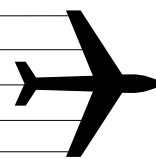


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AIRPOWER

PROJECT:



Is Guinness Book a record of miracles?

It will likely contain at least one recorded miracle: a new AWA/Pathfinder project.

The Event

An international group of young people (*Pathfinders*),

Never before have so many young people worked together to sponsor a plane bound for the mission field.

ages 10 to 16, will participate with aviation professionals, to refurbish a Cessna 182. This aircraft will be placed in humanitarian and Christian mission service in Guyana, South America.

The Process

The aircraft will be disassembled, inspected, repaired, and upgraded. Pathfinders clubs that adopt a sponsorship level will have their club photo and story published on the Project

AirPower website. The whole world will see the creative enterprises God has inspired His young people to undertake for the purpose of sharing salvation with others. Aviation specialists are encouraged to work with local Pathfinder clubs during this period to assist them in their work and also educate them in regard to aviation's role in the world transportation system.

As this goes to press, AWA staff and students at Andrews University are making preparations to commence work on the project plane.

Time and Place

The aircraft will undergo final assembly during the "Discover the Power" International Pathfinder Camporee at Oshkosh, Wisconsin where an estimated 17,000 Pathfinders will convene from around the world. Opening night, August 10, 1999, all Pathfind-

ers who have participated in "Project AirPower" will receive special recognition. A select team of representatives from each club will work vigorously to assemble and rig the aircraft in time for a rollout dedication ceremony on Saturday, August 14, 1999.

Marcio Costa has been chosen as the pilot for this aircraft in Guyana. He is already a Guinness Book record holder for being a member of the first team to drive around the continent of South America. Information regarding the project can be found on AWA's website. Just click on the "Projects" button at the top of the page after typing www.tagnet.org/awa into your internet browser.

Never before have so many young people worked together to sponsor a plane bound for the mission field. If the plane is refurbished in such a miraculous way, shouldn't we expect further miracles as the plane takes off to share the Gospel in Guyana?

Don Starlin,
President





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Memo

To: Don Starlin, Adventist World Aviation
From: Robert Holbrook, GC Pathfinders
Subject: Plane for Guyana
Date: November 3, 1998

It is my understanding that a flight program is being developed for our mission in Guyana. The pilot and family have been selected, the type of aircraft (Cessna 182) has been selected. A wrecked plane is being located which can be refitted. Donor funding is being sought to obtain the craft. Your suggestion that Pathfinders become involved in the restoration project (under the careful supervision of mechanical and engineering experts) possibly culminating in a completed flyable craft by the close of the International Camporee in Wisconsin next summer sounds like a really exciting, innovative concept. It is reminiscent of our church's early efforts with the SS Pitcairn. I would hope we could get a number of Pathfinder Clubs involved prior to the Camporee and then I know we will have no trouble getting them involved at the Camporee with the finishing touches. I can see us developing a special patch (we Pathfinders will do almost anything for a patch!) for each participant in the project commemorating the event. This can be further studied as the project gels. Please keep me posted of the progress, especially the initial stages, and if this note may be in stimulating funding and participants, feel free to use it as I'm in full support of the idea. God bless you in this unique venture.

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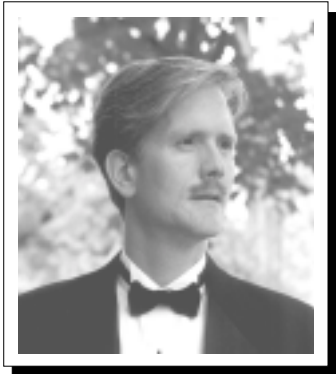
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Don Starlin

Fifty, count them, fifty villages in southern Guyana lie scattered throughout an area roughly the size of the state of Indiana. Each village has an average Native American Indian population of 150 persons. There are no roads, electricity, or on-site medical facilities. Only trails and sometimes rivers connect these villages.

With 2000 years of Christ's commission behind us, these precious souls are waiting to hear the gospel, and the Master is soon to return. There is only one way to reach them—aviation supported indigenous missionaries.

What a thrill to participate in a ministry that takes the great commission and its inherent promise seriously!

In a historic event, AWA has joined forces with a global army of SDA Pathfinder youth to prepare a mission airplane for the purpose of carrying the gospel to these forgotten people. There is a sense of urgency in the air. These people are dying, *and there is something we can do about it!* Jesus Himself commissioned us to do this. He has all the power and authority needed to do it.

World Pathfinder Director, Bob Holbrook, grew up in South America and knows first hand what a difference mission planes make in the lives of thousands of people. He likens the project to the SS Pitcairn. Thousands of SDA young people raised money to build a ship that carried the gospel message to the South Seas.

Ron Whitehead, director

for the Center for Youth Evangelism, is so excited he can't stand still. He knows that the best way to win our young people for Jesus is to turn that limitless energy loose on a God-size project. There is an incredible blessing in working for others!

And the Pathfinders themselves? You haven't seen anything yet! Stand back and watch what God will do with an "an army of youth rightly trained."

