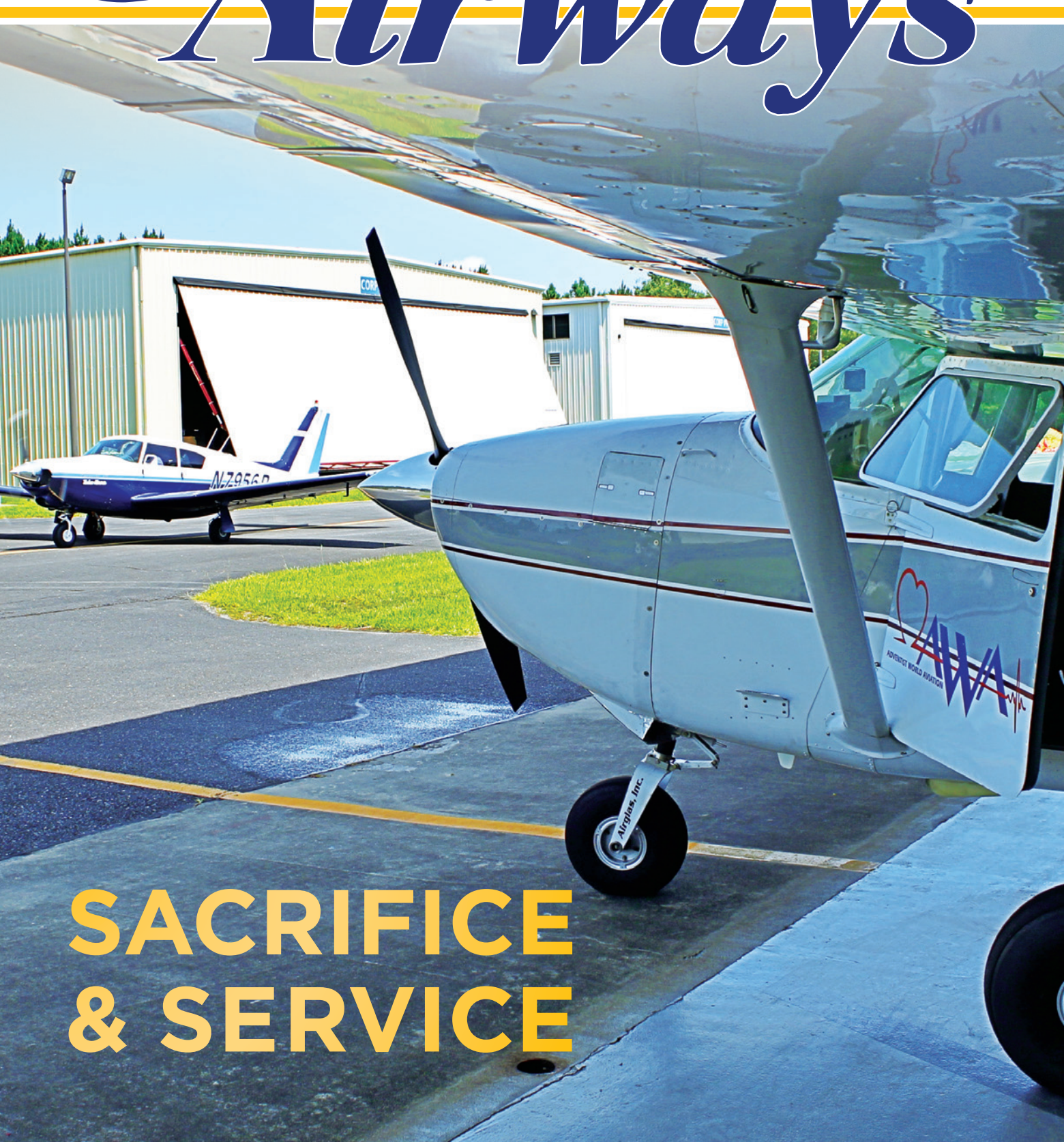


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AIRWAYS WEATHER REPORT

Dear AWA Friends, Family, Supporters, and Prayer Warriors,

Change is inevitable. From the moment we are born until the day we pass away our bodies, our families, our experiences, our hopes and dreams change.

Change can be stressful for some, while others look forward to change. Many who live in underdeveloped countries dream about coming to North America to experience the abundance that we take for granted; choices for everything from pens to phones, from footwear to food, from TV's to trucks. Their lives, in these remote regions, are filled with daily stress. Suffering and death are all too real. They hunger for change.

However, there are people who hunger to go to underdeveloped countries. They give up almost everything you and I may enjoy each day; fresh clean water, air conditioning and often even electricity. These individuals and their families, purposefully change their lives for the worse, all in order so they can serve others. Like each of us in our daily walk with the Lord, foreign-land missionaries prepare for their field of service with an intentional pursuit of intimacy with Christ that they may learn to abide in Him long before they ever cross geographical, cultural, and linguistic barriers. We are all the missionary body of Christ, but foreign-land missionaries are the hands and feet of those of us who are unable to leave jobs and families. They are the servants who go for as long as God positions them to reach as many as possible until God calls on and places others to come and continue the life-saving work that brings hope to the hopeless.

