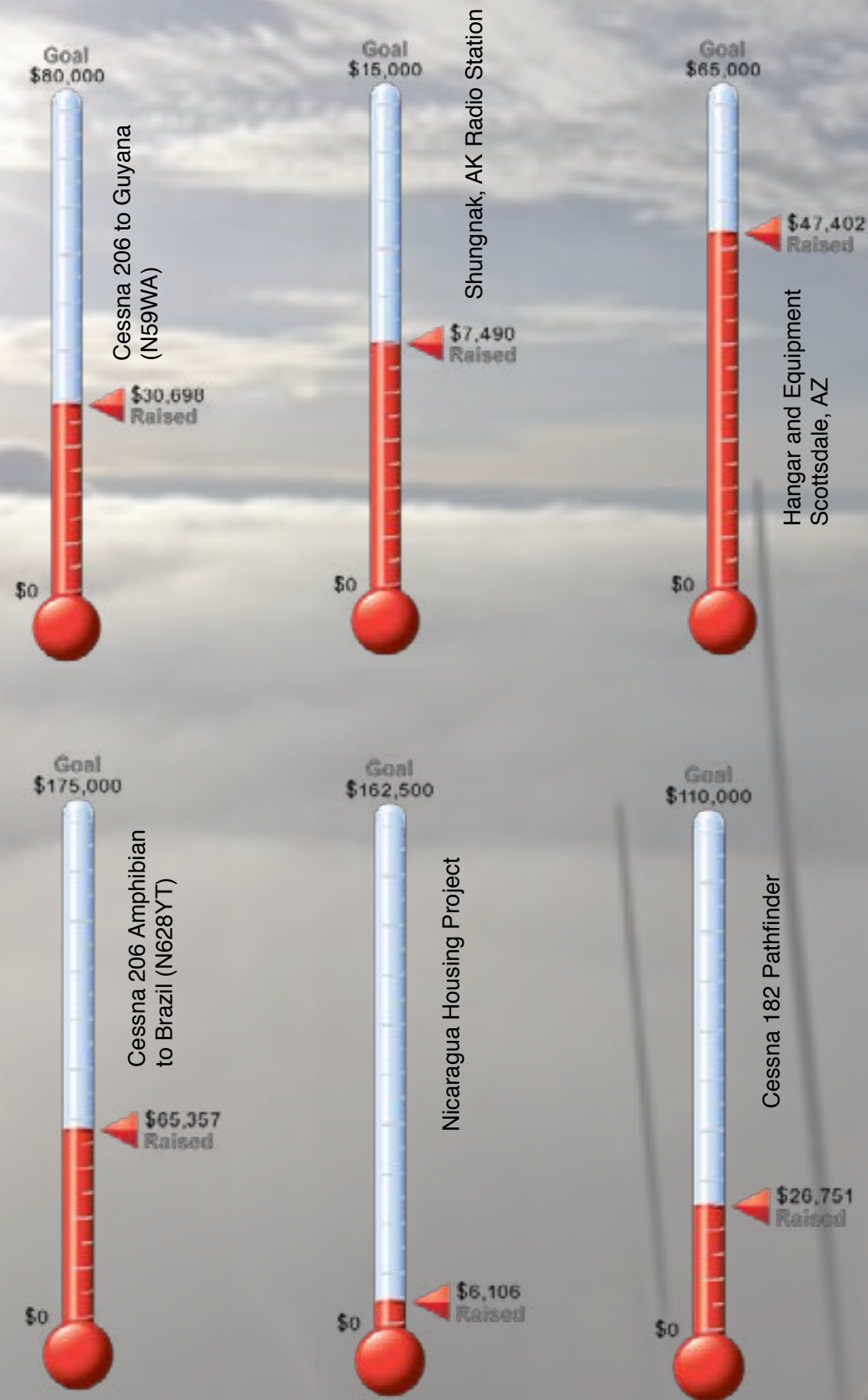
He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life (Titus 3:4-7, NIV).

*Ric Swaningson*

Pastor Ric Swaningson,  
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Feel free to contact AWA directly with your questions. We look forward to hearing from you!

Dan Storkamp serves as Director of Development for AWA.



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## Western Adventist Foundation

Remember AWA is available to help with your estate planning through a will or trust. AWA is partnered 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 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 Dan Storkamp, AWA's trust director at 414-226-5195.

## 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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