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PRESIDENT'S WEATHER REPORT:

Being Willing to Commit

Many are called, but few are chosen.

Mary's husband had recently passed away.

I was in a hurry; I was late for work. I could see Mary, my neighbor, struggling to get her lawnmower started. Apparently, she wanted to mow the lawn. "Oh, brother!" I thought. "Why didn't I leave earlier?"

Had I done so, I wouldn't have to deal with this visual dilemma; and,

voice in my head or be responsible for my job. I could ignore what my eyes saw and go to work. I kept telling myself I didn't have time for this.

So, I drove past her and looked the other way. I drove for what seemed an eternity. Then, I stopped my car and sunk my head. I just couldn't take the guilt any longer.

I turned my car around and drove the three blocks back to my neighbor's home and got out of my car.

I knew I didn't do the responsible thing;
I made the right choice.

what started out as a visual issue soon became a moral dilemma.

That little voice in my head, which we hear from time to time, was shouting at me. "HELP THE WOMAN!" I shouted back, "I can't; I'm late! I have an inspection and audit to perform. LEAVE ME ALONE!"

"So what?" the voice replied. "She needs help."

"I can't!" I replied, and I closed my eyes. "Why is this happening to me now? I can't help her now. I need to go; leave me alone!"

I had a choice. I could listen to the

"Mary, what's the matter?" I asked. She broke down and began to cry.

"Antonio always mowed the yard. He took care of everything. What am I going to do without him?" she asked.

"Mary," I replied. "You are going to let your neighbors help you. Your lawn is not that big. I am happy to mow it for as long as you live here. We are neighbors, and I am your friend."

I gently removed her hand from the pull rope of the mower. I took off my suit jacket and tie, looked at the lawnmower, and realized she did not have the key in the "on" position. I

clicked the key to the “on” position, pulled the start rope once, and it purred into action. For the next 29 minutes, I mowed her lawn. As a result, I was late to work, missed the audit, and had one of the worst days at work in a long time. My soul was at complete peace. I knew I didn’t do the responsible thing; I made the right choice. My soul delighted in the knowledge that I did what Jesus asked of me.

I was called; I chose to follow. Yes, I suffered at work but was blessed beyond measure in life.

In Matthew 22:14 (KJV) we read, “For many are called, but few are chosen.”

What does it mean to be called? What does it mean to be chosen? How can I stay committed?

I believe Jesus calls all of us, then it is up to us to choose to say, “Yes, I will answer,” or “No, I have no interest.” Not all are called to do the same thing. We are not the same, nor do we have the same skills and capabilities. But, we all have something to offer. When we realize this, we choose if we want to commit and answer the call.

Recently, a lady called our corporate offices. I happened to be the one to answer the telephone. She wanted to donate \$50 to our ministry. I asked her if she would like to be “committed” in her donation giving. She said, “What does that mean?” I explained that each donation helps save a life. By committing in her giving, committing on her next donation, she is making a commitment to saving future lives.

We don’t always feel the strong conviction to help. In the end, we realize if we are asked to help,

we should at least consider the possibilities. Perhaps we will receive a huge blessing.

Mowing Mary’s lawn was no significant physical task. It did require commitment on my part. Even though that happened to me about 25 years ago, I will never forget the look on her face and her genuine gratitude. She always had warm cookies and a cold glass of lemonade waiting for me. I appreciated her kindness. I am thankful she never knew the struggle I had gone through before I was willing to commit.



Pastor Ric Swaningson,
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The Flight Plan

CALLED. CHOSEN. COMMITTED.

This was the theme of the recent 2016 international convention for ASI (Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries), which was held at the Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, Arizona from August 3-6, 2016. Were you able to participate? Did you visit AWA's booth while there?

Have you ever thought what it means to be called, chosen, and committed (faithful)?

According to 1 Corinthians 14:12, it means to be loyal to Christ above all others, to cherish the Scriptures, to love the church and take care of it. It means to stay untarnished from the world, to walk by faith and not by sight, to do our duty, to serve the honor. And one day, if we stay faithful, we will hear Jesus say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

Every missionary, staff member, and volunteer involved with Adventist World Aviation feels called, chosen, and committed. They work hard to help fulfill the mission and vision of Adventist World Aviation—to provide aviation and communication support to those serving the physical, mental, and spiritual needs of the unreached people on the earth. This issue of *AirWays* illustrates their commitment to AWA, as well as their faithfulness to Jesus.

ADVENTIST WORLD AVIATION IS MOVING!

For several years, the board of directors and AWA's administration have been talking about the benefits of the corporate office being located in an area of warmer climate. After considering several options, AWA received the opportunity to relocate in Smithview, NC at the Johnston Country Airport (KJNX), in the Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina area. The timing was advantageous for moving the corporate office.

The advantages of relocating to North Carolina includes better weather, being in the Southern Union, closer to the General Conference headquarters, and near other mission aviation organizations. In addition,

office expenses will be reduced by almost 30% as a result of this move.

Effective September 1, 2016, the new physical and mailing address for Adventist World Aviation will be: 3457 Swift Creek Road, Smithfield, NC 27577.