Sometimes change happens over time and other times change happens all at once. We try to be prepared for change; however, the reality is we are never fully prepared for every contingency. When things change faster than we like, it is important that we all pray! Pray for wisdom and clarity, then trust God has this - and He does!

“It is not so true that ‘prayer changes things’ as that prayer changes me and I change things. God has so constituted things that prayer on the basis of redemption alters the way in which a man looks at things.

Prayer is not a question of altering things externally, but of working wonders in a man's disposition." Oswald Chambers

The one constant any institution can expect is change. Adventist World Aviation is not immune to change and as individuals take other positions in the Lord's vineyard or retire or new team members join AWA, we must move with the changing times. AWA appreciates those who have retired or transitioned and they will always have the respect they have earned with us. We will miss them, but we know the Lord will bless them as they go forward in other areas of service.

We are thrilled to announce that there are new people in new roles at AWA, some with a long history with AWA, some in new roles, and some adding to their existing roles. They bring with them fresh new ideas, which will foster growth in areas we have never thought of before. We are excited to see what God has in store for AWA. Ray and Julie Young are the new Global Operations Manager & Canada Project Manager and Administrative Assistant in Kelowna, BC Canada. Kyle Stevenson is the new Chief of Maintenance overseeing the AWA airplanes. He and his wife, Rebecca, and their daughter, Hadahsa, are trekking across the country to AWA headquarters in Smithfield, NC. Bruce Wilkerson and Monique Wilkerson are expanding their roles as project managers in the Philippines and Guyana. Missionaries, Josh and Yosiday Fix will be heading to the Philippines to carry on the work there. Please keep these people in your prayers.

Our desire at AWA is to reflect the love of Christ in action, to work through the changes and to continue to serve wherever He leads. We pray you will partner with us as we grow and expand. I ask you to continue to pray and support the work of sharing the gospel and providing vital life-saving care to those in great need no matter who the workers are. They are worthy of your prayers and support. Thank you for your renewed commitment to be collaborators with AWA until Jesus comes.

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9:37-38

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ABOUT THE COVER:

N7965P (left) and N8764X (right) airplanes waiting for takeoff to Oshkosh, Wisconsin for the EAA and Pathfinder Camporee Events. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and we look forward to seeing you next time! N7965P, the Toka-Hana, conducts Angel flights and Young Eagle flights at our Smithfield office. The N8764X airplane will be bound for our AWA Nicaragua Mission Project as soon as possible.

Investing in the Future of AWA

At AWA, we appreciate the feedback we receive from our supporters. One of our supporters wrote to us recently and we were so impressed with this young man's ideas, we wanted to share them with you.



Greetings,

My name is Raphaël. I am twelve years old and...I have a passion for airplanes, but not the kind of airplanes that bring me from (Canada) to China. I know it's still an airplane, but still, I prefer bush airplanes that can take off and land in fields, beach, lake, country roads, or any airstrip. I want to be a bush pilot. I know about the need for more bush planes to reach more people for Jesus, where a road or typical airstrips are absent. I want to be a missionary bush pilot in the North of Canada. But since I cannot fly airplanes for now, I fly drones. I am currently building an RC plane, the Vought F4U Corsair from scratch. This led me to think. What if we could use an RC airplane that could have a long flight time and travel long distances? It could land on vary short landing distances where even bush planes cannot land, and bring medicine and equipment to secluded places. What do you think of this?... Please let me know how I can get involved.

God bless you,
Yours Truly,
Raphaël

Ray Young in our Canadian office then forwarded the letter to Laura LaBore who responded.

Dear Raphael,

Hello! My name is Laura LaBore. I have been a bush pilot with AWA for many years now. I am excited that you have a passion for aviation! I love it too.

Your idea of an RC is great! I love it. Just recently in our area, someone sent a drone up into the mountains where there was a nurse. The nurse had drawn blood on several patients and she sent the vials of blood down with the drone. They then gave the blood to the lab to run tests. After they sent medicines up to the mountains with the drone. The trip took about 10 minutes total. To hike up would have taken 5-6 hours!

Keep learning as much as you can. Keep growing in Jesus and you'll never know where He will lead!

Laura.

We then received another letter from Raphaël with one from his mother as well.

Hello everyone,

My son has written you a message that you will find below. I would like to thank you for taking the time and writing to him. Missionary aviation means a lot for him and he found an encouragement reading your letters. We keep you in our prayers,

Blessings,

Andra (Raphael's mother)

Dear AWA team,

Greetings,



It's me, Raphaël.... Thank you very much for the AWA cap and the Airway magazines. I enjoy them very much and read and reread them! I am very happy that you took the time to write back.

