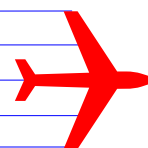


# FLIGHT LOG



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NEWSLETTER

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**Go, tell it on the mountains...the Saviour is born !!!**



## SPREADING WINGS

*Clifton Brooks*

“**W**hy yellow?”  
“Because this aircraft is Pathfinder through-and-through, from the ground up,” I said.

repair it. Here at the camporee, they are helping us put the plane together. Just yesterday, in fact, we had two clubs helping us put the wings on. Youth involved in Pathfinder clubs all over the world have

**The fuselage was one piece with the landing gear on it. The wings had to be attached. All of the tail feathers had to be mounted. All of the control surfaces had to be installed and properly rigged. The new engine and propeller were still in their boxes. And there were no instruments or avionics in the cockpit. What a lot of work!**

I was answering the question for what seemed the hundred-billionth time. This time it came from a little girl in the second row of the Introduction to Mission Aviation class that I was teaching. It was nearing the end of the half-hour session and it was time for questions. She had her nose wrinkled in a scowl of disdain. I continued, “Pathfinders have been a part of this project from its inception. They have helped to purchase this aircraft. Well over 400 Pathfinders, representing more than 35 clubs have actually had their hands on the aircraft, helping to

helped to sponsor more than 400 shares to help finance the project. And those same Pathfinders will have the opportunity to go with AWA personnel on short-term mission projects to serve with the airplane in bringing the gospel to hundreds of Amerindians in those 50 unreached villages of Southern Guyana.” The class listened intently as I continued my explanation, “Since this is the Pathfinder’s airplane, the AWA staff thought it appropriate to paint it in traditional Pathfinder colors. The yellow is from the Pathfinder scarf.

*(Continued on page 2)*

## Around the World in 60 Seconds

**Project AirPower Launched** on November 24, 1999. At press time David Gates and Wayne Smith were expected to land in Georgetown, Guyana, on December 3. Soon the aircraft will be flying on God’s mission.

**Care-packages** collected by Lake Union Conference schools will be distributed among the jungle villages in Guyana using the Project AirPower aircraft. Thanks to Elder Gary Sudds and his colleagues for coordinating this mammoth undertaking.

**Project Word:** Over 22,000 Bibles collected by Pathfinders were distributed in Guyana. Marcio Costa and David Gates assisted Larry Dalson with the distribution. Guyanese formed long lines at the dock. There is indeed a hungering and thirsting for the Word of God among the Hindus and Moslems in Guyana. David and Marcio flew into the interior distributing Bibles, mosquito nets and other anti-malarial measures in the jungles villages.



# SPREADING WINGS

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The red detail lines are also colors from the scarf and the logo." I finished my answer by saying, "So you can see that this airplane is pure Pathfinder through-and-through."

Though there weren't too many people

who liked the color the first time they saw it, everyone seemed satisfied after the explanation. Soon they began saying less derogatory statements like, "Well, you can't miss it," or "You'll sure be able to see it coming."



Pathfinders from all over the world get their hands on AWA mission planes.



## PROJECT FUNDING SUMMARY

### PROJECT: AIRPOWER

5000 SHARES TOTAL

\$ 100 / share



**Correction:** The article, "AWA-Western Guyana" in the March-June issue of the Flight Log was not written by Wayne Smith. We regret the error.

We worked tirelessly assembling the aircraft throughout the entire camporee. We started out with all of the pieces as they had been brought over in boxes, on trucks and in trailers. The fuselage was one piece with the landing gear on it. The wings had to be attached. All of the tail feathers had to be mounted. All of the control surfaces had to be installed and properly rigged. The new engine and propeller were still in their boxes. And there were no instruments or avionics in the cockpit. What a lot of work! We set-up our workspace and then the people started coming. Just a few at first. Then we were mobbed! It seemed we were the most popular thing around. Everyone wanted to see a real mission aircraft being built.

Besides Pathfinders and the ever-dedicated AWA staff, there were quite a number of volunteers helping with the assembly: Brooks Payne, Edwin Vance, Andy Klein, Jonathan Harrington, David Gates, Winston James, Les Myhre, Randy Beckermeyer, James Duerksen, Edwin and Bryant Davidson, Fred "the Canadian sheetmetal wizard" Chamberlain, Cavin Atkins, and a fine team of helpers from Basler Turbo Conversions headed by Dave Foreman. Outside the hangar, Don Hales gave tours of AWA's rare twin Navion and another Cessna 182. Carefully attending to the needs of the booth sites were Trudi Starlin, Jane Costa, Cynthia Brooks, Bonnie Norton, and Barbara Hales. And how could we have ever gotten along without the hospitality and food service of the Chowchilla Champions, California Pathfinders who pampered us with a place to bed down and provided for our nutritional needs. Along with these, there were a host of others who helped, and to all of them we are truly grateful!

