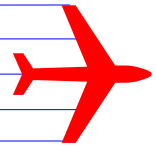


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NEWSLETTER

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Great things God has done in and through AWA during the past year. As I recount all that God has done, I say "Oh that these men would praise the Lord for his loving kindness and for all of his wonderful deeds! Let them tell him 'Thank you' as their sacrifice, and sing about his glorious deeds" (Ps 107:21, 22 TLB).



GREAT THINGS GOD HAS DONE

Melchizedek M. Ponniah

During this year the Lord brought people with various talents and spiritual gifts to accomplish His task through AWA. Dr. William Davidson accepted our invitation and chaired his first AWA board session in January 2000. Both Bill and Jackie Davidson have been added

appeals to Guyanese officials an executive order to register the aircraft has been issued.

What at first appeared to be unnecessary stalling of the Project AirPower Cessna 182 registration process turned out to be a blessing in disguise.

When prophet Simeon and prophetess Anna took Baby Jesus in their hands, they praised the Lord for the redeemer and the opportunity to see Him. In essence, they said great things God has done (Luke 2:29-38).

blessings to God's ministry through AWA. Andy Klein, Clifton and Cynthia Brooks, and Bill and Laura LaBore responded to God's call to be AWA missionaries. A number of volunteers bolstered God's mission.

The first mission trip coordinated by AWA, in March 2000, involved Dakota Adventist Academy. These young people, under Pastor Gary Burns, made a lasting impact in the jungle villages of northwestern Guyana.

After months of fervent prayer and

In March AWA received an urgent notice from the engine manufacturer to suspend flight operations immediately! A number of crankshafts installed in Continental engines assembled in 1999 contained metallurgical flaws that had resulted in eleven engine failures.

God knew the Project AirPower engine crankshaft was weak and utilized beauraucracy to prevent almost certain tragedy. The affected crankshaft has now been replaced and very soon the aircraft

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AWA NEWS

AWA LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS

VISIT GUYANA Dr. William Davidson, AWA Board Chair, Don Starlin, Melchizedek Ponniah visited Guyana during the first two weeks of September. They were accompanied by three AWA volunteers and supporters: Ian McDonald, a Guyanese national settled in the U.S., Jason Clark, a building contractor, and Tom Gibb, a Pathfinder leader from the Iowa-Missouri Conference. Plans are well under way to start, "Wings for Humanity," a friendly society in Guyana which will coordinate AWA's mission to reach the unreached people groups in 56 villages using aviation and communication technologies.

LABORES JOIN PROJECT AIR-POWER

AWA's Executive Committee accepted Bill and Laura LaBore as part of the Project AirPower team. Bill will serve as the project manager and Laura, a Registered Nurse, will join Marcio as a pilot. Laura is pursuing her aircraft mechanic training and working as a nurse. Welcome Bill and Laura to the AWA family!

PHILIPPINES PROJECT UPDATE

The mission aircraft has been fitted with Peterson's Performance Plus high-lift canard, Wing-X wing extensions and Sportsman STOL leading edge. Clifton and Cynthia Brooks returned from North Carolina where they attended a two-week tropical medicine and a community health evangelism course. They visited churches in North Carolina, Florida and Tennessee seeking partners for God's mission.



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will be flying for God in Guyana. Great things God has done!

We are grateful to the many partners who cooperate with God in supporting AWA. Their partnership includes prayer, volunteering time and talents, sacrificial financial support and letters of affirmation. We praise God for every partner in mission. More partners are needed as the time is very short and the challenges are complex. For example, earlier this year the population of the world exceeded 6 billion. Forty per cent or 2.4 billion people (roughly equivalent to the population of China and India put together) have not heard the name of Jesus or His love for them. Many will never hear the Gospel if not for aviation supported ministry.

If God has done great things, the world has a right to know about it. In fact, that is the very crux of the Three Angels messages: "an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people" (Rev 14:6 NIV). Prophetess Anna did her part to fulfill that mission. "... She also began thanking God and telling everyone in Jerusalem . . . that the Messiah had finally arrived" (Luke 2:38 TLB).

The Savior's Gospel commission to the disciples includes you and me. For this work the church was established, and members of God's church are expected to be partners with Christ in fulfilling the Great Commission. Anna's example is worth emulating. May I appeal to you to partner with Adventist World Aviation to reach the unreached villages and people groups for Jesus? You may partner with your prayers, your talents, your money and with whatever God inspires you to do. Greater things God will do!

In the spirit of prophetess Anna, let's spread the Christmas story all over the world. There are millions who will hear it for the first time.

GUYANA PROJECT

AIRCRAFT FUND

Project AirPower Aircraft \$185,000



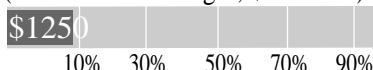
COSTA MISSIONARY FUND

Launching Expenses \$68,418

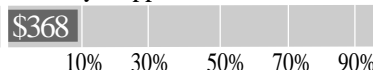


Monthly Village Sponsorship

(56 unreached villages, \$250 each)



Monthly Support \$3,974



Your contribution of \$250 per month will provide air and communications services to Bible workers in one of the 56 unreached jungles villages in Guyana.