We will do our best to maintain our current phone numbers: (414) 226-5195 and toll-free 1-888-477-8945.

Please pray for AWA as we make the move to Smithfield, NC. Also, the move of the corporate office and hangar items will put an expense on AWA. Your donations to help defray these costs are appreciated.

NEW OFFICE SPACE FOR ADVENTIST WORLD AVIATION—CANADA

AWA's Canadian operations are also experiencing some growth. They recently leased office space in a modest area in a newer building that will provide a conducive area to work. Up until now, Jud Wickwire, Vice President of Operations, has been working from home; they have now outgrown this option. Also, to assist Jud, he has hired Jenna Volkwyn as a part-time Administrative Assistant to care for the office duties. Their new office address is: 817 Finns Road, Kelowna, BC V1X 5B8.

INTRODUCING NEW AWA TEAM MEMBERS

We are pleased to introduce a new Adventist World Aviation team member, whose skills and talents will be a great benefit to our ministry.

Jenna Volkwyn

Jenna Volkwyn is the newest addition to the Adventist World Aviation team. Growing up in the sunny Okanagan Valley in British Columbia, Canada, she spent most of her youth camping in the backwoods of B.C. with her parents and sister.

Although not raised in an Adventist family, Christian values were the foundation of her family life. After high school, she attended the University of British



Marc and Jenna Volkwyn
and their son, Milo

Columbia in Kelowna. It was in the midst of her English degree where she met her future husband, Marc. It was through him that Jenna was introduced to the Seventh-day Adventist Church and where she began her walk with Jesus.

After completing her education and Marc completing his red seal in plumbing, they decided to move to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. There they spent four years working, making valuable friendships, and growing in their faith. Then, they decided to move back to the Okanagan Valley, where Milo, their first child, a son, was born.

Jenna was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church in September 2015 and has been amazed at the blessings in her life since taking this step, including her new position in the Canadian office as Administrative Assistant to Jud Wickwire, Vice President of Operations. Welcome to the AWA family, Jenna!

OFF THE GRID

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. Each episode can be viewed on 3ABN at 1 PM Central Time. If you have the QR Code App on your smart phone, feel free to scan this QR code for viewing the following episodes:

Bonanza Medevac

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YpZKv7nUpBI>

In the northeast corner of Nicaragua, Adventist World Aviation has an aviation mission airbase strategically placed to help the local Miskito Indians. This airbase has been operational for nine years, offering emergency medical transport from remote jungle villages to hospital facilities. These flights often save the lives of the patients being transported; there are very few remote road systems to reach the far-flung communities. AWA is honored when provided with opportunities to save lives with the aid of aviation. In this



episode of *Off the Grid*, Pilot Clint Hanley can transport a critically injured man from the mining town of Bonanza to a place where he can receive the life-saving medical care he desperately needs. There are no other transportation options for this man since he would not survive the treacherous journey via land travel.

LaBore Transition — AWA Guyana

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-snXdNvA97Y>

The LaBore family has served with Adventist World Aviation in Guyana for over nine years. In fact, they were fundamental in establishing the Guyana aviation base. Their pioneer spirit has again taken their family to a new frontier. The LaBore's have transitioned their ministry from Guyana to the Philippines. In the Philippines, with God's blessing, they will revive the AWA airbase. This episode reviews the great work the LaBore family has accomplished in their years of service in Guyana and looks forward to their new adventures in the Philippines.



Alaska—On Fire

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QoLT20a5mVg>

Adventist World Aviation has a mission aviation airbase situated above the Arctic Circle in Alaska. This base focuses its work on sharing the gospel with the remote villages scattered in the isolated areas. Most of these villages are disconnected from the rest of the world with no road systems to reach them. The scope of the Seventh-day Adventist church is very limited by geographic barriers, and many times aircraft are the only way to reach many individuals. Often, pastors can not reach their church congregations. Adventist World Aviation is here to bridge the gap and bring the message of Christ to these remote areas. Pastor Ric Swaningson flies himself to evangelistic meetings being held in the remote village. Meanwhile, the assistant pastor's home burns down. Yet, hearts are won for Jesus.



Charlene West is project development and evangelism director for AWA.





Lower the Risk; Increase the Safety

A life full of DISTRACTIONS! How easy it is to be distracted.

It's Thursday morning, May 5, 2016, at 5:30 AM. Time to get going. In 22 hours I have to be at the airport. I am leaving for Shell, Ecuador on May 6, 2016, at 6:30 AM to help with an MSI safety audit (irony).

It's now May 5, at 6:30 AM. I am headed for work, sitting in my truck, engine running, and seat belt not done up. My mind has already gone on a trip of its own, thinking about the "day's list," arranging details for three different construction projects, packing for the trip, transferring money, paying invoices, and thinking about the trip and the audit. I'm parked with the front of the truck facing the garage door and a twelve-foot dump trailer attached behind (made of solid tubular steel). I glanced at the time and thought "got to go now." I put the transmission in reverse. I managed to back up about eight feet only to feel and hear a sudden crunching stop. I had jackknifed and backed into the trailer attached to the truck. I had been distracted. I did not walk around my vehicle before getting in; I did not put on my seatbelt; I did not look in my rearview mirror; plainly, I just did not take the time to think about driving.

