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PRESIDENT'S WEATHER REPORT:

Back To The Basics!

Having just completed my first year as president of AWA, I am indeed humbled.

The challenges of heading up a ministry—one with an impact of aviation—can be overwhelming. There are many changes, many challenges; yet God has seen us through the year. The changes have included new location, new quarterly magazine, new mission projects, new personnel, a new mission training school, and finally renewed emphases on our purpose of existence.

Recently, I had the privilege of visiting with Elder Robert Folkenberg, former General Conference president and one of the founding fathers of Adventist World Aviation. I desired to hear from him what the primary mission and purpose was for the establishment of an aviation ministry. His answer was simple.

He stated, "Adventist World Aviation was established to do that which the church was fast becoming unable to do—to provide workers, supplies, food, medicines, vaccinations, humanitarian aid and medical evacuations to undeliverable areas in the world." In essence, the world church needed aviation evangelism.

You see, during the late 70's and 80's aviation support inside

the church was on a decline, even though statistically it is more dangerous to walk across a street, ride a bicycle, ride a horse, play baseball or football, or even drive a car. Litigation concerns were causing non-aviators to close down the aviation operations at Seventh-day Adventist academies and colleges, thus handicapping the

church's ability to train pilots for mission service to the world mission fields.

The solution? Adventist World Aviation!

Adventist World Aviation (AWA) is a supporting ministry of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. It operates separately, yet not

independently of the church. It was established to support the functions of the church by providing much needed air support—something the church organization was no longer able to do for itself.

As such, AWA partners with the world church, serving without the fear of losing leadership and direction.

Following Jesus' example of helping the helpless, reaching the unreachable, and seeking to save that which is lost, AWA will work with loyal conviction and with the faith of God, knowing that we are

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following Him.

We invite you to read the mission stories about sick babies and injured patients being saved because of medical evacuations by our mission pilots and support team members. Without this air support, many lives would have been lost. But now they are given an opportunity for physical healing, as well as spiritual healing. Because, through the contact with AWA's missionary pilots, the patients and their families are introduced to Jesus.

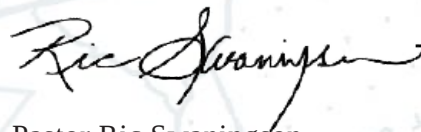
But we are in desperate need of more pilots, medics, mechanics, Bible workers, lay workers and teachers. Oh, the harvest is so plentiful, but the laborers are so few. We are touching less than one tenth of one percent (1/10 of 1%). Many nights I agonize in prayer, praying for more harvesters—more people willing and able to serve.

We depend upon the financial support and prayers of donors, such as yourself to keep the

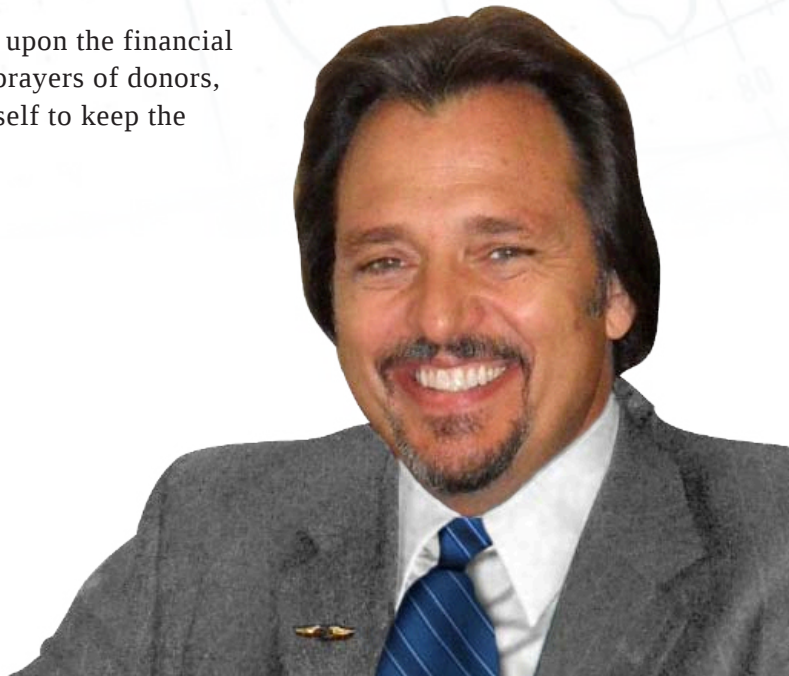
planes flying, and the message of Jesus shared with others in these “hard to reach” areas. Every generous donation helps to save a life and introduce another person to Jesus.

Jesus will soon be coming, and as His disciples, we need to make sure that everyone, including those in “unreachable” areas, has had an opportunity to hear about Him.

Won't you join our team?