I finished building my RC Corsair plane and it works well. This summer I am doing grass mowing for church members that are too busy and all the money that comes in from the mowing is being saved and will be sent as donations to AWA. I made a presentation about AWA last Sabbath at church. The people at church were very enthusiastic about the ministry of AWA and hopefully they will make donations. My five-year-old brother made small airplanes out of popsicle sticks and distributed them to all the church members as a reminder to make donations to AWA.

Concerning my idea in the first letter I sent you, I would like to know if AWA would need a drone or Hexacopter that could lift at least ten kilos and could travel long distances in a short time. It could be able to replace the plane airdrops and instead land smoothly and without damaging the cargo. Its trip will take only a few minutes instead of hours on foot over terrain it could be used for any village without airstrips. It could carry medicine, blood samples, and any emergency supplies. My plan is to do a fundraising, purchase the Hexacopter, make minor modifications, test it, and then send it to you. Prayerfully consider the offer and see if AWA needs a drone....

Thank you and God Bless,
Raphaël

Currently, we are looking into cost and features to see if a Hexacopter will be useful in the field. Letters like this one from a young person are not only inspiring to us in the office, but also encouraging to our missionaries in the field. It is just amazing to see God working in these young lives. Please pray for our young people that they will discover their calling for ministry early in life and find the joy in serving Jesus.

Service at Home in the Philippines

By Laura LaBore



Raylene Espinosa helping with the Children's ministry

When you think of missionaries leaving their homes to reach those who are in remote, hard to reach areas, you may envision them selling all they own and sadly saying good-bye to all those they know at the airport before being whisked away, not to be seen again by friends and family for many years.

Some missionaries do not have to travel so far, yet their sacrifice and service is just the same. This quarter we want to give a shout-out to our local missionaries here at the AWA Palawan Mission Base: the Espinosa family and Christine Cayetano. They did not have to grab their passports and stand

in long lines, applying for Visas, but their service here is just as crucial as any other missionary contributes in the mission field. These local missionaries are a key blessing here, as they are instrumental in building and maintaining this project.

The Espinosa Family came from Manila, on the island of Luzon. When they first took the position with AWA in 2007, they built the first mission house here on the base, and lived in it while building it. They have many stories of when they first arrived here, including hiding under a tarp, trying to keep themselves and their children dry during torrential thundershowers.

Edgar runs the construction

projects here, and lately has been working on the new church building, as well as maintaining the base. Before coming here, Edgar and Raylene met at church and quickly fell in love. Raylene originally came from the island of Mindanao and grew up on a coconut and cacao farm. Raylene's expert advice on gardening and local customs has also been such a blessing to helping us here.

Their two children, Edrei Von, 22, and Earyl, 16, have grown up to be missionary kids in their own country and they also became involved in various missions and this mission base. They are very active in different outreach groups in their schools. They often join or lead groups to



AWA Team (Bill was at the Director's meeting); L-R, Back: Micah LaBore, Laura LaBore, Danielle LaBore. Front: Gay Barnedo (Friend of AWA), Christine Cayetano, Raylene Espinosa, Earyl Espinosa, Edgar Espinosa, Von Espinosa

do outreach in different villages, from simple medical outreach to singing and Bible studies. You will also always find them happy to volunteer to do the Mission Story, lead song service, special music, or help with children's Sabbath School.

The Espinosa family has been a huge help in translating for us and other visiting missionaries to our mission base, as we do not yet have a full grasp of the local language. They are real troopers and have a passion to reach others.

Christine Cayetano is our accountant, and her job is not limited to crunching numbers and dispersing cash. She has to know what all the local accounting laws for an NGO are and keep up with the ever-changing laws. She is also the person who takes on the responsibility to go to the

government offices to file reports and fill out paperwork. Having a local person who can navigate all these laws and paperwork is essential and she has been a wonderful blessing to us! She maintains the mission base office, while living an hour and a half drive away in the city. Every Sabbath you will find her in choir and various out-reach groups at the Adventist Hospital and around the area.

We are all the body of Christ, no matter where we are in the mission field. Each of us has a different purpose and personality, because God has tailored each one of us for the jobs He has in mind for us. We are so grateful for these local teammates here at the Palawan Mission Base that God has empowered with the skills to keep reaching the people here in the Philippines for Him!



Earyl Espinosa and Micah LaBore checking blood sugars at an evangelistic series



Von Espinosa coordinating a health outreach with Danielle LaBore checking blood sugar

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Laura LaBore is a pilot and the wife of Project Manager Bill LaBore at the AWA-Palawan Project.



Church Construction Creates Jobs for the Community

By Edgar Espinosa



Old church on right with the new church on left

When the Canadian team from Chetwynd came to our humble little village of Sagpangan this year, they left a legacy to build on. They were able to complete large portions of the church walls before they went back home. Though it is not yet completed, the construction of the church is progressing at a steady pace. We continue to have work bees where people from surrounding churches come to help finish the church. However, even that is not enough to finish this large project as quickly as we need the room for the growing congregation.

