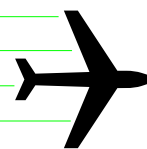


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THE QUIET HOUR'S PERSPECTIVE



BY BILL TUCKER

From the 60's into the 80's, The Quiet Hour was actively involved in airplanes as an effective way to reach into the hinterlands of many of the world's remote areas to minister to the needs of the people. From the highlands of Papua New Guinea in the mid-

60's, to the last aircraft that was placed in service in the mid-80's to fly to many of the remote islands of the Philippines, each place was impacted by the immediate presence of the aircraft. This became one of the Quiet Hour's most far reaching projects which had the greatest appeal for response.

I'll never forget flying in the Quiet Hour's twin engine Astec, "Wings of Health," aircraft number 55, in the central Philippines and seeing many of the 7,000 islands dotting the landscape below. I thought to myself right then that the only way to effectively and personally go to every place in the world including all the inhabited islands of the sea would be by airplane.

As an interested board member in AWA I see tremendous potential and opportunity for this organization to rise to the occasion and help to fulfill the gospel commission to bring to the ends of the earth the three angel's message indeed flying in the heavens. One of those remote places between Indonesia and the Philippines is known as Tawi. Tawi is a tiny island dominated by Moslems.

Today, because of the airplane and dedicated Christians, several of the island people have become members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. I don't believe this would have happened except, in God's providence, an airplane

became the effective tool to accomplish His purpose.

No doubt there are numerous isolated places to be reached and AWA is God's appointed agency for these last days to assist the church as a supporting ministry to reach out and touch lives through airplanes. You, dear reader, can help make it happen by your much needed donations to this timely ministry.

AROUND THE WORLD IN 60 SECONDS

GUYANA

David Gates has received government approval to operate a twin Navion over the expanses of jungle in augmentation of medical missionary work. David is pioneering an aviation program for AWA on behalf of the native populations in the interior. The aircraft, donated by Ray and Joni Nelson of Santa Cruz, CA, was prepared for service by AWA missionaries-in-training under the supervision of Andrews University personnel.

IRIAN JAYA

Bob Roberts is in New York preparing a Pilatus Porter turbine engine aircraft for delivery to Indonesia. Last year Bob flew some 1200 hours largely in support of Global Mission projects. The church is growing at a record pace in Irian Jaya. Hartley Sakul, an Indonesian national, is training at Andrews University in preparation for sharing the load Bob Roberts has carried the past few years.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Trevor Robinson of Adventist Aviation Services in New Guinea reports response to the gospel in remote territories is on the rise. The enemy of men's souls has stirred some to threaten the lives of those proclaiming the good news. Pray for God's servants who face danger daily. Les Anderson recently completed a mission checkout at Andrews University to fly one of three Cessna 206's operated by the SDA Church in New Guinea.

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Alberto and Amalia Marin have experienced the providences of God while working out of the SDA airbase on Yarina Cocha. Amalia reports of an encounter with a couple of terrorists they unwittingly transported to town. The Holy Spirit enabled her to share the urgency of the hour and a soon-coming Saviour. One of them finally admitted to having been baptized some years ago. Amalia appealed to them to consider God's forgiveness and salvation already provided.

PHILIPPINES

AWA missionaries-in-training are pursuing a plan to reach the formidable interior of Palawan. Through Christian missionaries have influenced the island for hundreds of years, Adventist JFrontier Missions is the first to place missionaries in the interior. After five years of urged living, the radius of influence has been less than two miles. Further penetration is impossible without the support of aviation. Pray that God will fortify His messengers to meet the challenge of reaching the unreached.

TANZANIA

Tad Wintermeyer departed June 8 to assist Bill Norton at Kibidula Farm Institute. Tad is the first AWA missionary-in-training to serve as a student missionary. Tad will help complete a Zenair CH601 HD and research a call by ADRA for air support in Southern Sudan. Dennis Rothgeb and family have moved from Alaska to Kibidula to share the load Bill Norton has borne for several years.



Guyana, South America; Palawan, Philippines; and Guinea, West Africa currently present nearly impossible transportation challenges for pioneer missionaries. Next year AWA plans to break these barriers with air and radio support for Adventist Development and Relief Agency, Adventist Frontier Missions, Philippine Frontier Missions, and Global Mission workers. To accomplish this, AWA needs three airplanes *now* to prepare them for service!