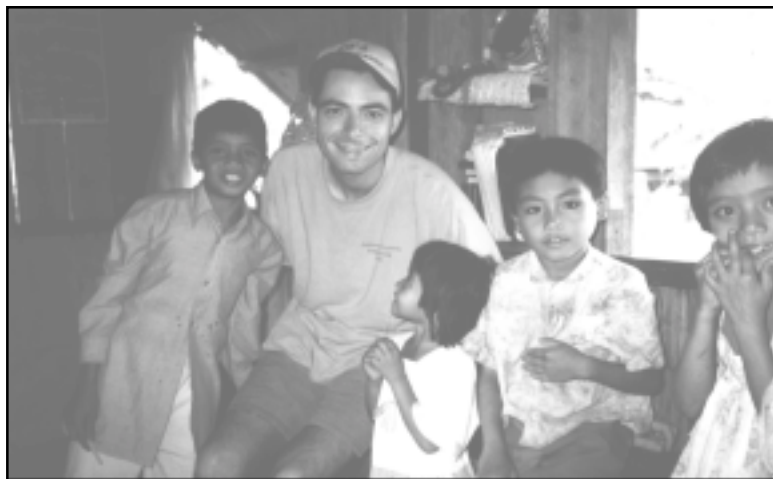
Praise God for:

- (1) Presidential approval to register the Project AirPower aircraft
- (2) Church and individual support of AWA projects
- (3) Bill & Laura LaBore, new missionary recruits to Guyana
- (4) Potential sites for AWA operations in Georgetown and Region 8, Guyana

Pray for:

- (1) \$26,000 yet needed to pay off the rebuilding expenses for the Project AirPower aircraft
- (2) \$30,000 needed to refurbish the Philippines mission plane
- (3) Churches, Sabbath School classes, businesses and individuals to adopt mission projects
- (4) \$15,000 needed for Marcio Costa's missionary flight training (instrument and Commercial).

Small Church in Central IL Sponsors Their Own Missionaries



By Clifton Brooks

This was probably the fifth or sixth time that I have had the opportunity to share about the Philippines Project with this small church of about twelve to fifteen regular members. The worship service started and progressed smoothly. Now it was prayer and praise time. The head elder invited Cyndi and me to join her at the podium.

The head elder continued, "We at the Mattoon Church have something that we would like to give you." Then she handed me an envelope and said, "Please open it and read it now."

I opened the letter and saw that a check for \$1500 was included. I was so touched by this large contribution to our ministry from such a small congregation. My eyes misted over as I looked out at the members who I recognized and had become friends with through the many previous visits to this church.

Once again the elder prompted me to read the letter. But I couldn't even see the page as I was overcome with emotion. I requested my wife to read it for me.

The letter mentioned that the small church felt strongly enough about the Philippines Project that they wanted to give \$1500 dollars toward the aircraft launching goal. And furthermore, they were going to sponsor Cyndi and I as their own missionaries with a pledge of \$50 per month. They were willing to include our project as part of the church budget.

As I write this I am again filled with gratitude and emotion as I think of the commitment and friendship of that small church. We are a part of their body, an extension of their own church. We are as meaningful to them as the church structure itself, and the Sabbath School programs -- all supported by local church budget funds. They are convinced of God's mission in the Philippines and committed to have an active part, even to the extent that it may mean sacrifice at their home church.

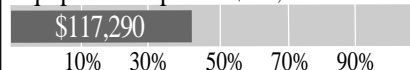
I praise God for the Mattoon church family and their willingness to become involved with God's mission.



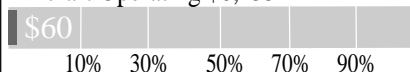
PHILIPPINES-BROOKS PROJECT

AIRCRAFT FUND

Equipment Expenses \$283,766

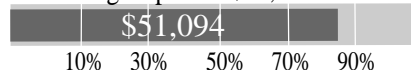


Aircraft Operating \$6,455



MISSIONARY FUND

Launching Expenses \$61,058



Monthly Support \$3,647



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A commitment of \$750 per month, will support communications and air services to an entire people group. Included in this amount is an appropriation for the Philippine Frontier Missions to research the unreached group, develop materials and recruit missionaries.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Patamona chief squatting beside me pointed across the runway to a chain-sawed board and tin roof building. "Do you see that building over there? The government health workers left several months ago and never came back. You can use the building if you come. We want to hear what you have to say."

On my knee lay an open photo album; around me stood or squatted about a dozen curious villagers. The pictures told the story of how, in answer to Amerindian requests for medical help, AWA staff and Pathfinders from around the world rebuilt and fielded the first-ever youth sponsored missionary plane in history.

"We and the people of America did not forget your request. Not only did all these Pathfinders send this airplane, but the school children from Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin sent these packages to your children here

in Kopinang." I got up and went around to the other side of the plane where we unloaded a number of boxes bearing shipping labels from all corners of the Lake Union Conference.

"When will you come back?" asked the Chief. "As soon as we can," I replied.

All around the world people in darkness wait for the light we are so privileged to have. They live tormented by spirits and are stalked by hunger and disease. "When will you come?" is the question that echoes down the halls of time.

This season we celebrate the One who came. What about those who don't know He came the first time; those who don't know He's coming again?

You can make a difference by helping an AWA plane reach 56 unentered villages in Guyana. You can make it possible to provide air support for missionaries to 30 unreached people

groups in the Philippines. Your participation can finish the plane that will make it possible to reach some of the 256 tribes in Alaska. You can help purchase an airplane that will take the Gospel to a quarter million refugees in South Sudan.

Would you help us answer the Captain in Kopinang?

Don Starlin,
President



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