As money comes in, we hire eager men from the village to



help finish the work. Every day four to five men arrive to work on the church. Most of them are older, but they are hard workers. One of the older men related many times how grateful he is that someone would give an old man a job. Most people in the area would not, and this makes life difficult for these people to help support themselves, even though they are skilled and work hard. These older men work harder than some of the young men we have had working on the mission base!

There are no jobs in our area. The main source of income is to grow a garden and sell the produce for a small amount



Progress on the new cement church

of profit. In the dry season, it is impossible to keep a garden going if you are not rich enough to own a well to draw water for the thirsty plants. The funding for this AWA project in the Philippines, along with our other building projects at the AWA Palawan Mission Base helps us not only to complete the major building projects needed to spread the Gospel to this island, but also helps the local people provide for their families. We appreciate your support and prayers for this project. Your monthly support especially helps us budget out how many local people we can hire for the different projects!

When it is completed, we will be excited to be able to worship in the new church. Last Sabbath, we had 44 children attend in the old church, which has ranged from forty to fifty each week. There is no room left to fit everyone in our old church! We are praying that one day the children's parents will



Men working on the new church



also join their children in keeping Sabbath and worshipping with us. Until then, we delight at the sound of young voices praising God and keep working on the new church!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Edgar Espinosa has managed AWA's Palawan project for more than 10 years along with his wife, Raylene, and their two children. They are all an integral part of the project.



Service & Sacrifice in the Mission Field

By Bruce Wilkerson

Respectfully transporting remains

Monique and I are both United States veterans and people often ask us questions like “How long did you serve?”, “What did you do?”, and “Was it a hard life?” For both of us, our service began as a means to gain higher education and work experience. Through our vast experiences, both good and bad, our love grew stronger for the United States and the principles it stands for. Our eyes tear up when we hear the National Anthem. Our heart aches when another soldier loses their life.

Similarly, people ask us the same questions when we embarked on missionary life. “How long will you serve?”, “What will you do?”, and “Will it be a hard life?” For both of us, our missionary service began as a means to realize lifelong dreams. However, our experiences have given us richer, fuller, and more vibrant lives. The sacrifices we have assumed because of our relocation away from family, the country and people we know and love, are insignificant compared to the opportunities and relationships



A young infant saved through a medevac flight



Bruce Wilkerson para jumping

we have gained through a deeper understanding of God's love. We view our missionary service as an undeserving privilege to work for God.

As missionaries stationed at AWA's Guyana Mission Base, we have had many positive experiences reaching the local people with God's love. We have also been able to help save lives through our medivac flights.

One night, we were in our mosquito nets ready to sleep when the Mabaruma Hospital's medical officer of the day called us. She requested an early medical evacuation of a newborn baby in respiratory distress. Because single-engine aircraft are not allowed to fly at night in Guyana, we calculated the sunrise time, which is typically at 6:45 am and asked the doctor to have the ambulance with the baby, escort medical personnel, and parent at the hangar site at 6:30



Monique Wilkerson

am to load into the plane. AWA personnel met at the hangar at 6 am to preflight the aircraft and add aviation fuel for the trip. At sunrise, the aircraft departed for Georgetown with the newborn baby. When we received word that the baby survived and was doing much better, it brought joy and fulfilment to everyone involved knowing that AWA served a vital role in saving this young life.

However, there are more stories that are not told, because they show the heartbreaking side to being a missionary. Sometimes, we are unable to answer a call because the plane is already air bound and taking another patient to the hospital. Sometimes, we are called in to transport the remains of someone who has passed away and needs to be transported back to their family. This service to and from the interior is a regular humanitarian act AWA

provides to the people of Guyana. It is a reverent service albeit a painstaking process for AWA personnel negotiating security and acquiring health officer approval. Due to the importance of AWA's service at these times of need, oftentimes, people ask the team to provide the humbling responsibilities of officiating with messages of hope during the funeral, memorial, and graveside services.

AWA provides essential services in Guyana and one of the many reasons Monique and I are in Guyana. Our faithful partners and supporters make it possible for us to be here. Your sacrifice of monthly support helps AWA serve the people around our Mabaruma Mission Base in Guyana. Together, we sacrifice and serve...



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Bruce and Monique Wilkerson are the project management team for AWA's Guyana Project.



Arctic Search and Rescue

By Jim Kincaid

A few years ago, three men were traveling together on a remote river in the western Brooks Range. They were using snow machines and pulling heavy-laden sleds on the river ice and snow. Unfortunately, they encountered a serious overflow and one machine fishtailed, rolling over on its rider in about 6 inches of freezing cold water. The two uninjured men called the accident in, performed CPR on their friend, and marked a landing zone for a rescue plane. We received the call just as I returned to Kotzebue from a flight. I quickly took the time to fuel up and find a medic to go with me. The flight took approximately 45 minutes. Even

though the terrain is somewhat devoid of prominent landmarks due to the ice and snow, it was easy to locate the accident/camp spot because the dispatcher gave me the GPS coordinates. Unfortunately, by the time my medic and I had arrived, it had been close to an hour and a half since the accident had occurred. As soon as we arrived, the medic took over and worked on the man for another half an hour. The injured man had ingested water in addition to his other injuries. Though his friends had taken turns doing CPR for almost the entire time since the accident, he never regained consciousness. Finally, we all had to admit defeat. It was a terribly tragic end

to what had been planned to be a marvelous adventure for those three men.