Pastor Ric Swaningson
President/CEO



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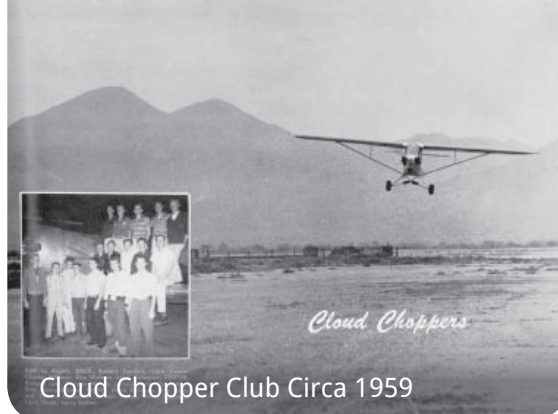
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Fly-In Highlights



TAA Is Flying Again!



Scottsdale Airpark adjacent to Thunderbird Academy

Thunderbird Adventist Academy, situated in the heart of Scottsdale, Arizona, is where many young students fulfilled their dreams to become pilots. Many used this catalyst to launch careers in mission aviation. Others chose different career paths but included flying as a hobby.

Wanting to help resume the flight-training program at TAA, Dr. Floyd Hansen, a retired dentist from Southern California, recently donated his Cessna 182 to the program. Flying has been a huge blessing in his professional and private life, and he hopes to instill the love for flying in the hearts of TAA students.

During the past several years, flight training was discontinued due to insurance expenses, which became prohibitive. However, through

assistance from AWA, who agreed to take ownership of the flight-training program and cover the costs for insurance, TAA is now ready and eager to resume flight training. Ground School will commence during the fall semester.

Dr. Mel Phillips, a Phoenix physician, has

strong family ties to the aviation program at TAA. His father, a soil conservationist, was instrumental in locating the land that currently houses Thunderbird Adventist Academy. Desiring to see students involved in flight training, Phillips is donating \$50,000 to erect a hangar. An additional \$80,000 is needed to complete the construction.

When land was originally transferred from TAA to build the Scottsdale International Airport, one of the busiest "small" airports in the country, a stipulation was made with the City to continue runway access from the TAA campus. Soon we hope to open the gates and have a busy connection with the airport as our flight program resumes.

Erik VanDenburgh, Youth Ministries

Director for the Arizona Conference, says, "Christian education is such a blessing at TAA where young men and women are developing a close personal relationship with Jesus as they seek to know God's will for their lives. Many plan to dedicate their lives to the Gospel ministry. Perhaps many of them will be afforded the opportunity to serve God as a mission pilot with the training they have received during their academy years."

We invite you to be an active contributor toward making this dream a reality! The flight-training program is seeking a trainer aircraft such as the Cessna 172. The donation of such an aircraft would be a blessing and great boost to starting the program.

Your gift will be used to provide an opportunity for students to learn the art of flying as they prepare for their life's work. Please mark your donations "AWA-AZ" and send them to Adventist World Aviation, P.O. Box 444, Sullivan, WI 51378-0444.

— Phil Draper,
Communication Director/Arizona



Heritage Academy Seniors Complete Aviation Program

FLIGHT SCHOOL
HERITAGE ACADEMY

Two Heritage Academy seniors completed the aviation program and received their private pilot's license. Scott Collins and Jeremiah Tiffany both have plans to continue their education at Andrews University. Jeremiah will enroll in a program to work on both an A & P certification, as well as his commercial pilot's license.

Flight students from Heritage Academy fly out of Crossville Airport, which is challenging due to the fact that the prevailing winds run across the runway. Students test at the Collegedale airport, which is hidden on approach by mountains. Both Scott and Jeremiah performed well and made high marks on their exams.

David Hernandez, whose father is a commercial flight instructor, spent this past year as the assistant boys' dean, and has now joined the Coast Guard to become trained as a helicopter pilot.



Mr. Ben Carr, Collegedale Tennessee Airport Examiner, congratulates Jeremiah Tiffany on receiving his Private Pilot license.



A number of students have enrolled at Heritage Academy to participate in the aviation program for the 2012-2013 school year. Enrollment for the coming school year is limited, since both dormitories are nearly filled.

Plans for the runway are almost complete, with construction beginning this summer.

Please keep the students and staff at Heritage Academy in your prayers, as they continue to train young people in service for Jesus. We are also grateful for your generous donations toward the student aviation program at Heritage.

Please mark your donations "AWA-TN" and send them to Adventist World Aviation, P.O. Box 444, Sullivan, WI 51378-0444.

-Doug Baker



Scott Collins recently received his Private Pilot license.



Henry Ohye and the historic Toku-Hana 1964



Toku-Hana passing Mt. Fuji

Goodwill Mission Continues With AWA



The Toku-Hana today

Early in 2012, AWA received an amazing donation in the form of an airplane. However, this is not just any ordinary airplane—it is a 1961 Piper Comanche, which holds a special place in American history.

In 1964, a Japanese-American by the name of Henry Ohye specially equipped his plane with extra tanks and made the first successful transpacific flight from the United States to Japan in a single engine aircraft.