Being popular with more than 20,000 young people and adults was a learning experience for me. Sometimes it was hard to work. The questions never ceased: "What kind of plane is it?" "Who's gonna fly that thing?" "How many people can you fit in there?" "Where is this plane going to be flying?" "When are you going to fly it to the mission field?" "Is that a real airplane?" "Where's the other engine?" "Where do we sign-up to come work on the airplane?" "How can we be a part of this project?" And of course, always the inevitable, "Why yellow?"

*Clifton Brooks,*  
AWA Philippines Project

## AWA VOLUNTEERS



A volunteer from Basler Turbo Conversions, Oshkosh, WI, works on landing gear. AWA is grateful to the many volunteers who worked late nights on the mission aircraft.



Ron Whitehead welcomes Attorney Elden Butzbaugh to the camporee. Attorney Butzbaugh's Cessna 182 was featured in pre-camporee promotional material.



Andy Klien, AWA missionary in training and Clifton Brooks, missionary designate, Philippines, mount the Pathfinder logo on the mission aircraft.

## PROJECT FUNDING SUMMARIES

## GUYANA-SMITH PROJECT

## AIRCRAFT FUND

Equipment Expenses \$217,750

\$ 100,920

10% 30% 50% 70% 90%

Aircraft Monthly Operating \$6,584

10% 30% 50% 70% 90%

## MISSIONARY FUND

Launching Expenses \$79,267

\$ 1,283

10% 30% 50% 70% 90%

Monthly Support \$4,544

10% 30% 50% 70% 90%

## PHILIPPINES-BROOKS PROJECT

## AIRCRAFT FUND

Equipment Expenses \$283,766

\$ 101,822

10% 30% 50% 70% 90%

Aircraft Monthly Operating \$6,455

\$ 20

10% 30% 50% 70% 90%

## MISSIONARY FUND

Launching Expenses \$133,455

\$ 20,147

10% 30% 50% 70% 90%

Monthly Support \$4,544

\$ 32

10% 30% 50% 70% 90%

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WAYNE SMITH

**The dedication ceremony on the 14th of August was a spectacular and unforgettable event. As thousands of Pathfinders gathered, seven planes in formation flew overhead symbolizing the Gospel travelling around the world via mission aviation.**



Ephesus Panthers, Columbus, Ohio, standing Honor Guard as Attorney Elden Butzbaugh, a VIP for dedication, exits from his Cessna 182.



L to R: Ron Whitehead, Director, DTP; Don Starlin, President, AWA; Elder Jerry Mann, Elder Willie Oliver, Pathfinder Director, NAD; Dr. Melchizedek Ponniah review aircraft dedication procedures.



Project AirPower aircraft in readiness for the historic dedication service at Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

## DEDICATION CEREMONY

As the ceremony commenced two aircraft carrying program participants dropped out of formation and landed emptying their passengers on the ramp. Elden Butzbaugh, whose Cessna 182 was used in the Camporee promotional literature, was the first to land. Mr. Butzbaugh, his son Josh and Kevin Jacobs were escorted up the taxi-way between Pathfinder honor and color guards. Don Noble and Lynden Bechtel arrived in the Kirkman owned Beech King Air which carried Al McClure, Kermit Netteberg, Bob Holbrook, and Winston James, Education Director for the Guyana Conference.

Following several short addresses from Pathfinder leadership, Kermit Netteberg led the Pathfinders in a litany of dedication in which they pledged themselves to continued support of Project AirPower.

The word "Guyana" literally means "land of many waters" in a local Amerindian dialect. Thus it was tremendously symbolic as Winston James passed water taken from the Demurara River in Guyana to a Pathfinder. The Pathfinder handed the water to Don Starlin who, in turn, handed it to Marcio Costa. Marcio gave the water to Al McClure. Elder McClure then poured it on the plane as an act of dedication.

This event marked the first time in history that Pathfinders have sponsored a mission aviation program. We haven't seen the full impact of this project yet. If initial responses are indicative of what God intends to do, we can't wait to see what more will happen by God's grace. Already lives of those who have participated have been touched - some in a dramatic way. Pray that God's will might be done through Project AirPower!