The results included no personal injuries, no damage to the trailer, and \$6,732.28 damage to the right rear corner of the truck.

When there is an aviation incident or accident, if it is not mechanical, we usually find human error involved. It is easy to say the pilot, maintenance, deicing or dispatch personnel, or someone else did not follow procedures or the checklist. We say, "If they had only followed the procedures and checklists; if they had only looked the second time, this would not have happened."

How many times do we walk out the door each day and climb into a vehicle with our minds on a different "task" than driving? How many times have we driven a familiar route and when we arrive at our destination we say, "I do not remember the last several intersections that we have just driven through?" How many days or weeks do we use our vehicle and never



look at all four tires before we drive off?

We expect that our aviation personnel to be trained to a high standard and we expect them to maintain that high standard. Maybe we all need to start practicing that standard in our everyday lives. Please take the time to think about this and how it affects our safety and all of those with whom we live, work, play, and serve.

The real questions are: Will I learn anything from this experience? Will others learn anything from me sharing my experience? Will I become aware of the distractions around me? Will I take the time to focus on what I am doing and deliberately choose to develop and follow safety systems and procedures that will keep me focused on what I am doing?

Try it in your life and you will get an idea of what we expect from our aviation departments before, during, and after every flight. Proven results lower the RISK and increase the SAFETY.

Randy and Karen Ferguson live in Kelowna, BC (Canada). Randy is the new safety officer for AWA and will audit areas where AWA may be vulnerable and provide resolutions to any safety issues.



Peachy's Commitment to Jesus



ALASKA REPORT

On July 9, 2016, I had the privilege to baptize Paul “Peachy” Savok in Selawik. Peachy’s wife, Marie, has looked forward to this day for many years.

She was baptized many years ago in the river in front of the church. Marie is the daughter of Paul Ballot, who along with his wife Bessie, were among the first people in Selawik to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church more than 75 years ago.

All along, Peachy has been a Bible student and supportive of the church. But, for a long while, employment issues delayed the event. For medical reasons, Peachy and Marie lived in Anchorage for two years. During that time they regularly attended the Second Mile Seventh-day Adventist Church, which was a very encouraging experience for them. Many of

Peachy’s church mentors include his wife, Marie, and former missionaries John Topkok, Mark Carr, Ken Nash, Don Harris, Warren Downs, and my wife, Linda and myself. Also, the fellow church members Fred Davis, Daniel and Amelia Davis, Ed and Helen Loon, and others give him much moral support and encouragement.

Sometimes missionaries and church administrators alike question the wisdom of the continual investment of critical funds in mission work in a place that is so expensive to operate and where the results are sometimes slow in coming. When we witness the power of God in the lives of people, it makes the investment of time and resources seem more than worthwhile. Peachy Savok is an example of this, and

he represents many other truth-seeking people who populate hundreds of villages in Alaska, northern Canada, and other remote places in the world.

As the world approaches its evil climax, it is high time for the Adventist Church and its supporting ministries to precipitate

a climax of witnessing about God and His Kingdom, so that representatives from every nation, tribe, tongue, and people will stand on the sea of glass, worshipping the Lamb.

We appreciate the commitment of those who give of their resources so that missionaries can live, work, and travel to these far-flung places.

If any would like to experience living with and working among the Alaskan native people, please contact the Alaska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists via telephone (907) 346-1004, and ask about the Arctic Mission Adventure Program. There are almost always openings available.



Paul “Peachy” Savok, with his wife, Marie and Pastor Kincaid, following his baptism

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





AWA's Outreach to the Youth

The youth enjoying evening games



There is a group of Adventist youth in the Philippines who frequently get together for spiritual growth, events, and fun. The group is called AMiCUS: Adventist Ministry in Colleges and University Students

Our son, Edrei Von is part of the leadership for AMiCUS. This month, we were jubilant that we could host AMiCUS on the AWA airbase. We kept the location of this event a surprise from the youth. They met at the next town and were blindfolded until they arrived. Since it was dark when they arrived, they were confused when they were dropped off at the unfinished airstrip. Many had never been to the AWA mission airbase before.

After a few activities, they crossed the road to where we live, to set up for the night. Beside our house is a dorm-style “Kubo” (a hut), where they would stay. Behind the Kubo is a CR (bathroom) and showers; perfect for a group.



PHILIPPINE REPORT

(top) Girls settling into the night in the “Kubo”.
(bottom left) Youth leading out in Sabbath School and church services.
(bottom right) Youth enjoying afternoon fellowship.



That night they feasted on rice cooked over the fire. The next morning we had Sabbath School and church service at the mission base under tarps. God was good, and it only sprinkled a little during the services. The youth were all involved in the services, including the afternoon Adventist Youth (AY) service. That night the group stayed up late playing games, which included throwing water balloons, singing, chair tick-tack-toe, and other fun games.