Henry Ohye was a U.S. born American citizen, who fell in love with flight at the age of nine. He saved his pennies and took flight lessons, earning his private pilot's license in 1931; and in 1933 he became the first Nisei to ever receive a commercial transport pilot's license. It is interesting to note that his pilot's license was actually signed by Orville Wright.

In 1941, following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Ohye attempted to enlist in the Army Air Force Corp, but was declined due to his race. Instead, he was sent to an American "relocation" camp in Arizona. While there he developed programs to teach boys how to build model airplanes.

In spite of what many would feel as unfair treatment, he remained a loyal U.S. citizen, and when tensions again arose between the U.S. and Japan in the 1960's, he planned

this "goodwill" mission to Japan in an attempt to reconcile the countries and maintain peace.

The '61 Comanche, christened the Toku Hana in honor of Ohye's parents, took off from Los Angeles in July of 1964. His route included stops in Oakland, California; Honolulu, Hawaii; Midway; Wake; Guam; and Okinawa. His flight successfully ended in Tokyo where Ohye delivered his letters of good will from sister cities in the United States, and helped to maintain peace and friendship between the two countries.

Ohye planned and executed his mission of good will, not because he was looking for self gratification or men's applause, or even for monetary gain. His motivation was simply to bring about reconciliation and friendship between two countries that had been ripped apart by war and distrust. He made this perilous journey out of love for his fellow men, and donated his time, energy, and resources to help make the world a better place for others.

Now that the Toku Hana has become a part of the AWA fleet of planes, it is once again doing the work that it was originally commissioned to do. Its purpose has been to serve humanity in works of good will and reconciliation.

As a flagship plane, it will help to promote AWA in our endeavor to raise awareness of the need for donations to assist in providing more planes and missionaries. Funds are greatly needed to make it possible to assist in providing access to medical care for people in remote areas, and also help carry messages of peace, hope, forgiveness, and love to those who have never before had the opportunity to know or hear the gospel of Jesus, our Ultimate Reconciler.

Your generous donations also help keep the planes flying and the gospel to be shared. Please mark your donations "Aviation Support" and send them to Adventist World Aviation, P.O. Box 444, Sullivan, WI 53178-0444.

— Marjorie Alcorn



Tom Kelly

Missionaries In Training

MISSIONARY
SUPPORT

The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore, beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.” (Matt. 9:37-38)

Since our decision to become missionaries, we have been travelling a great deal in order to begin our outreach to outlying churches, telling our story and beginning to build our ministry. It has only been two months, and we feel we are just now starting to draw a picture in our minds of what God is leading us to do for Him.

The missionary life is one that demands both a spiritual and physical commitment. Wherever there is a mission office set up you can assume the resources that are used are limited, not taken for granted, and appreciated by all. Those involved are asked to use every skill they have to help to accomplish many goals.

With that in mind, after accepting God’s call, we felt prompted to take a personal inventory of our individual skill sets. Tom has his pilot and avionics experience. He has a good understanding of small engine repair, and also cars and boats. He has an extensive résumé when it comes to electronics and wiring as a homeowner. However, in order for him to be the most useful in the mission field, he must have a good grasp of A & P (Air frame and Power plant) mechanics. So, after much prayer, we decided to move to Oshkosh, WI. There he could attend the Fox Valley Technical College and in two years be certified in both A&P Mechanics and Avionics.

As for me, God is leading me to look into my background as a healthcare administrator, knowing that the experience I have in project management and fundraising will be useful when it comes to keeping the mission project running smoothly. However, if there was a need for a nurse I would at best, only be able to help with blood pressure and diabetes checks. I have been impressed to consider going back to school and complete the nursing degree I started in 1978. Funds used for these new areas of expertise will be coming from student loans and Pell Grants.

One of the concerns in this move was what to do with our house. The Lord has made it possible for our children

to rent from us right now, so we don’t have to worry about our mortgage. I am working as a temp for a local staffing company in Appleton to make ends meet with rent and living expenses. We praise God that all has worked out to our advantage, and we feel that the next two years will be spent not only learning new skills, but also developing our ministry to its fullest.

That being said, in the meantime, while we are here in Oshkosh, we are continuing to schedule visits to the surrounding churches here in Wisconsin, to raise awareness of our ministry, and bring the opportunity to those who wish to impact it by their contributions.

We pray that God will grow our ministry to include sponsors from churches out of state and maybe even those out of the country.

Recently, I came upon a verse in the Bible that is helping me to realize the impact of our ministry.

Acts 1:8 says, “And you shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

To me this message is an instruction from Jesus that His followers had a job of mammoth proportions and with that a strong commitment to share His Gospel. This message tells us to reach outside of our comfort level and realize that there is need far greater than within our communities, and as His followers we must answer that need. This is His instruction: to go without doubt to those peoples who have yet to hear the word and see it being lived in our lives. It is an instruction that can be achieved through your help, through prayer and/or sponsorship.

Your generous donations will help place more missionaries in mission fields, to help save souls—physically and spiritually. Please mark your donations “Kelly Missionary Support” and send them to Adventist World Aviation, P.O. Box 444, Sullivan, WI 53178-0444.