To the Pathfinder leadership, thank you for your willingness to tackle such a project. To the Pathfinders, I want to say, "God bless you! Go for it!"

To the rest of you, when that uniformed Pathfinder asks you to become involved, remember that he or she is on official business of the King. They are taking marching orders directly from the Commander in Chief and in the process have *Discovered the Power!*



Susan Payne (Eau Claire Critters), Lucy Lewis, Stacy Whitehead, Byron and Casey Graves (Pioneer Memorial Evergreens), Ron Whitehead, Director, North American Center for Youth Evangelism.

THE DREAM BECOMES REALITY

Marcio Costa has been chosen as the pilot to fly the Project AirPower aircraft. He will operate the plane in southern Guyana, Brazil, and Venezuela.

I grew up in a poor and dangerous neighborhood of Sao Paulo, Brazil. As a teenager I had to work 10 hours during the day and attend high school at night. At the age of 19, I was drafted into the military.

The next four years I spent in the Brazilian Air Force. The work ethic learned early in life prepared me well for the military. I scored the highest grade in training and was officially praised by the high commander at least four times.

My electronics training in the Air Force was interesting and upon being discharged, I enrolled in electrical engineering at college.

In order to earn extra money, I taught high school math classes and began writing computer software for small companies. Though good experience, it slowed my college education.

In 1991, the Holy Spirit drew me toward Jesus. At the end of the year, in spite of strong opposition from my Catholic parents, I was baptized in a small Seventh-day Adventist church. At that time, I dedicated myself to work exclusively for God.

For the next five years I taught computer science at Brazil College. During this time I was invited by one of my friends to join him in a road trip around the South American continent. I accepted and went on the adventure. During that unforgettable journey, I had an opportunity to meet many people and learned about their lives and their culture.

One particular place caught my attention: the beautiful Amazon basin. I can still visualize the road between Santa Helena, Venezuela and Boa Vista, Brazil close to the Guyanese border. The scenery was gorgeous, and the people around Mount Roraima

were very friendly.

During my years at Brazil College I met Jane. She was studying nursing and had a love for Jesus. In December 1995, we were married.

A year later we accepted an invitation to start a computer science program at a new Adventist academy in Minas Gerais. Jane and I both began to feel an impression from the Holy Spirit to move in another direction. We fasted and prayed seeking God's will.

Even though church officials informed us there were no mission aviation positions open, the Holy Spirit impressed us to move toward aviation ministry.

I applied to SDA schools with aviation programs but could not afford the security deposit. Ultimately we followed God's leading to Colorado for aviation training.

We knew nothing about AWA. Neither did we know AWA personnel were praying for God to send someone who could speak English, Spanish and Portuguese to pioneer a medical aviation program in southern Guyana.

While searching the internet, I found AWA's website and felt impressed to contact them to volunteer my services. Don responded that AWA was praying for someone to help work on a mission plane, and that if God had impressed me to come, it was in answer to their prayers. Little did we know that God had been preparing us to pioneer a medical aviation program in southern Guyana as well. Upon learning that I spoke English, Spanish and Portuguese and that Jane had worked as a nurse on the Luziero launches on the Amazon, AWA personnel were ecstatic.

So it was that in August, 1998 we were invited to join AWA. Once again, by faith, we moved; this time from Colorado to Berrien Springs. When God showed us the possibility of working in the Mount Roraima area, we were so happy. I never thought that one day I would have a chance to return to that beautiful place.

We sincerely believe that serving the Lord and the people in Guyana, Brazil and Venezuela will be a great privilege for us. What a great God we serve!



From military training to missionary training. A radical change in Marcio's life occurred when he met Jesus Christ.

TWO MORE MISSION AIRCRAFT FOR AWA

Two aircraft, both Cessna 182's, are a welcome additions to the AWA fleet. Both planes will expand God's mission in the jungles of Guyana thanks to the matching funds from Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) that facilitated the purchase of N58636.

Wayne Smith, R.N. and commercial pilot, will fly N58636 in the Northwest part of Guyana. Wayne's presense will relieve David Gates allowing him to pioneer new projects. Marcio Costa will fly N81708 to reach people groups in southern Guyana along the borders of Venezuela and Brazil.

Wayne's aircraft will help provide desperately needed medical care for the Amerindian villages including airlift for critically ill patients. It will also facilitate the smooth functioning of Davis Memorial Training School in Paruima, fly the needed supplies for frontline indigenous missionaries and villagers.



These two aircraft will help Amerindians in the jungle to improve the quality of life, and provide an opportunity to experience the love of Jesus and His redemptive power. Only eternity will tell the lasting impact these aircraft will make in the jungles of Guyana.

In the coming months these planes will be refurbished and outfitted for use in the jungle terrain.



N81708 is the Pathfinder Project AirPower airplane. Check AWA's website from time to time to watch the progress of this project!

Marcio and Jane Costa are excited about the impact their aircraft will make for the Kingdom of God. Jane Costa, an OB/GYN nurse, will use her medical skills to reach 50 villages that dot an area comparable to the State of Indiana where most people have never seen a doctor or a nurse.



Melchizedek M. Ponniah

PROJECT: AIRPOWER

What is Project AirPower?