This is a critically important lesson for all who live and work in arctic areas. A very thin line often separates life and death in the Arctic. The conditions at the high latitudes are such that one can freeze the extremities in only a few moments of exposure. One's entire body can freeze if inadequately covered in a relatively short time. To survive the conflict against the elements in Alaska, one must have good planning, training, and judgment. The same lessons apply to the life and death conflict we are engaged on this earth. Everyone working for God to establish eternal



The ski-plane waiting for the outcome



Western Central Brooks Range on the fateful morning nearing the accident site



Looking down on the site where significant overflow was observed

connections in the mission field around the globe must have good planning with prayer, training in God's Word, and rely on God's judgment for us to survive. It may seem in many ways that the devil obtains the upper hand, and it can be discouraging work seeking souls for Christ. Yet, we have a God in heaven that helps us through anything that the devil can throw at us. God will lead us through this sad world to that happy day when He comes to take us home.

We praise the Lord for the volunteers who have accepted the challenge of good planning, comprehensive training, and have learned to use good judgment in their daily living.

AWA-Alaska works very closely with the Alaska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The Alaska Conference actively recruits, trains, and assigns volunteers under its Arctic Mission Adventure (AMA) program. AWA's goal is to provide transportation support when volunteers launch into these remote areas, resupply when needed, and help with infrastructure development as the mission network expands. AWA is in a position here to not only help transport workers to spread the Gospel, but also help save hundreds and potentially thousands of lives. We need your support to help make this service a reality.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jim Kincaid is the Project Manager of AWA's Alaska Mission Project.

Bite-sized Donations

AWA has many places where your donation would specifically help a project, plane, or missionary working in the field. Please consider these “Bite-Sized” opportunities to help, both monthly ongoing support, or one-time support.



Monthly Support

A **\$25** Monthly Gift can provide:

- Breakfast for 12 children
- School books for five students
- A handheld water filter for emergency access to clean drinking water

A **\$50** Monthly Gift can provide:

- Disposable medical supplies to refill an emergency first aid kit
- Fuel for mission boat or motorcycle use for transportation

A **\$150** Monthly Gift can provide:

- Food baskets for five needy families

One Time Support

A **\$25** Gift can provide:

- A fruit tree for a mission orchard
- Assorted garden seeds
- Aviation Laboratories Metal Check Analysis kit

A **\$50** Gift can provide:

- A propane tank to provide fuel for cooking
- School books for 10 students

A **\$100** Gift can provide:

- Shipping cost to send one large box of mission supplies to the Philippines
- One Spark plug - typically 4-6 in each plane



A **\$150** Gift can provide:

- A two-wheeled yard cart wheelbarrow
- Motorcycle tire
- Folding backboard for medical transports

A **\$200** Gift can provide:

- Aircraft tire
- 55 gallon barrel of humanitarian supplies



A **\$300** Gift can provide:

- Fuel pump for single engine plane
- iPad for plane pilot to use to navigate the plane
- Box of medical supplies

A **\$500** Gift can provide:

- A 3rd-row fold down seat for evacuations
- A portable gas-powered generator
- Aircraft battery

A **\$1,000** Gift can provide:

- An AED defibrillator
- An engine magneto for aircraft ignition system

AWA MISSION PROJECTS

What is an AWA Mission Project?

AWA operates mission projects all over the world. Each project is unique to the region where it is located, yet all have the same goal: to share the love of Jesus and provide logistical air support in remote areas of the world. Missionaries are the central part of these projects, and we could not do the work we do without them!

When you adopt a mission project and support it through your monthly donations, that money goes to save lives and relieve suffering. It also provides hope to people living in hopelessness without Jesus. We are committed to making sure the missionaries stationed at AWA projects can minister and provide support to the people they serve.

AWA mission projects would not exist if not for funding from donors like you. Together we can make a difference. We can reach forgotten people in all corners of the world. As little as a dollar-a-day can help AWA save a life through medevac and ground support in these remote areas.

Please, adopt an AWA mission project with your monthly support, today!

Palawan Project - Philippines



The Philippines is located in the infamous “Ring of Fire” known for its volcanoes, earthquakes and devastating typhoons. As these events occur, AWA aviation operations allows access to a radius of hundreds of outlying islands, and can be used to aid in disaster relief operations by transporting out injured individuals and delivering emergency supplies into impacted areas. This mission base will allow aviation to bring aid to these islands, as well as focus on evangelizing areas that others cannot reach.