— Nora Kelly



Nora Kelly

On Becoming A Missionary



As a young child I learned about missionaries in Sabbath School, through stories, songs, and testimonies and stories from returning missionaries on furloughs. My favorite missionary story teller was Eric B. Hare. His stories excited the young and old, and were full of adventures that always made one long to become a missionary, just like him.

In my own family were missionaries, serving in places such as Burma, Japan, and parts of Africa. And as much as I longed to have their experiences, live in a different culture, and share Jesus to children under an Acacia tree in Africa, that adventurous dream was never realized—at first.

No, I never packed my bags for a long-term mission service, but I did pack my bags for just as exciting adventures on short-term mission trips, wherein I had opportunities to build churches in Central America, tell stories to children out in the open fields of Africa, and preach sermons in Brazil. The experiences for me were alive with the similar stories that I heard as a child.

Then, I realized that we are all missionaries—in our

homelands, our communities, our churches, and especially our families. We don't need to have a passport, or to pack our bags—we can serve Christ wherever we are. We also did not have to be a preacher, teacher, doctor or nurse to be a missionary. We could be mechanics, business men or women, plumbers, welders, and even pilots. Because, being a missionary means that we became part of a team to share Christ with others, and that team needs more than the pastors and teachers, doctors and nurses.

Adventist World Aviation is about those other team members—the ones that you didn't hear much about while listening to the adventurous stories in Sabbath School as a child. Adventist World Aviation makes it possible for the doctors and nurses, teachers and pastors to get to where they need to go. It flies in the materials for church construction, and brings in the construction crews to build the church, weld the frames, and fix the planes. For the physically sick, Adventist World Aviation flies the sick and injured to medical facilities so that they may receive much needed medical treatment.



Jesus gave each one of us skills and talents to be used for Him—in our homelands, and overseas. Learning to fly is one of those necessary talents needed to share Christ to the world. But so are the skills and talents of repairing airplanes, maintaining them, and making sure they are safe for transporting God’s missionaries and His ill and injured children to medical facilities.

Besides those skills and talents that God has given, we are each given the commission to “Go into all the world, preaching and teaching. . .” This command was not given just to the preachers and teachers. It was also given to airplane pilots, mechanics, construction workers, and medical personnel. Through the air support provided by AWA, that is exactly what the missionary pilots, mechanics, and family members are doing—sharing God’s love with every opportunity possible.

Many times these opportunities come while flying an injured child and his mother to a medical facility. Before takeoff the pilots pray for God’s protection while flying, for the injured child, and for the child’s parents during this time of trauma. It is these simple prayers for protection and care that are the first seeds sown to a villager and family.

Frequently Adventist World Aviation receives pleas from different mission fields for the services of missionary pilots and maintenance personnel. In addition, there is an increasing demand for airplanes in various mission fields around the world—places that are reachable only through an airplane. For instance, the country of Papua New Guinea has more than 800 runways and only two main roads. Aviation service is very vital in such countries in order to facilitate the spreading of the gospel message, as well as providing for the physical, mental, and spiritual needs of the local villagers.

Currently, AWA has aviation service in the Philippines, Guyana, and Alaska. Plans are also being made to set up aviation services in other countries, such as Papua New Guinea, Sudan and Argentina. Thus, pilots, mechanics, as well as medical personnel and Bible workers are needed to make an effective team in these areas.

There are so many needs, that it becomes overwhelming, and we wonder how they will all be fulfilled. Yet, it is in God’s hands and in His time.

But, He needs willing hearts and hands—people with skills and talents eager to join His team. Are you one of them? Are you willing to be a missionary for Him, and to begin living a missionary story? Your skills and talents can help save a life!

As Adventist World Aviation continues through 2012 our goals are to increase our missionary force by adding at least two more families to fly for Jesus. More aviation teams are needed in the Philippines and Guyana. But funds are needed to make this possible. May we count on your prayers, your financial support, and your help in sharing the AWA story with others?

Your thoughtful donations are greatly appreciated and will help to further Christ’s work. Please mark them, “Aviation Support,” and send them to Adventist World Aviation, P.O. Box 444, Sullivan, WI 53178-0444.



Adventist World Aviation Project Needs For 2012

Guyana

Description	Budget	Amount Needed
Truck - needed to haul cargo to and from plane and other locations	\$25,000	\$25,000
2 Motorcycles - most efficient missionary transportation	\$4,500	\$4,500
55 Gallon Barrel of humanitarian supplies - \$200/month	\$2,400	\$2,400
Aircraft Support*	\$226,000	\$154,400

Philippines

Pilawan Airbase	\$350,000	\$73,793
2 Motorcycles - best transportation for missionaries on islands	\$4,500	\$4,500
55 Gallon Barrel - of humanitarian supplies - \$200/month	\$2,400	\$2,400
Aircraft Support*	\$122,000	\$76,450

Alaska

Hanger in Dillingham	\$100,000	\$31,240
Kodiak Aircraft	\$1,200,000	\$337,039

AWA-Arizona (Aviation program at Thunderbird Adventist Academy)