On Sunday we were able to squeeze all 30 youth onto the AWA truck and took them to the beach for a swim. By the end of the day, everyone was exhausted, but happy! Raylene, my wife, was busy cooking most of the time, to help feed all the youth, and they were glad to have the extra treats!

We are pleased that even though the AWA plane hasn't arrived yet, we are still able to help with outreach, and use the resources that God has given AWA.

Please keep these young people in your prayers, as several were inducted into AMiCUS this weekend. You never know how the Holy Spirit will lead. We pray that those in AMiCUS will all choose to follow God.

The Espinosa Family—Edgar, Raylene, Edrei, and Earyl. Pastor Edgar is the airbase attendant for AWA in Palawan, Philippines





Building a Firm Foundation in the Philippines

During the months of February and March, the mission base was a cacophony of noise. The generator powered the pump which pumped the water up from the well to the water tank; the saw buzzed and cut through cement blocks. Wheel barrels squeaked on their wobbly bearings as they were pushed, full of cement, all day long. You could hear chatter in the languages of both Tagalog and English. One day when one of the academy groups was here, they had formed a “bucket brigade” and were hauling buckets full of cement up and the empty buckets back down. One student would yell “BUCKET!” to alert the person below or above that there was a bucket coming their way. She was working side by side with Vince, a local man who spoke mostly Tagalog. He started laughing, because in Tagalog, what sounds like “bucket” means “WHY? To him, it was like she kept shouting “WHY? WHY?”

It was exciting to see walls

rising from the dust. Now the dust has settled, both figuratively, and in reality. When we first started building, it was the dry season, and we had an unusually HOT and very DRY season. We saw no rain for about two months. Dust coated everything and puffed up around our dirty legs as we walked down the road. Now the rains have set in. The academy

groups and volunteers are gone, and things have quieted down quite a bit.

We have now hired local workers to finish up the work, and they are doing a great job! This has all been a walk of faith. We had enough funds to get the work going. God kept blessing with a new donation just as we needed it. As of the writing of this article, we are under another crucial deadline. We have just bought the last \$44 worth of cement and have enough to pay the workers until the end of the week. After that, we will send home all but two of the remaining workers. We are eagerly waiting for God to show us what to do. We have done all we can.



Missionary kids, Earyl Espinosa and Danielle LaBore, enjoying the company of a local child.



PHILIPPINE REPORT



Bill LaBore taking blood pressures on the villagers.

In the meantime, Laura is working on obtaining her Philippine's pilot license; we are all trying our best to learn Tagalog and to find out more about the culture. We keep messing up and saying the wrong things as we practice our new language. Thankfully, everyone here is so kind as they gently correct us, or just figure out what we are REALLY asking for. Once, as Laura was driving the truck, she stopped and asked an older man if he'd like a ride. He looked perplexed, and she realized she had just asked him for some change. Oops!

We are committed to being here and have God's peace that we are doing His will. We see a marvelous future for this project and are excited to be part of it. The plane that is slated to come here is being worked on in the States and is on schedule. As the funding becomes available, we will finish up the airstrip, the hangar, and install a road to the mission house. There are so many pieces of the puzzle, but we look forward to the completed project.

To those of you who have contributed, or gotten your hands dirty by being here, or have prayed for us, THANK YOU! We CANNOT do this without you!



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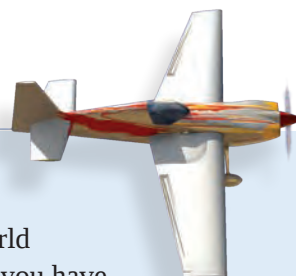
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The LaBore Family—Bill (project manager) and Laura (pilot and nurse), with their two children, Micah and Danielle, are now serving in the Philippines.



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, Smithfield, NC 27577, or by e-mail to info@flyawa.org.



BRAZIL REPORT

The Joy of Being Called, Chosen, Committed

My line of work revolves around images. I spend a good part of my time capturing and creating images that will inspire others to action. Often, my career calls me deep into jungles, far across oceans, to incredibly remote corners of the earth where people live lives that are much different than ours.

Recently, I was called to visit the future AWA Brazil base to capture video footage of life on the Amazon. More importantly, I was sent to experience a small portion of what current missionaries in the Amazon go through to reach others for Christ.

In Manaus, Brazil, Amazon Life Savers Ministry works tirelessly to reach far-flung areas with the love of God. They have established mission outposts based along the winding river banks of the Amazon River. However, they can only reach a minuscule portion of those they wish to reach, of what they

feel God has called them to reach. Their ministry is significantly limited to areas that are accessible by boat. The Amazon River is the only road system that

this mission field has. Often this means that reaching a village could take weeks by boat. Understandably, this option greatly restricts the efforts of missionaries working this region. However, what would take weeks to journey by boat, would take a few short hours to fly by plane. An amphibious airplane would open hundreds of miles of new territories to missionaries, physicians, dentists, and Bible workers. For this reason, Adventist World Aviation was chosen to assist Amazon Life Savers by bringing an aircraft to aid the work already being done in the Amazon.