While the aviation mission base in the Philippines will focus heavily on medical evacuations, it will also transport evangelists and pastors to remote islands for ministry. Many people on these remote islands have never heard the gospel message. This mission base greatly opens opportunities for reaching Filipinos living in isolated areas.

Built from the ground up, this project first reached out to the local community on the island of Palawan, conducting evangelistic meetings and establishing churches. Now we are even more excited at the prospect of reaching the surrounding islands through aviation.

• Completion of Airstrip	\$30,000
• Hangar Shipment, Construction etc,	\$50,000
• Landfill/Landscaping of Airbase	\$25,000
• Access Road	Completed

Mabaruma Project - Guyana

The AWA aviation mission base in Guyana is located in the northwest corner of the country and works out of the village of Mabaruma.

For over 10 years, the AWA missionaries have created deep roots within the community and have many ministries aside from aviation operations. Our program provides humanitarian support and works closely with the Guyanese government

where we have a well-established relationship and partnership.



A majority of the flights within this project are focused on providing emergency medical evacuations and humanitarian support for the surrounding villages. This involves transporting critically ill patients from the jungle interiors to the capital city of Georgetown where they can obtain lifesaving medical care. This keeps our aviation base very active and busy. The interior villages our aircraft support are so remote that often aviation is the only way to reach them.

• Water Collection system & storage	\$11,250
• Drainage system	\$3,725
• Solar batteries for the worship center and missionary quarters	\$1140
• Public restroom	\$1,813

La Tronquera Project - Nicaragua



Located in the northeast corner by the Honduras border, beautiful mountain ranges and endless impermeable jungle separate the Miskito people from many advancements civilization provides. Transportation and communication infrastructure never fully developed in this area, making this remote region even more isolated.



AWA's aviation mission base in this area is regularly conducting medevac flights. Over the past decade, this base has rescued over 600 patients from the remote jungle and flown them to Puerto Cabezas where they are then taken to the hospital for treatment. Ranging from snakebites to pregnancy complications, many of these patients have life-threatening conditions that require timely medical treatment.

Without AWA, these people would have to travel for days to receive the help they need. Having an airbase here allows for quick and expedient extractions, often within a few hours, saving hundreds of lives, with the potential to save thousands of lives.

- Deployment costs of the N8764X Cessna 182
- Repairing the roofing and flooring of the mission house

GROWING PROJECTS

Sioux Lookout - Northern Ontario

AWA has partnered with the Ontario Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists to minister to the social and spiritual challenges that the indigenous people face daily, including drug and alcohol dependencies and high suicide rates. In many areas, an amphibious aircraft is needed.

- Deployment costs of the C-FWOH Cessna 185
- Hangar and Maintenance Package for the plane



Alaska

In Alaska, most of its 225 native villages are inaccessible by road. Some challenges for this remote area are the high costs of utilities, food, housing, transportation, coupled with high unemployment. The Alaska Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists and AWA has a 20-year history of collaboration, coordination, communication, and cooperation in this area.

- A Hangar in Palmer (possible sale of Dillingham hangar)
- Housing for missionaries and office



Uganda



AWA is partnering with ADRA in medevac work and to bring the gospel to those in Uganda. Challenges include the refurbishment of the aircraft to use aviation jet fuel (diesel) which is more readily available and less costly than AV gas, typically used in small aircraft.



- Aircraft overhaul and diesel conversion
- Funds for Aircraft and missionary deployment

Brazil



On the Amazon river, a boat can take several days to reach riverside villages. Partnering with the Northwest Brazil Missions Institute, an amphibious aircraft will save time delivering workers and supplies into these communities, and save lives through medevac flights.

- Cessna 206 completion and deployment
- Maintenance package for the plane



Welcome to Ray & Julie Young!

Welcome does not seem the correct word when it comes to Ray and Julie, as they have been an inspirational part of AWA for many years now. You may recognize them from our Off The Grid series. Ray was instrumental in helping to restore, paint, and deliver Cessna 182 N8838X for AWA. In fact, Ray believes the paint design for the yellow and blue Pathfinder planes is his contribution to God's work. Ray approached that project like everything he does. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Ecclesiastes 9:10 However, welcome does apply to Ray and Julie in starting their new roles here at AWA. We are excited to welcome Ray as our AWA Canada Project Manager and Global Operations Manager, and Julie as the Canadian Office's Administrative Assistant. We have already been blessed to have them step into these new roles. Ray was always intrigued by flying, and in the fifth grade, he had a teacher who encouraged the students to become interested in aviation. Mr. Duncan at the SDA Church School in Terrance, British Columbia had students build and fly gas-powered model planes. This was just the beginning as Ray started working