Cessna 172 - airplane	\$80,000	\$60,000
Aircraft Support*	\$4,000	\$4,000

AWA-California (Aviation program at Monterey Bay Academy)

Aircraft Support*	\$2,000	\$2,000
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AWA-Pennsylvania (Aviation program at Blue Mountain Academy)

Aircraft Support*	\$3,500	\$3,500
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AWA-Tennessee (Aviation program at Heritage Academy)

Cessna 172 - airplane	\$80,000	\$60,000
Hanger and Runway	\$50,000	\$50,000
Aircraft Support*	\$3,500	\$3,500

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

WWU Graduate Flies Wild Alaska

ALASKA REPORT

Anthony Remboldt is the most recent pilot to be hired for Northwestern Aviation in Kotzebue, Alaska. He is a 2011 graduate of Walla Walla University's flight school.

Ever since he took up the quest for flight, his goal has been to fly in remote Alaska. Since Northwestern Aviation specializes in operations in remote areas, including unimproved landing areas, the job has been a dream come true for Anthony.

Adventist World Aviation is a partner with Northwestern Aviation, and together they support the local and statewide missions, which is an added benefit for Anthony. He can now fly his dreams and be involved with aviation mission service—impacting lives for Jesus.

Anthony prepared himself for his current job by teaching at the flight school located at Walla Walla University for an additional year to build up his experience to close to 800 hours and to gain his flight instrument, and multi-engine

instructor ratings as well. Since Northwestern also has a small flight school, Anthony will divide his time between instructing local students and completing charter flights to the many remote villages and rural camps in northwest Alaska.

For many of the natives in Alaska, flying with Northwestern Aviation and Adventist World Aviation is their first contact with a Seventh-day Adventist. Please continue to keep AWA's mission service in Alaska, as well as the pilots and mechanics in your daily prayers.

Your generous donations will help share the gospel message to others as AWA continues to provide aviation support in Alaska. Please mark your donations "Alaska Outreach" and send them to Adventist World Aviation, P.O. Box 444, Sullivan, WI 53178-0444.

-Jim Kincaid



Meet AWA's Missionaries



► **The LaBores-** Coming from California, Bill, Laura, Danielle (9), and Micha (7) have been using their skills and talents to save souls in Guyana. Both Bill and Laura are pilots for AWA. In addition, Bill is the project manager and Laura is a nurse. They have been in Guyana since 2005.

The Wickwires- Jud and Karen, with their children, have been serving in Guyana for four and a half years. Jud is a pilot and a construction manager; Karen is a dental hygienist and a teacher to sons Jake and Zack. They are from BC, Canada. ◀



► **The VanFossens-** Greg, Chrystal, and their children, Brandon and Serena, left Idaho in June 2011 to begin their missionary journey in Guyana. Greg is one of AWA's pilots and a nurse practitioner and Chrystal is a medical technologist, biologist, and home schools their children.

Chris Kiessling- The newest student missionary to Guyana is Chris Kiessling. He is a recent high school graduate from Blue Mountain Academy in Pennsylvania, where he obtained his private pilot's license. Chris is an enthusiastic volunteer and very capable of many tasks, and the team in Guyana are very pleased to have him board. ◀



► **The Kellys-** Tom and Nora currently reside in Oshkosh, WI where they are obtaining the necessary training and skills to be effective missionaries for AWA. Tom is a pilot and is currently receiving the necessary training to be an Air Frame Power Plant Mechanic. Nora is finishing her nursing skills. They have two grown children and will be placed in the mission field upon the completion of their training.

The Lewises- Our newest missionaries are Gary and Toni Lewis who live in Prescott Valley, AZ. Their desire is to work as missionaries in Papua New Guinea. Gary has 6 years of pilot experience with commercial and instrument ratings, while Toni has 14 years of experience as an OP Surgery/PACU nurse. Additionally the Lewises have prior missionary experience in Venezuela, Bolivia, and Guyana. Gary and Toni have 3 grown children. ◀



► **The Kincaids-** Jim and Linda are both pilots and have been living in Alaska for 36 years having served in pastoring, native missions, church administration, commercial aviation, and aircraft maintenance. They currently live in Kotzebue, where they operate a commercial air taxi operation with five airplanes to support the mission work in that area. They have two grown sons, who are pilots as well.

The Espinosas- Edgar and Raylene have been missionaries in Palawan, Philippines since 2007. Edgar graduated from Mountain View College in Mindanao with a degree in Theology and Raylene is studying Elementary Education at Holy Trinity College in Mindanao. They have two children, Edrei Von and Earyl Ann. ◀



Jomar

It was early on Sabbath morning that my family and I went to church, arriving before anyone else. We wanted to be there to greet others and wish them a happy Sabbath. As we waited, we sang songs of praise to God. Soon the members came. But one family came very late; their faces were long and lonely.

“What has happened?” my wife asked the family, as they began to cry.



“It’s Jomar,” they replied. “He banged his head on the post many times, and it started bleeding. He didn’t want to come to church with us today.”