Adventist-laymen Services and Industries (ASI) has placed a challenge grant on the table. If AWA raises the funds for the first airplane (\$100,000) by August 1st, 1998, ASI will match that with \$200,000 - enough to rebuild and outfit *two more mission airplanes!* AWA students at Andrews University are preparing one temporary mission plane bound for Guyana this summer. Both faculty and students are standing by to participate in a work-study program in which these young missionaries-in-training will completely refurbish and outfit the very aircraft they will fly and maintain in the field.

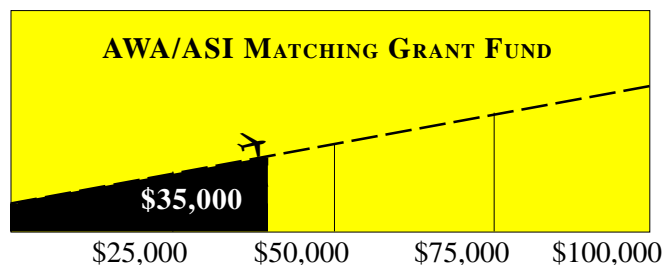
STUDENTS IN ACTION



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lies before
us! Triple
your money,
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training a work-study opportunity, and place three mission planes in the field next year - all with the same donation! You may ask, "how can this happen?"

Every dollar you give to the **AWA/ASI Matching Fund** will become three in August! Give \$100, it becomes \$300; give \$1000, it becomes \$3000; give \$10,000, it becomes \$30,000! Thousands of unreached people live in these target countries. They will remain unreached unless you respond. This is an all-or-nothing challenge. All of the funds must be in hand by August 1, 1998. Tell your friends. Tell your neighbors. Help AWA transport frontier missionaries to locations where the Gospel has never gone!



PONNIAH APPOINTED VP FOR DEVELOPEMENT



Dr. Melchizedek Ponniah, recently appointed Vice-President for Development, brings a wealth of experience to AWA.

Originally from India, Ponniah served as pastor and evangelist prior to immigrating to the United States. His pioneering doctoral

research in contextualization of the gospel provided fresh perspectives for Adventist missions for years. His experience provides an authoritative background for equipping AWA missionaries to serve around the world.

Ponniah, former Ministerial Secretary for the Southern Asia Division, returned to the United States, where he has lectured in universities. He has consulted for schools and multi-national corporations on intercultural relations. Recently, Ponniah helped to raise funds for a \$5 million expansion at Pioneer Memorial Church on the campus of Andrews University.

A man of many talents, Dr. Ponniah has produced documentary videos including "Three Angels Over Battle Creek," a history of the early Advent movement in Battle Creek.

Ponniah has traveled widely around the world and is well acquainted with the needs of missions. "To serve God wherever He calls me is my focus in life," said Ponniah. He has definite plans to help AWA become an effective mission agency in the hands of God.

NELSON'S GIFT NAVION

Dr. Raymond and Joni Nelson of Santa Cruz, CA, believe that God led them to give their twin-engine Navion as a gift to AWA. Dr. Nelson, a retired

missionary surgeon, listed the plane for sale. Divine intervention, however, repeatedly prevented the sale. Providentially, the Nelsons were led to AWA.

This gift strengthened the faith of AWA students who were praying for a project mission plane. The Navion became an answer to fervent prayers.

AWA students, under the direction of Andrews faculty, are refurbishing the Navion for service in God's work.



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Adventist World Aviation is establishing a wide base of support from laymen around the world. If you know someone who might be interested in becoming a part of this organization, please share this newsletter with them.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



BY DON STARLIN

One of the greatest experiences of my life has continued to unfold over the past 12 months. God led AWA to present an idea several founders conceived as early as 1984.

The concept consisted of a discipleship training environment designed to prepare young people to work along side God as aviation specialists. It was believed these workers would come in response to God's call to provide support to frontier missionaries working in locations without developed transportation infrastructures. The first affirmation of God's hand at work came as five individuals committed themselves to the concept at Go '97 missions conference.

Andrews University embraced the idea offering space and a scholarship. Through a series of circumstances too improbable to be anything but the result of Divine providence, AWA was awarded an unprecedented matching grant incentive for the students to prepare mission aircraft for service. Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) projects committee voted to match two dollars for one if AWA could raise the first \$100,000 for a mission plane.

To see God at work in the lives of his people as they in turn lead others to Him is the most rewarding a person can experience.

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