"Flying for God" a seven minute video tape highlighting Project AirPower, will serve as an inspiring mission feature for your Sabbath School, Church service or any other gathering. Please request your copy today. A minimum donation of \$10 will be much appreciated. Contact AWA office: (616)473-0135, [awa@andrews.edu](mailto:awa@andrews.edu).



Elder McClure dedicates the plane with water taken from Guyana while dedicating it in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

# FLYING TO RESCUE

"Somebody rescue Koshy. He is drowning!" Shouted Mr. Samuel, an onlooker by the camp pool. One of the teachers dove in and saved Koshy instantly. Some of his classmates were enjoying their swim at the deep end. Koshy thought that he too would join the fun, except that Koshy had never learned to swim. This incident from my high school days in India is still vivid in my mind. Koshy, tried hard as he did, could not save himself. Somebody else saved him.

Two thousand years ago "To rescue the fallen race from the thralldom of sin, Christ came to the world, and died on Calvary" (White, R&H, May 27, 1902). Jesus said His rescue mission was "to seek and to save what was lost" (Luke 19:10 NIV). In the parable of the lost sheep Jesus eloquently illustrated that hundreds of thousands of people in this world don't know they are lost. "So with the soul that has wandered away from God; he is as helpless as the lost sheep, and unless divine love had come to his rescue he could never find his way to God" (White, *Christ Object Lessons*, p. 187).

Hundreds of thousands in this world, steeped in animistic practices and spirit worship, don't perceive they are lost. Many of them live in the most inaccessible places on earth. Aviation supported ministry is an expeditious way to take the message of salvation to these people. Adventist World Aviation is fully committed to fly on rescue missions for the Kingdom of God. The Project AirPower aircraft has been prayerfully launched. During the first phase David Gates will be the pilot for this highly modified Cessna 182. Currently, Marcio and Jane Costa are actively seeking financial partners to support their mission for God in Guyana. Marcio, after meeting the required observer time, will be the pilot for Project AirPower aircraft. Fifty unreached villages in southern Guyana will hear about the Saviour born in Bethlehem and His love for them.

Clifton Brooks is visiting the various areas of Palawan and Mindoro in the Philippines while doing needs assessment for his aviation ministry. We appreciate the support the Philippines Project has received. Please continue to uphold Clif and Cynthia

in your prayers. They will be flying to rescue hundreds from the clutches of Satan. Clif's ministry will support Adventist Frontier Missions and Philippines Frontier Missions personnel reaching the unreached.

Wayne Smith is busy inviting financial partners for his project in Western Guyana. He has definite plans to leave for Guyana in the summer of 2000. Wayne's nursing skills combined with his aviation capabilities will become effective means in taking the Gospel to the unreached peoples and established mission stations in western Guyana.

"It is a great privilege to be a co-laborer with Christ in the salvation of souls. With patient, unselfish effort the Saviour sought to reach man in his fallen condition, and to rescue him from the consequence of sin. His disciples, who are the teachers of His word, should closely imitate their great Exemplar" (White, *Gospel Workers*, p. 191).

What can you do to be a collaborator for the salvation of souls through AWA as you celebrate Christ's birth?

- Pray for each missionary pilot
- Become an AWA member
- Adopt an unreached village as your mission project
- Sponsor a flight to an unreached village
- Sponsor a medical ministry flight
- \$ 50,000 is needed to buy radio communication equipment for missionaries in jungle villages
- \$50,000 is urgently needed to pay for parts purchased for Project AirPower aircraft
- Make a monthly commitment to support flights to unreached people groups

Please help AWA to continue flying. I urge you to "Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter" (Prov 24:11) in Guyana and the Philippines. God bless you abundantly as you partner with Him to "Rescue the perishing and care for the dying."

*Melchizedek Ponniah,*  
Vice-President, Development



## AWA Mail Box

I am sending in the mail today a check. The way the kids raised the money was by going to the neighbors and asking if they could cut their grass to raise money. Some cleaned carpets for people, others cleaned houses. They all did odd jobs around the neighborhood and for their parents to raise the money. Thank you for your videotape. I will be showing it at church this Sabbath.

*Laurina Boryca,*

Downers Grove Pathfinders

Dear AWA staff!

We enjoyed being a part of Project AirPower. Putting the wing on the plane was a blast! Thank you for making it possible for us to be a part of this worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

Ukiah, California

Timber Wolves Pathfinders

Dear AWA:

Enclosed please find our Pathfinder club's monthly commitment to AWA. We are working hard so we can send a check each month.

**Thank you** for flying for God.

We received the new video and thought it was great!

We want you to know that AWA is in our daily prayers.