Jomar is 18 years old, and is the second child of six children. Since birth he has suffered with a mental disability. It seems that every

Sabbath the devil tries to destroy the “spirit of holiness” for this family.

Jomar’s family is very active in all activities of the church. I remember the day that Jomar and his brother were baptized. The two brothers had a high fever as a result of malaria. The father wanted them to be baptized, so the family decided to all be baptized together.

That day they all accepted Christ as their personal Saviour and were baptized together. The father’s faith was so strong—he knew God would bury their sins and their sickness in the watery grave.

God did answer the father’s faith—the fever subsided and

malaria never came back to them.

Jomar’s father is a carpenter, and after his baptism he wanted to build a church for our congregation. When the funds became available, Jomar’s father began building our church—sometimes working alone, sometimes with his son and the church members.

I admire this family because of their faith in God—in spite of their many trials. One day when I was visiting the family, I noticed that Jomar was injured, and was told that it was self-inflicted injury because of his mental illness. When I asked about his medicines, his mother told me, “It was used up about three weeks ago and we do not have money to buy any more for him.”

My wife and I always pray for this special family, asking God to protect them and to give them faith. When I received my next stipend, I went to the Department of Social Welfare and Development and was able to purchase three months supply of medicine for Jomar. I was only charged half the price of the medicine; the government paid the other half. What a blessing from God!

It was wonderful to see the happiness in Jomar’s mother’s face when she received the medicine. She was so grateful for God’s blessings.

Jomar and his family need your daily prayers. Please mark your donations “Philippines Outreach” and send them to Adventist World Aviation, P.O. Box 444, Sullivan, WI 51378-0444.

-Edgar Allan R. Espinosa
Airbase Attendant



If We Are Willing- God Makes Us Worthy



Far Right: Karen, Jud, Zack and Jake Wickwire

THE WICKWIRE FAMILY

I don't really like being called a missionary, which is a surprising statement considering where I live and what I do. Although I am, sometimes I don't feel like a missionary and I especially don't feel worthy.

While expressing these thoughts to a friend recently, though their astute response was, "It is never because we are worthy; it is because we are willing to do what God asks. This is why people see and get to know God when we walk with the Lord on His errands."

Encouraging words indeed; I am simply an instrument of God's will, and I can only hope and pray that I can fill some small role in His plan.

In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus teaches us to pray: "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven." (Matthew 6:10 NIV)

And then in John 10:10 Jesus says, "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

Jesus makes it pretty clear that life here and now on this earth is in fact part of His kingdom. We can't ignore the plight of the people around us under the pretense of preparing for the kingdom of heaven in the future. Relief from pain and suffering is a definitive element of having life

more abundantly.

Recently we had the privilege of hosting a dental team from New Reality International. Using AWA aircraft and the mission boat we visited eight villages in remote river areas. The team treated over 300 patients, many of them with severe decay and infection that must have been causing them terrible discomfort.

I can't imagine being plagued with chronic tooth pain; yet so many adults and children have simply no option for relief. In every village we were asked when we would be back. In fact, this was our fourth significant dental outreach and the second visit to some of the communities. Our goal is to return to these areas about once a year.

When I first came here, I was always amazed at how grateful people were to God for simply being alive. When given the opportunity to share during a church service, they would always begin by eloquently expressing their gratitude for being allowed to live another week on this earth.

Over time I have come to understand why—life here is particularly fragile, as it is in most third world countries. In North America we assume that we will live to at least the average life expectancy of 78.1 years, and I think most of us



imagine longer than that. We know that any injury or illness will be fought swiftly and vigorously with the full resources of modern medicine. In the unlikely event those efforts are unsuccessful, many of us have life insurance, assets, and savings that allow some security for our loved ones.

In these surrounding regions, those assurances are simply not there; the most innocuous injury or illness can result in death. The first breakdown lies with the timing of intervention. For instance, the airplane can make the difference between life and death for a child with pneumonia, a mother with a snakebite, or a father with an inflamed appendix. Just that knowledge and hope can make a small difference for the people living here.

Some patients don't even realize what help they received. In a tragic recent event a 16-year-old girl was attacked by a jealous companion with a cutlass (machete). She suffered severe lacerations about her body and most significantly an open skull fracture.

The doctor kept her breathing for the flight to the hospital. Yet, the last word regarding her condition, she still hadn't regained consciousness. But we pray that she will recover and we will be able to fly her back to her home village.

Emergencies come in many forms, and many require the services of one of the airplanes. We try to respond as quickly as possible, and to demonstrate the compassion of Jesus to those around us.

"Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
And that you bring to your house the poor who are
cast out;
When you see the naked, that you cover him,
And not hide yourself from your own flesh?"
Isaiah 58:7 NIV

This part of my Christian walk just happens to be in a foreign land; honestly, I never imagined that my skills

would be used for a Kingdom assignment such as this. Richard Stearns, in his book, *The Hole In Our Gospel*, makes the following statement that we all should consider:

"God has created each of us with a unique contribution to make to our world and our times. No other person has our same abilities, motivations, network of friends and relationships, perspectives, ideas, or experiences. When we, like misplaced puzzle pieces, fail to show up, the overall picture is diminished."