For me to get a full understanding of how an aircraft could be used and why it is so needed in this area, I recently traveled to the city of Manaus



Brazilian children finding joy
in the Amazon River.

where I journeyed with missionaries via boat along the Amazon. Our trip lasted ten days—ten days of living on a boat, sleeping in hammocks, and



too, wanted to join the fun, so they came running to the water's edge and without thought, jumped into the cool water. Before long, the kids decided to turn the

event into a jumping competition to see who could do the most unique dive, back flip, or biggest splash. One after another, young kids took turns laughing as they jumped into the waters.

That afternoon, I experienced joy with those young children. Joy doesn't have to be difficult. It can be achieved by simply being a part of something. Now I know not everyone can journey down the Amazon and play with children for an afternoon to find joy.

That is the beauty of my line of work. I can take my experiences that I captured on film and share them with you, the viewer. I want to share the joy I experienced that day with you. To view a clip of my experience that day, visit this link: <https://youtu.be/aZZb4ZjQw6w>.

Adventist World Aviation has committed to bringing an aircraft to Brazil to aid in the excellent work being done on the Amazon River. Through aviation, the work in these villages can reach even further than ever before.



Join us in our commitment to the people of the Amazon. Philemon 1:7 says "Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people." I experienced first hand the difficulties missionaries in Brazil face when venturing out to reach others for Christ. But I also experienced their joy—the joy that comes from helping others, the joy that comes from community, and joy that is contagious. Join me, Adventist World Aviation, and hundreds of others all around North America by partnering with us in this Brazil project, to help our missionaries use a plane to "refresh the hearts of the Lord's people."

Obviously, this journey to reach these remote villages was not convenient or comfortable. Everyone on board the boat was committed to their mission and to making the journey an enjoyable time together. During my visit, I was able to experience the difficulties these missionaries willingly accept as they seek to relieve the suffering of those who live in the most challenging corners of the Amazon, principally working in communities along the river.

As the days passed, I again found joy in a place I did not expect. The boat had stopped in a small village for a few hours. As I disembarked, a young boy was jumping off the dock into the river. He would jump off, climb right back up, and then jump off again. He was thoroughly enjoying himself. I was eager to catch the moment with my camera. Over and over he would jump off the dock, each time trying to make a bigger and bigger splash. As I stood in ankle-deep water, I could not pry myself away from watching this young boy. He was having a blast, and we both laughed each time he jumped in the water. Soon our laughter caught the attention of other children playing nearby. They,

Gloria Tokics Murphy, is the videographer for AWA. She and her husband, Aaron, live in Florida.





Called for Community Outreach

Gleaning from the Adult Bible Study Guide written by Gaspar Colon, one of the great messages of the Christian church is that we are called to serve and work for others, for the good of others so that we may point people in the restoration



Mental restoration through reading groups.

and hope found in Jesus. True healing must involve physical, mental and spiritual restoration.

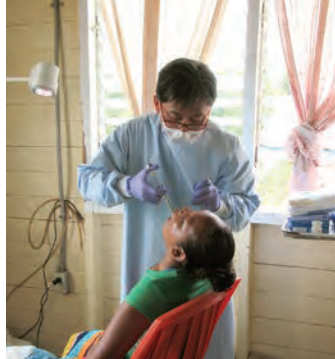
In our small Mabaruma community, we have been given a small parcel of land to build a church next to our hangar location. A church is good, but in reality, the structure is used only for a fraction of the time during the average week. Our team wanted to have a building bustling with activities for the community. Thus, our team decided to build a lifestyle center on this parcel of land. A lifestyle center has infinite possibilities and is something that can help bring wholistic healing services to the community that it serves.

The idea for the lifestyle center came about after considering how we can impact lives more for Christ by our presence in our community. We thought about offering lifestyle education during the week ranging from nutrition classes, cooking classes, and exercise sessions, to teaching reading, arithmetic, and





Spiritual hope to a father who lost his daughter.



Physical restoration through dental outreach.



GUYANA REPORT

musical instruments to school-age children or adults. These programs can cover both physical and mental restoration. Simultaneously, during the week and on the weekends, we can hold church services and conduct Bible studies for those desiring to learn more about spiritual renewal and hope for the future.

What will it take for us to create a lifestyle center? First and foremost, it will take prayer and more prayer. Within Region 1 several small churches can combine their efforts to reach more souls for Jesus if only there is a central location to host lifestyle activities. This land and idea could serve that purpose. We will need other resources such as team members with interest and talents to lead the lifestyle center. Finally, we will need equipment, supplies, and financial resources to make this desire into a reality. Sounds like a large list of to-do items, but we have a Provider—our God; nothing is too big for Him. Please join us as we pray for His leading.

We have been called to contribute to the communities we serve. We feel that we have been chosen to meet their physical, mental and spiritual needs, so we commit our dreams and desires to Him. The Holy Spirit is preparing hearts and minds to serve in Guyana at the writing of this article. All are called to serve. God has chosen us to serve now in Guyana. We need committed partners to work alongside us in His service. We pray that some will feel the Holy Spirit beckoning them to serve in our small corner of South America, perhaps as a pilot or with our lifestyle center. If you feel God has chosen you to serve Him in Guyana, please contact Adventist World Aviation.