*Richard D. Anthony M. Traci M. Richard L. Linda C. John C. Charlotte D. Sylvia A. Richard C. Jonette M. Victoria B. Laurel M. Leigh. Melissa Mayjane*

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Are you FAA Licensed? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please check license type: Private Pilot ☐ Commercial Pilot ☐ Airline Transport Pilot ☐

For what type of aircraft? \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate(s) held: Airframe ☐ Powerplant ☐ Inspector Authorization ☐

Do you own an Aircraft? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, indicate type and model: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in: Joining an AWA chapter? Yes ☐ No ☐

An AWA fly-in? Yes ☐ No ☐

While working the AWA booth at the Pathfinder Camporee at Oshkosh, many people asked, "Why haven't I heard about AWA before? Sign me up, I want to be a member."

AWA is committed to providing aviation, communications, and logistical support to missionaries involved in Global Missions. One way to accomplish this goal is to invite every Adventist pilot, A&P, and aviation enthusiast to become a Member of AWA. The needs of those who serve in unentered areas of the world are great. Donations of tools, avionics equipment, airplanes, money for air strips, hangars and repairs are urgently need to help missionaries do their work more efficiently. AWA is committed to being the conduit for identifying and supplying needs.

You can have a part in this exciting endeavor by joining AWA today. Members will receive a membership card, AWA wings pin, membership decal, access to database of Adventist pilots and A&P's. You'll have the joy of knowing that you have had an active part in reaching the lost for Jesus. Plus, you'll have an opportunity to network, join a regional Chapter, participate in short-term mission projects and flying.

The annual membership fee is \$25, or \$15 for students.

*Barbara Hales,*  
Public Relations

# Congratulations



Laura Kopitzke and Bill LaBore were married in Minnesota, August 13, 1999. They choose to marry on a Friday evening just as Sabbath began. On the following Sunday they were in California, where they had a reception at the church and restated they vows in front of their friends and family. Then they took a honeymoon to Alaska, where they camped and backpacked for three weeks.

Both Bill and Laura say "It was beautiful." Bill and Laura are still praying for God to show them where He would have them minister.



How Sweet! On July 11, 1999 at the Dowagiac SDA Church Clifton Brooks and Cynthia Parker were married. They enjoyed two weeks of fresh mountain air in the majestic Canadian Rockies of Banff, Alberta. The old Cadillac amazed one-and-all by making the 3,500 mile round-trip with ease. Cliff and Cyndi wish to express their thanks to all who made their day extra special. They also petition your prayers as they continue to follow God's leading in establishing the aviation program in the Philippines.

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Look what God is doing! I have never seen anything like it! Project AirPower is certainly the strongest evidence in my recent experience that God is active in and through His young people.

In the past 6 months our records indicate that 465 Pathfinders from 39 clubs representing 6 different countries have worked to prepare the first Pathfinder-sponsored mission aviation project in history. The numbers of those involved are growing as schools and churches join their Pathfinders in launching this historic operation.

Does involvement in Project AirPower make a difference in people's lives? I watched tears trickle down the cheeks of seasoned Pathfinder Directors as their kids hoisted a wing into place or turned a wrench to secure an aircraft part during the camporee. After working on the plane I heard Pathfinders express their desire to make a lifetime commitment to mission service.

Since August, work on the plane has continued as radios and engine monitoring equipment were installed. As I write, the plane is making its way through the Caribbean piloted by David Gates and Wayne Smith. At the same time Marcio Costa is addressing thousands of interested Pathfinders at camporees in Brazil.

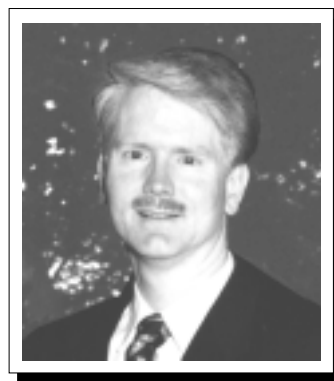
On the other side of the planet, Clifton Brooks and I are conducting field research in preparation for serving the needs of Adventist Frontier Missions and Philippine Frontier Missions projects. The situation can only be described as desperate. Communications and air support are absolutely vital to entering new areas and for making existing projects more efficient.

Reports from AFM workers on the fringes of the Alangan people group indicate that some villages deep in the mountains of Mindoro are inhabited by as many as 3000 people who have never seen a white man or heard of Jesus.

As we approach the season when we remember what Heaven did for us, ask God what He would have you do on behalf of His forgotten children through AWA projects. He'll show you and grant you the genuine peace of Christmas.



*Don Starlin,*  
President



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