Listen for the call. All you have to do is "be willing" and place the "being worthy" part in the hands of God; you may be surprised where "you may walk with the Lord in his errands."

– Jud Wickwire





“Branching Out” To The Children

THE VANFOSSEN FAMILY

Eleven weeks ago the church board assigned me and two local teachers to restart the branch Sabbath School in Barabina.

When we first arrived, there was one, and I had been asked to help with it. However, over time, the children stopped attending. After about four weeks of no children in attendance, I decided there were better ways to use my time and soon the branch Sabbath School just faded away.

Since about October 2011, Greg and Arnold (a Barabina resident) have been doing Bible studies in that community. We had decided that when there was more interest among families, then we would have them start meeting together and the branch Sabbath School would start again.

When I found out that I was to lead out again I was not

too excited about it. But I was assured that it would be for only one week; so I agreed.

The two local teachers, Rayanne and Evelyn, and I decided that we would base our program on the *Forever Stories* series because it goes through the whole Plan of Salvation in 20 weeks, and I have program helps for them. All the while I’m thinking, “This is only for one week.” But, we planned the program on the “Shiniest Angel.”

On Sabbath afternoon Rayanne assured me that many of her 5th graders would be at the meeting. I became hopeful; but when we arrived, not one child was to be found. She started looking around and found a few children. She called them by name and asked them to “go and fetch their friends and come back.”





When they all arrived, we had seven children. Even though Rayanne was a bit disappointed with the result, I was glad she had come. Since I did not know the children to call them, no children would have shown up.

Then, I was a little surprised when Rayanne asked the children, “What time do you want to come back next week?” I thought, “What? This was a one-time deal!”

The next week Sister Evelyn went with me instead. Basically the same situation occurred, resulting in a different set of seven children. Again, I was thrilled to have someone with me who knew how to get some of them to come. But secretly I was thinking, “This is not going to last; it will peter out like last time.”

During our third week we had 17 children; the following week we had 24, and so it went, with 34 children our largest attendance. At the completion of week 10, there has been a constant attendance of 15 or so children coming to the programs.

They are now planning to sing a song at the Mabaruma Church for 13th Sabbath, which is just a few weeks away. Now each week when we come, they are waiting for us. They literally run ahead of us, and when the vehicle arrives, they help us carry in our things.

When I think back over my experience with this branch Sabbath School program, I remember how I did not want to be involved—now I am ashamed. I also realize that the outcome would have been totally different without the team

effort of those closely connected with the community. They are the true connection that gets the children involved. Then, I wonder, “Do I have the same excitement waiting for Jesus to come, as these children have for us to come to their village with stories about Jesus?”

Just a few days ago, we were informed that three more people in this village have requested Bible studies. Sometimes it seems difficult to keep up with our responsibilities of flying the plane and providing access to health and healing, and then carry out the requests we receive for Bible studies.

As funny as this sounds, we praise God that the doors continue to open so that we have the opportunity to share the Good News. We have a great team here in Guyana, but need others to join our team. We need more pilots, more medical personnel, as well as Bible workers to help us share the Bible messages. Want to join our team?

Your prayers for the many people we come into contact with are so much appreciated, as well as for our AWA team. We are also grateful for your generous donations toward the work that we are doing in Guyana.

Please mark your donations “Guyana Outreach” and send them to Adventist World Aviation, P.O. Box 444, Sullivan, WI 51378-0444.

-The VanFossens



Bread & Butter, Bananas, Bandages, And Buttons

THE LABORE FAMILY

The two live on the river, about two hours by motor boat, and made the trip in when the baby got sick.

At first, they used to trickle in, one by one, and it was hard to remember who was who, and what family they belonged to.

Then, they started coming more frequently, asking first for a glass of water, then maybe a banana. They would stay to play with our children's toys. But then they got hungry; that's where the bread, butter, and bananas come in!

Over the years, we've watched these kids grow. We've written about them before, and they are now commonplace in our home, especially around school hours. It hasn't always been easy and sometimes we feel like we're going

crazy, as our tiny house is filled with kids dashing about.

We've had to set parameters and ground rules with them--they can't be over during school hours or lunchtime, because the school provides a free lunch; if they steal, they will not be allowed to come back for a while. The rule is "You thief, you leave." (Here "thief" is used as a verb.) They've learned to wash their hands before eating, as well as basic table manners. To be honest, we even have trouble with our own kids on that one!

If we are having family worship while they are over, they join in. Now, they also join us more often for Sabbath School and church.

Every time one has a boo-boo, they come to Laura for a bandage--and they get a LOT of boo-boos. It's hard



for them to get shoes, so they commonly have cuts and infections to their feet and legs. Laura tries to teach them basic hygiene skills such as using soap and water when they wash. Usually when they ask for a bandage, the wound is very small and doesn't really need one. However, what they are really asking for is a little TLC, so we try and give it to them.