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



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Reflecting on Our Commitment to Guyana

After five years of an adventure in service for Jesus and Adventist World Aviation, our family has returned to the United States from Guyana. Leaving our friends and the other AWA team members was hard. It was in 2010 that we arrived in Guyana and began our work and outreach to others. As we reflected over the past five years, the memories are real, the experiences unforgettable, and the friendships lasting.

One of the important outreaches we were involved with is the “sharing” of clothing, school supplies, and other items that were received from many of you. The villagers so appreciated these articles.

Your gifts helped to supply the Barabina schools for one year. The construction paper, paste, scissors, rulers, and pencils are so necessary for the students in their education. These supplies were shared out to many of the teachers in the area. Then, for the past several years, backpacks were received from donors in the United States. Again, they are greatly appreciated, and so necessary for the students.

Of course, our favorite time of year in Guyana was Christmas. Preparing the gift baskets of food and

clothing was so rewarding. When we first arrived and began this Christmas sharing project, we quickly learned that the other churches ONLY shared with their church members. However, Adventist World Aviation shared with everyone. It was a new idea for the villagers there, and each year comments were made, “Why do you share with others and not just the church members?” Our reply was simple, “Jesus’ love and blessings are for everyone; we are following His example.”

The Christmas sharing project became so important to the AWA team, as well as the recipients of the gift baskets that we were concerned about how it would carry on when we left Guyana. So, about two years ago AWA bought a cow for the equivalent of \$150 US. In November, the cow will be sold to market for approximately \$1,200 US. These funds will be used to purchase another cow, and then to buy the food items for the gift baskets for Christmas sharing. Your gifts and financial contributions are still greatly needed for this project because the areas of outreach have grown immensely. We are pleased that Pastor Rupert will continue to manage this outreach project, and



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encourage Bible studies among those who show an interest after receiving their Christmas gift basket.

Also, before our departure, two event-size tents were shipped from the Elkhart Church in Indiana for Pastor and Mrs. Bramford. These tents will significantly increase church attendance along the river. Without the tents, the church members had no place to meet. The people in this area are so hungry for the Bible truths. Meetings were held in this area, and more requests have been made for more meetings, including health talks and family principles. Also, the Bramfords are reaching out to the young people, who are more prone to suicide.

Many books and other written resources from the United States were provided to the Guyana Conference, for the 35 pastors in all of Guyana. Unfortunately,

the pastors in Guyana have limited resources for Bible studies. Now each of the pastors has good resource books and Bibles with study guides in the back. The pastors are so thankful for the Bibles and other resources. Many had only heard of the Spirit of Prophecy books and are eager to learn more from them.

During our five years in Guyana, it became apparent that we barely touched the surface of what needs to be done. There are still so many people who need to hear about Jesus. Within the next few weeks, a new AWA missionary family will be arriving in Guyana. Darren and Joanna Lea, and their little girl, Rosana, will be joining the Wilkerson's in service for Jesus. Darren is a pilot and will take over the flying operations of the project. Joanna is a trained lifestyle educator and will be a blessing among the villages. We encourage you to continue giving to the Guyana project, as the financial support is greatly needed. Contributions are also invited for the Lea family, as they are new to Adventist World Aviation and working hard in their fundraising efforts.

Your faithful and generous donations are what helped our family while in Guyana. You were a team with us, and it was greatly appreciated. It is now time to turn the "baton" over to a new family, and we ask that you not forget the Guyana project, the Wilkerson's, and the Lea's. They need your continued prayers and financial support. Both families accepted God's call to Guyana and are committed to serving the Guyanese people and teaching them about Jesus! Won't you also accept the call and become committed to your prayers and financial support?

Greg and Chrystal VanFossen, along with their two children, Brandon and Serena, have served in Guyana since May 2011 and are now permanently stateside.





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“Cash money, Cash money”

Cash money, cash money” is the jingle I hear on the radio advertising a check cashing office for people without bank accounts or who can’t wait for checks to clear. Make no mistake, the use of these services is never part of sound financial planning. As I hear the ad, I am reminded of our necessary dependence on “cash money.” No ministry or organization can function without money; it is the mere fact of supporting any activity.

Though for AWA, the donations of goods and services are also essential. In fact, most of the aircraft in AWA’s fleet were donated. However, not all donations received by AWA are of airworthy aircraft or even aircraft at all. AWA has received cars, trucks, recreational vehicles, tools, boats, and real property. Some of these items can be used directly in the ministry; others can be sold or traded to maximize their value to the Lord’s work.

A great example was a derelict Cessna 206 that was donated to AWA. While it had some potential value in the AWA fleet, it wasn’t ideal. Instead, an opportunity was discovered to trade it towards another Cessna 206 floatplane, which AWA has an immediate need for in Brazil. It had an incredible trade value of \$40,000! It is so evident that the Lord multiplies His gifts!

Jud Wickwire serves as AWA’s vice-president of operations.





The pictures on these two pages are examples of items that have been donated to AWA in the past.