Project AirPower is a joint venture between the International Pathfinder Clubs and Adventist World Aviation in which Pathfinder Clubs will sponsor a mission aircraft.

A real mission plane?

Yes, Adventist World Aviation is preparing a Cessna Skylane for mission service in the country of Guyana. This aircraft will be used to carry patients, teachers, medical workers, pastors, and other people, as well as building products, food, and supplies inside the country.

How is Project AirPower working?

Participants are sponsoring "shares" in the project. 5,000 shares are available, at \$100 per share. As money is raised, the aircraft is being restored and modified for mission service. During the International Pathfinder Camporee at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, aircraft mechanics will assist Pathfinders to complete the final assembly of the mission plane.

What kind of plane is being used?

The Cessna Skylane has been chosen for a number of reasons. The Skylane is a single-engine, four-place aircraft. It can carry over 1,200 lb. After modification, it will be able to operate out of 1,000 foot airstrips, travel at 170 mph, and have a range of 900 miles. Other changes will include modifications to transport patients in relative comfort and safety.

Who can get involved?

Everyone is invited to participate. Specific focus is on Pathfinder clubs, since part of the reason for the project is to expose youth to mission aviation. Schools, churches, youth groups, and any other organizations or individuals are also strongly encouraged to become involved.

When does this project begin?

It already has!! The Skylane was purchased in December, 1998. It is at Andrews University awaiting our attention. Work will be ongoing up through the Oshkosh Camporee. Folks in the Berrien Springs, MI are invited to visit the AU Airpark!

How can I get involved now?

A call or email will get the ball rolling. Contact us at the address, phone number, or email address below.

Does it matter what country I'm in?

Not at all. Contact us, and we'll work out the details.

Sponsorship Levels

100 shares	Village Sponsor
20 - 99 shares	Airbase Sponsor
14-19 shares	Airframe Sponsor
11-13 shares	Engine Sponsor
8-10 shares	Instrument Panel Sponsor
4-7 shares	Propeller Sponsor
1-3 shares	Landing Gear Sponsor

Marcio & Jane Costa have dedicated their lives to be faith missionaries to the Amerindian people groups in the jungles of southern Guyana where 50 unreached villages dot an area the size of the state of Indiana.

AWA: MISSION IMPOSSIBLE?

“And as ye go,” Jesus instructed, “preach, saying, The kingdom of God is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give” (Matt. 10:7, 8).

These words of Christ gave birth to Adventist World Aviation (AWA). AWA was formed by mission-driven aviation professionals and enthusiasts. The purpose: to carry the news of Christ’s soon return to the most remote corners of our globe.

Surrounded by modern technology, we can hardly believe that there are still thousands of areas, on this earth with populations of one million or more who have never heard the name of Jesus. These people are dying of the diseases that we have successfully fought for years, maybe centuries. It is a humanly discouraging situation. The mission seems impossible for many. But there is a way to fulfill this mission, to respond to God’s call, and in total dependence on Him, to join His work.

Driven by the sense of mission, AWA has already established a beachhead in **Guyana, South America**. David Gates pioneered the country’s only medical mission aviation program to date. He provides nearly 100 flight hours per month of medical and educational services to the Amerindian communities in Guyana’s vast interior.

Needs have already outgrown the Cessna 150/150 bush plane and a larger aircraft, donated by Ray and Joni Nelson and refurbished by AWA students, will be on its way to the Caribbean very soon. A Cessna 182, specially modified for mission service, will provide aviation services to the villages in Northwest Guyana. Many of these villages have almost no contact with outside world.

Another significant aspect of AWA’s ministry is the **missionary pilot training program**. While

pursuing an aviation major at Andrews University, these students attend AWA classes designed to meet the needs of mission pilots. God has called His people from all around the world.

AWA-Alaska aims to provide aviation support for pastoral, medical, and educational ministries of the Alaska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Sudan is among the current projects of AWA. The largest country in Africa, Sudan has been at war since 1955. More than 2 million people have died in Sudan since 1983 as a result of war or famine. Five million more Sudanese people have lost their homes and are internal refugees. Four million people are likely to starve this year without external help. ADRA is doing a commendable work in this country. United Nations funded aviation support has been withdrawn leaving ADRA unable to reach their projects. A Cessna Caravan is needed to continue the effective work. Pray that God will give us wisdom and resources to proceed. The lives of thousands of men and women depend on ADRA.

The Philippines God has brought dedicated, well-educated young men to perform His work in support of Adventist Frontier Missions and Philippine Frontier Missions personnel.

AWA’s mission is a God-sized work. Only He can do it. He is inviting us to join Him where He is already at work in saving the lost. AWA pilots believe that they are “flying on God’s mission.”

Oleg Zhigankov



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Recognizing the urgency of the gospel commission, Adventist World Aviation (AWA) provides aviation, transportation, communications, and logistical support to front-line missions.

AWA is a missionary-sending agency. As a supporting ministry, AWA operates primarily in cooperation with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Funded by private contributions, AWA enables missionaries to reach the unreached around the world.



PROJECT: AIRPOWER



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