Ray & Julie Young in the cockpit

on planes, but also felt he was being called to be a missionary pilot. A glossy brochure about a boarding school in Auburn, Washington in the United States inspired Ray further. Pictures of airplanes and a runway on campus made Ray determined to go to school there so he could eventually obtain his pilot's license and be a missionary pilot. Years later, he was finally able to attend the school; however, he was unable to pay for the tuition and flying lessons. Ray persevered, obtaining his private

pilot's license in 1983 and his commercial license by the next year. He was so determined to finish his endorsements that on New Year's Eve in 1983, he flew into the New Year completing his night endorsement in one night. Unfortunately, Ray was only able to fly as a hobby for some time. Logging was always Ray's primary career choice to provide for his young family. Ray worked in his family's logging business as a buckerman, faller, then branched out as a manager of his own company. He has had various



Left to right: Brad Young, Ray Young, Eldon Bauer, & Jerry Purdom moving the C-FTHO plane



Ray Young working on the N8764X airplane



Julie Young at the AWA booth

other careers over the years, including becoming a certified Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer, with computer and website experience. Ray's wife, Julie, is interested in aviation as well and has supported Ray in all his training and career choices. Primarily working as a stay-at-home mom to their two boys, Julie also worked as a care aide, housekeeper, pharmacy technician, and retail sales at various companies. In the back of her mind, she knew God had a purpose for them and always

wondered how she could become a missionary involved in some form of service to God through aviation. It all came together when Ray was called to step into his new role at AWA. Julie now runs the AWA Canada office as a volunteer to help stretch funding for the mission projects. She has already been a blessing to the AWA family and we enjoy every opportunity to work with her. Ray and Julie now travel together on new adventures working for AWA all over the globe. They

have also been promoting AWA in both Canada and the United States recently at various events. Every day, they thank God for allowing them this opportunity to serve Him in the great commission to spread the gospel to the entire world so Jesus can come. To the Young's, this is a calling, not a job. Please pray for them as they sacrificially serve the Lord through building up the AWA projects where the mission is to save lives and share the love of Jesus.

AWA Pilot's Association provides Service & Fulfillment

By Joel Sutherland



The dream of flight is as old as life itself. Even David, the famed psalmist and great king of Israel, longed to experience the freedom of flight. I can imagine him standing on the brow of a hill, looking wistfully back at Jerusalem, his beloved city. He has just escaped the city, fleeing from his own son, Absalom. As he gazes into the distance, something catches his eye. It is a dove flying freely, effortlessly, and safely. The gentle morning breeze buoys it up. David then exclaims, "... Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest." ~ Psalm 55:6

Flying has been the epitome of freedom and the culmination of an undeniable desire to touch the sky. Ever since humanity slipped the surly bonds of earth, we have been experiencing the joy and tranquility only possible

at 3,000 feet. Yet, the joy of flight can sometimes become elusive, lost amid a sea of insurance payments, expensive avgas, and debilitating maintenance costs.

As a pilot, I understand how insignificant the hundred-dollar hamburger (or "vegeburger") can be. This is why I was immediately interested when I was approached quite some time ago with the idea

of starting the Adventist World Aviation Pilots' Association. Like many of you, flying is my passion; however, it can be expensive, lonely, and meaningless at times. We are launching AWA Pilots' Association to provide Adventist pilots who are weary of insignificant flying an opportunity for community and fulfillment.



Camp Hope, a facility in Houston, TX for the PTSD Foundation of America

Opportunity for Community

As a member of AWAPA, you will have access to an exclusive community of like-minded pilots. You will discover other pilots with similar beliefs, values, and passions and get to know them both online and in person. We will be hosting online meetups through our private Mighty Network, as well as providing opportunities for face-to-face interactions at public fly-ins and fly-ins hosted by Adventist World Aviation.

Opportunity for Fulfillment

If you regularly read these pages, you have read many stories of pilots finding fulfillment, helping hundreds if not thousands of people on a regular basis in other countries. Sounds good, but what if you are not able to stop everything, pack up your life, and move to another country? That is where AWAPA comes in. This pilots' association will function as the North American arm of AWA, serving people right here in our backyard.

How will this work?

I am glad you asked! We have already partnered or are forming partnerships with several organizations that need the kind of air support general aviation can provide. I want to introduce you to just one of them: Camp Hope.

Camp Hope is a facility of the PTSD Foundation of America, located in Houston, Texas. I was able to visit it earlier this year and was extremely impressed with what they had going on. The camp provides veterans and their



immediate family members an opportunity to find healing, help, and hope while benefiting from an intensive peer support and mentoring program for combat related Post Traumatic Stress. A unique team staff the camp, including combat veterans and civilian pastoral staff trained in working with victims of trauma and PTSD.

When a veteran or concerned family member reaches out to Camp Hope, the camp staff swings immediately into action to find transportation for the individual. They have a group of volunteers who will drive individuals to Camp Hope if they are traveling from somewhere nearby. However, if the individual has to travel any great distance, they have to buy a last-minute airline ticket and arrange for them to fly commercially. What the AWA Pilots' Association would like to do is to help form a network of pilots who will be willing to donate their time and avgas towards helping fly these veterans or families to Houston so that they can find the help that they need.