We don't know if we've won any souls for Jesus by doing these things, but I know for sure we've planted seeds.

The children are getting older and a couple of them have started drinking alcohol. The oldest is 13, but even the 9 and 10 year-olds are starting to try it. Now, because of the relationship we have built with them over the years, we are able to sit down and talk with them about the dangers of drinking-- and they are listening.

When Laura talked to them about sexual abstinence, the lights went on because no one had ever told them that it was an option! Teen pregnancy is very common here, but Laura pointed out the reasons for waiting until they were older, and the importance of staying with one partner for life. Infidelity is huge here. Marriages are difficult because many don't have birth certificates, but some are able to at least stay with the same partner and call each other "husband" and "wife" under common law.



GUYANA REPORT

Each child has only one school uniform to wear for the school year; and, as you can imagine, these rambunctious, tree-climbing kids often tear their clothes and buttons pop off frequently. We've had to re-sew a lot of buttons back on and do a lot of stitching to keep them together! When their shoes fall apart, they are often at our door asking us to fix them. Thus, we also go through a lot of shoe glue!

You may wonder where their parents are. Their dads aren't in the picture and the moms often struggle with alcohol and are too poor to provide much care. Sometimes the parents are even in jail.

Please pray for these children and for us as we continue to impact their little lives with Jesus' love.

Your generous donations also help keep the planes flying and the gospel to be shared. Please mark your donations "Guyana Outreach" and send them to Adventist World Aviation, P.O. Box 444, Sullivan, WI 53178-0444.

-The LaBore Family



AWA First Annual Fly-In

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND 2012



AWA hosted its first annual Fly-In event over the Memorial Day weekend (May 25-27, 2012).

Led by Elder James Fox, the evangelism coordinator and ministerial director of the Wisconsin Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the weekend was kicked off Friday evening with a vespers program held at the Waukesha Seventh-day Adventist Church. The relaxed and informal atmosphere was an ice-breaking event. During the process of getting acquainted, everyone shared their own personal first experience in general aviation. It was exciting to find that although there were people from many different places and of various ages, all shared the common interest in both airplanes and missions.

Sabbath services were also held at the Waukesha S.D.A. Church. Pastor Bill Knott, chief editor for the

Adventist Review magazine, led out during the Sabbath School program.

Pastor Robert Folkenberg Sr., former president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and the current director of *ShareHim*, was the special guest speaker for the church services. Both speakers shared their experiences and passion for missions and the role aviation plays.

Following the morning services, all of the guests were invited to stay for a meal provided by the hospitality of the church members. Then, while desserts were served, the LaBore family, who are currently stationed in Guyana, shared pictures and stories from their mission project. They explained the necessity of having a plane in this South American environment, and how they are saving lives



both physically and spiritually. Without the blessing of an aircraft, many people who live in the interior of the country would never survive a trip to the hospital in the event of an emergency, and they would never hear the gospel truths or experience the selfless love of God.

As the wind was picking up and rain was threatening in the forecast, Sabbath evening was closed with a vesper service of singing and prayers held in the AWA hanger.

Thankfully, Sunday morning dawned still and clear, proving that God yet controls the winds and the storms, and provides for the needs of His people.

At 8:00 AM pancakes were ready to be served, and people began to arrive. The musical talents of Nancy Morauske and Jon Good accented the background.

With approximately 300 people in attendance, the event

saw excited children participating in the Young Eagles program and many having the opportunity to fly in a small aircraft for the first time ever, including a group of blind people who were able to experience the joy of flight. Everyone was also treated to a show put on by remote control pilots with various model planes, some as unusual as a flying lawn mower and Snoopy on his dog house chasing down the Red Baron!

Food, fun, laughter, and camaraderie permeated the grounds at the AWA hanger located at the McDermott Airfield in Sullivan.

The First Annual AWA Fly-In was an absolute success! We hope you plan to join us next year for the Second Annual AWA Fly-In.

-Marjorie Alcorn



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Being Rich Towards God

And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’”

“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’”

“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’”

“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

Luke 12:16-21 (NIV)

In Luke 12 we read the parable that Jesus told of a certain rich man. In it there is a cryptic sentence which shows the importance of estate planning in the right way.

This fellow had been very successful in his farming and as he planned for the future he was thinking only of his own comfort and ease. The statement Jesus made to this man is one of the harshest in Scripture.

“Fool! This night your soul will be required of you: then

whose will those things be which you have provided?”

Jesus’ question to him revealed the foolishness of working hard all of one’s life and having no plan of distribution. He obviously didn’t have

a will; and worse his own statements reveal that he hadn’t included God in his thinking.

We see how important it is to have a legal plan to distribute our assets at our death; and in making that plan, we should be sure we are “rich towards God.” (verse 21) You can be rich (today we would say “generous”) toward God by including Adventist World Aviation in your estate plan, as well as your current giving. Thank you for including AWA in your giving, and now perhaps in your planned giving, as well.

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—Richard Habenicht



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