Making Dreams Come True

We are excited to have you hear about our aviation program from one of our Thunderbird Adventist Academy aviation students. Cameron Pottle is a senior in the flight program, working on his private pilot license. Here is what he shared with us about his experience this past school year:

“A little over a year ago I was brought to Thunderbird Adventist Academy to finish out my last two years in high school. The idea of leaving my previous school did not enthrall me too much. Upon my arrival, I learned about the aviation program. It wasn’t hard to hear about it because I had this growing and burning desire for getting involved in aviation. A couple of my friends were enrolled in the program, and all I heard was the positive reps.

Half the school year went by before the arrival of our new instructor, Mrs. Simmons. I had been waiting very impatiently for this moment. Immediately, we quickly dove into the new aviation curriculum during ground school, which was the hardest class I had ever taken in my life! At the same time, it was the most fun class I had ever taken in my life. I understand the principles being taught in the class, and appreciate the applications for getting things right, especially when your life depends on it.

After my first flight, I was hooked; I got the bug for flying. The feeling was beyond describable. Over time I have learned straightforward and complicated things from taxiing the plane to airspace. During the whole learning process, my instructor never lost hope in me. Every day we studied harder and harder. For I knew, and so did my classmates, that the learning process to fly was worth the battle.

Over the past year, I have gotten to know Mrs. Simmons, my instructor. Not only has she been my instructor, but she has been a positive influence on my journey to becoming a certified pilot. She also provides a positive spiritual atmosphere while she conducts her class.

One of the most memorable times for me in her class is every time we go flying. I walk around our little Cessna 172 as I go over our preflight checklist,

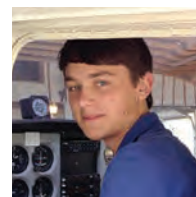


Three aviation students—Robbie Hakes,
Cameron Pottle and Jessica Pottle

checking the oil, the fuel sumps, and making sure everything works. Then, after pulling the plane over to the runway, we sit in the cockpit ready for takeoff. Then, we pray for our safety and our senses to be alert. For me, this means a lot. There is something about bringing in a spiritual atmosphere when you learn, and Mrs. Simmons accomplishes this.

Overall, with my past experiences of attending Thunderbird Adventist Academy, and taking the aviation class, I have experienced a dream come true. Flying is expensive, and often stops people from reaching their goal. At Thunderbird, I have a chance to fulfill my dreams of becoming a pilot, and I have learned that the only way to accomplish this is through studying hard and trusting in God. There is nothing in the world that I would trade this experience for. It’s a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and I’m glad I didn’t miss it.”

Cameron Pottle is a senior at Thunderbird Adventist Academy.



Sizzling Summer

Summertime leads us to think of vacations. Families spend more time and energy planning for their vacations than they do for their retirement. So, how does this relate to AWA?

In a couple of ways. First, we want our donors to be fiscally sound—that includes planning for your retirement and even for the sure two things of death and taxes. Why not spend a little time contemplating on these two events and include AWA? Most people know that you can benefit AWA through planned giving, by listing AWA in your Last Will and Testament. But, why wait that long to help AWA when other opportunities will save you taxes while giving to AWA—and you can still enjoy your vacations?

If you are interested in knowing more about receiving income from your investment and at the same time receive a tax deduction for your donation to AWA, please contact our office at 414-226-5195. We will be happy to work with you.