This is just one of the many opportunities that you will find as a member of the AWA Pilots' Association. If you are a pilot or know someone who is a pilot, please go to pilots.flyawa.org to learn more and join today. Eat less hundred dollar hamburgers and spend more time finding community and fulfillment at three thousand feet, doing what pilots were created to do.



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Missionaries Wherever God Leads

Kyle Stevenson working on the Colt airplane

“Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.” Matthew 16:24-25

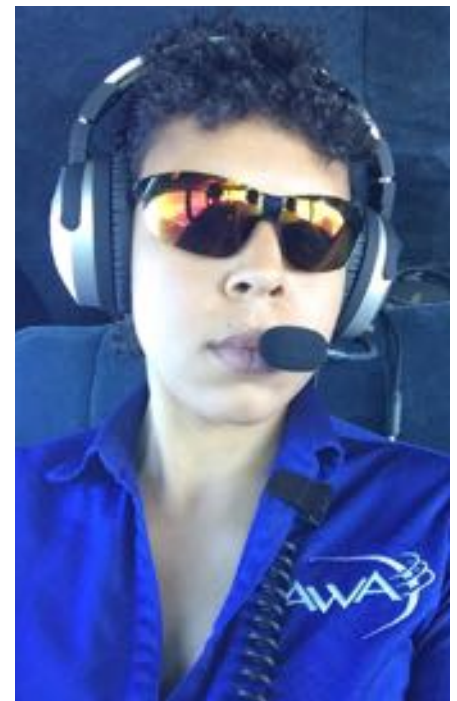
That sounds like a good reason not to go to Africa, I reasoned at the tender age of 4 or 5.

In my mind, serving God meant being a missionary in Africa. I had not discovered yet God had woven mission service into my heart when He made me. I had no idea He had such big plans for me more glorious and

pleasure-filled than I could ever imagine. Little did I truly know or understand the extraordinary God I now so willingly serve. However, by the time He had fervently completed His pursuit of me, my heart, and asked me to follow Him to be a missionary, potentially in Uganda, I chose right then to bind up the battle of letting go of my life and the comfortable lies that had thwarted my submission, and give it to God.

Yes Lord, I sobbed in prayer; *I will follow you to Uganda.* Finally, peace was mine.

It turns out there is no sacrifice to give up your life. It



Rebecca Stevenson in flight training

was not your life to begin with, but God's, which He created for His perfect purpose for you. The idea that I could not be happy to serve the Lord in the way He was asking was because of the enemy of God clouding my perception. Satan had a destructive plan all along for my life, and for all God's children. Every temptation to think of God as less than capable to keep you safe, to deliver you, to provide for you, to sustain you, is a deceptive lie we can rebuke by hiding God's word carefully in our hearts. Knowing that when I entered into acceptance of God's plan and purpose for my life makes the submission that much sweeter.

James 4:7-8 says, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded."

A mission pilot? Me? I exclaimed when God first gave me the invitation back in August of 2015. Since then, I have seen so much deliberate spiritual choreography that I would be a fool to think God wants anything other than this for my life. It is a divine plan that Satan fights and spreads doubt every step of the way. This great controversy is real for me as a missionary. We, myself along with Kyle, my A & P licensed husband, and my young daughter, long to serve in His vineyard wherever He has need of us. To that I say, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan!"

On June 19 of this year,



Hadahsa helping wash the Mooney at the AWA Smithfield Office

God called us to move from our home, family, and church in Oregon, to Smithfield, NC for Kyle to become the Chief of Maintenance at AWA. Two hours after the invitation, God made provision for our house to sell on the spot. By July 7, we drove our possessions cross-country and arrived in Smithfield, where a few weeks later, He revealed a brand new home for us, and a brand new mission field we had not even considered. Only God could have set these events in motion, and we were finally to the point of being ready to do God's will, wherever He takes us. The faith of Abraham is kin to our hearts now. God called Abraham to leave Ur to go to the Promised Land, and now we understand. *We walk by faith, not by sight.*

It is not about the waves or the circumstances. God created the water. We are still in need of support as we take on this new mission field for God, but we know that God will use

supporters like you to help keep us going. A one-time donation of water to a farmer's crop will not sustain it. It needs continual watering so everyone can enjoy the bountiful harvest. Please consider faithfully supporting AWA monthly so we can continue to keep following God's path for us.



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Be sure to look for us at the following events:
Eastern Carolina Camp Meeting on Saturday, October 19th at the Greenville North SDA Church in Greenville, NC, U.S.

DONATE YOUR VEHICLE TO AWA

At AWA, we usually ask people to donate their planes to us, but did you know you can also donate a vehicle as well!

As we grow, we have more volunteers and AWA missionaries spending time at our headquarters to work on our aircraft, obtain training, and participate in AWA events. We have a need for reliable vehicles that our traveling workers can use while they are in the area. Renting a vehicle, especially for months at a time, is becoming increasingly expensive.

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