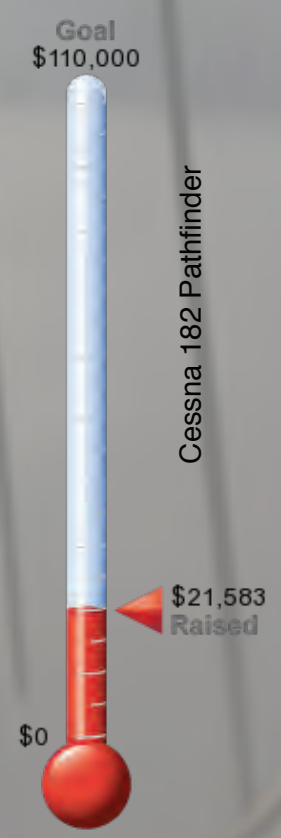
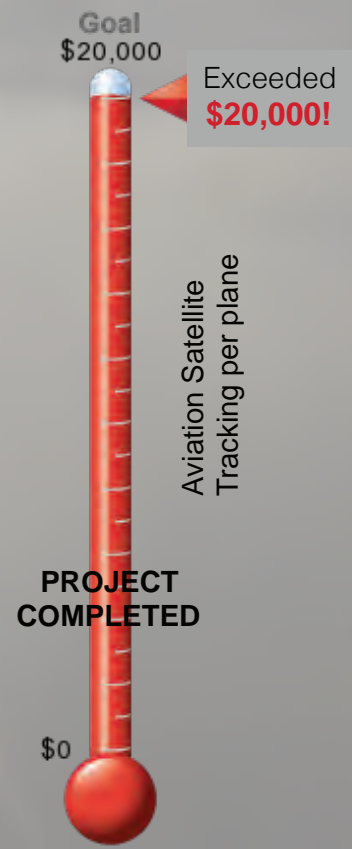
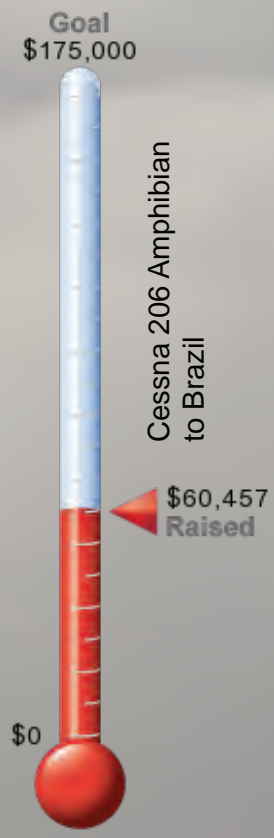
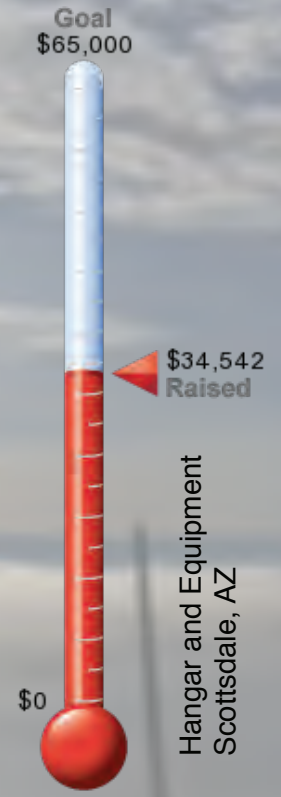
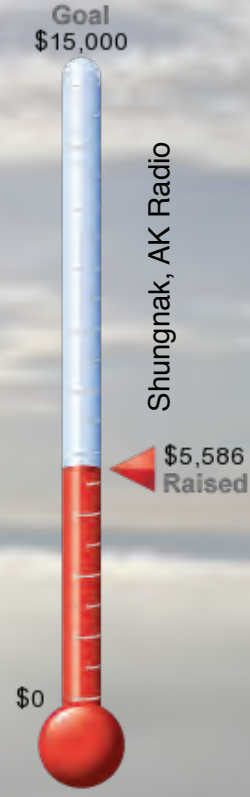
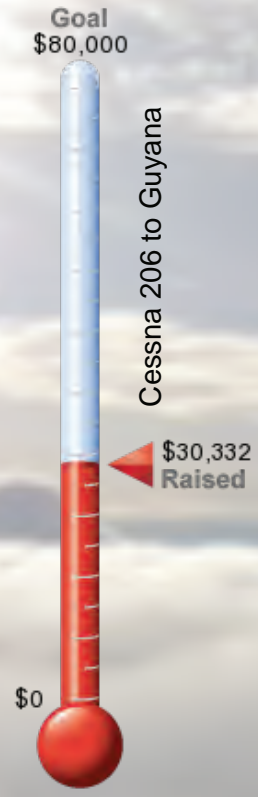
AWA experiences seasonal cash flows. Summertime, instead of sizzling with donations, tends to fizzle due to families focusing on vacations and not being in their normal routines. Would you be willing to make a special extra donation right now to help us?

This year we are experiencing growing pains as the projects in various countries are expanding. We have general expenses that are incurred before, during, and after a missionary is deployed that are not reflected in the project costs. Would you consider making a donation for “Where Needed Most” to assist with our summertime crunch? We pray that your family will experience an enjoyable summer vacation while keeping AWA in your thoughts and prayers.

Betty Haas is the Chief Financial Officer for AWA, and is also a board member for AWA-Canada.



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Are You a Philanthropist?

We often think of philanthropy as relating to foundations or big corporations or wealthy people. I recently read about Anne Scheiber. She had worked as an auditor and retired in 1944 with \$5,000 in savings. She lived frugally and invested very wisely and turned that \$5,000 into \$22 million by the time she died in 1995. She left all that money to Yeshiva University so bright but needy girls could attend college and medical school. Did she make a difference? Yes! Was she a philanthropist? Certainly.

Have you had a kiss recently? A Hershey one? Milton Hershey transformed chocolate from an expensive indulgence of the wealthy into an affordable treat for all. More importantly, he and his wife built a ring of homes around his home. In each, he hired a married couple to live with a group of orphans. He then established a school to ensure that the children received an excellent education and training in Industrial Arts. Later, he endowed the Milton Hershey School with an amount equivalent to \$11 billion in today's dollars.

So isn't it true that most of the charitable giving comes from foundations or corporation? No! In fact, only 14% of charitable giving in our country comes from foundations and only 5% comes from corporations. The rest comes from individuals like you and me, giving small or larger amounts as we can afford it. Added together those gifts make a huge difference. Your donations save lives, help spread the good news of Jesus' soon return, and support missionaries. AWA has no endowments; it is funded by the regular faithful gifts of many individuals.

THANK YOU for what you do; you are indispensable to our success.

Richard Habenicht is AWA's director of development.



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