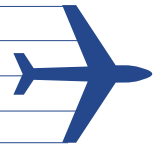


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A Dedication and A Pineapple

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On April 29, 2001, a Cessna 182 was dedicated to take the Gospel to the unreached people groups in the Philippines. This airplane will operate from Palawan, Philippines.

At the Andrews Airpark dedication service,



April 29, 2001 Dr. Dwight Nelson dedicates Philippines Project aircraft in prayer.

Dr. Niels-Erik Andreasen, president of Andrews University and Elder Leo Ranzolin, a General Vice-President at the General Conference and chair of the Aviation Committee for the Church emphasized the primacy of mission of Adventist education and the church at large. Dr. Dwight K. Nelson, Senior Pastor, Pioneer Memorial Church offered the dedicatory prayer.

To acknowledge Adventist Laypersons' Services and Industries' (ASI) partnership with AWA, a second dedication was conducted on May 5, 2001 during the Lake Union ASI Chapter's Annual Conference in Holland, Michigan. ASI leaders, Debbie Young, Robert Slikkers and Elder Dwight Hilderbrandt officiated in the dedication service.



Left to Right: Andrews University President Niels-Erik Andreasen, Clifton and Cythia Brooks, Andy Klein, and Elder Leo Ranzolin of the General Conference bow their heads in prayer.

The aircraft dedication holds behind it a story of providence.

It was January 2000. Clifton Brooks, AWA Philippines project pilot was on a mission survey of unreached villages on the island of Palawan including the village of Tag Biao Biao. The villagers, having never seen a white man, were quite intrigued with him. Clifton recorded the experience on his video camera.

The next day Bobby, a Philippine Frontier missionary, revealed to Clif that cameras weren't allowed into the village. Horrified that he had unwittingly transgressed a village rule, Clif remarked that everyone had such a good time seeing themselves on camera.

Bobby continued, "Four nights ago in a dream, Ainito, the

village 'protector' saw you, the supervisor, and your guide coming up the trail into the village. He saw you with your camera. He knew you were a pilot. He knew why you were coming: to bring help to the village."

Clifton sat stunned. "They had known we were coming!" he thought. "Four days before, I was far to the north. There was absolutely no way anyone could have heard of our coming. But they knew. God had shown them in a dream!"

Clif later said, "God Himself prepared the way to take the Gospel story and the camera that the villagers otherwise would have never allowed. God was already at work before we got there. These people didn't want the outside world, and didn't want outsiders in their forest. They have chosen to remain isolated and secluded, and didn't want any religion but animism. But God was at work preparing them long before we arrived."

As a symbol of friendship, the Chief of Tag Biao Biao and the missionary pilot planted a pineapple top to grow in the midst of the village. The chief indicated his desire for Clif to return and eat the fruit with them when it would mature in about a year and a half.

"They understood about the airplane. They

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May 5, 2001 Members of the Lake Union chapter of Adventist Laypersons' Services & Industries surround and lay hands on the mission plane.



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After planting the pineapple top: Clifton Brooks shakes hands with Danny, the village chief as Bobby (Philippine Frontier missionary, far left) and Ainito (the village "protector", center with child) look on.

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understood the purpose for which we had come. Now they were opening their arms, inviting us to come to their village. This was God at work!" said Clifton as tears filled his eyes.

A year and a half have passed since that pineapple was planted. Clif and Cyndi are preparing to return to the Philippines. You can help bring the pineapple promise to fruition. You can help fulfill the dream. Will you become a mission partner with them? Will you prayerfully consider the following opportunities to join the Philippines project? Perhaps your Sabbath School class, church group, Pathfinder club, or friends would like to make the dream come true.

- \$30,000 will finish aircraft modifications
- \$750/month will provide air support for a missionary team working among an unreached people group
- Prayer warriors are needed
- \$14,000 will crate, ship, import, reassemble and inspect the mission aircraft

Aviation is the only way to sustain frontier missionaries waiting to enter other remote animistic villages. With your participation AWA will take the "everlasting Gospel" to these unreached peoples. 

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contemplating taking our first assessment tour to Guyana as the Lord provides. This last March, we began our fundraising tour. We had a wonderful visit already with the Gillette church in Wisconsin, the Northbrook church in Minnesota, and the Milwaukee Central church. Our plan is to visit several churches in the upcoming months to locate more partners for this mission as we move toward our Launching and Monthly support goals. Phillipians 4:13 is a verse that we claim often, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." 

PHILIPPINES PROJECT

Aircraft/Equipment
Launching Budget \$283,766

\$125,738 Still Needed

10% 30% 50% 70% 90%

Clifton & Cynthia Brooks
Launching Expenses \$65,560

\$4,809 Still Needed

10% 30% 50% 70% 90%

Monthly People Group Sponsorship*
(30 Unreached People Groups, \$750 each)

\$22,440 Still Needed

10% 30% 50% 70% 90%

Clifton & Cynthia Brooks
Monthly Support \$3,959

\$2,658 Still Needed

10% 30% 50% 70% 90%

* \$750 per month will provide air and communications services to frontier missionaries in one of 30 unreached people groups in the Philippines.

Preparing (or Being Prepared) for Guyana!

By Bill LaBore

We knew that we wanted to be involved in mission aviation even before we were married (August '99)! Then in November 2000, my wife Laura and I accepted a call to join Marcio and Jane Costa as part of the Adventist World Aviation-Project Airpower missionary team to Guyana! Here's how it all happened.

In the early fall of 1998, we drove to Berrien Springs as Laura had an appointment with the nursing department at Andrews University. She was considering pursuing her Masters degree in nursing at that time. When we arrived, Laura went to her appointment only to find out that the person she was supposed to meet with forgot about the meeting and was actually on vacation! That seemed rather strange since Laura had confirmed with her just that week.

Laura had also heard about the aviation program at Andrews. On our way out that morning, we stopped at the airpark to find out more about what they had to offer. Our thought was that Laura would run in quickly and grab some information and we would be on our way. Well, approximately one hour later (I had begun a short nap on the lawn by this time), she emerged from the building excited about what she had heard about how God was working through AWA. After several lengthy discussions and many prayers, we decided to become involved with AWA! Laura grew up overseas as a daughter of a missionary pilot so she was very comfortable with the idea. As the Lord would have it, I had wanted to become involved in missions since I took part in a Maranatha project to Mexico a few years back. However, I also wanted to get married someday! Frankly, I never expected to meet someone of the opposite sex who would have the same ambition. I guess you could say it was a match made in heaven! Each member of our team has



a unique story to tell of how God led them to AWA through a variety of providential circumstances. Those memories of God's leading encourage us during the times of difficulty because we know that God is in control and to Him be the glory!

Our team is very busy preparing (or being prepared) for this project. I include in parentheses the additional "or being prepared" because I believe God is preparing our characters for His work in Guyana. It is important to emphasize that it is His work, not ours. We know that God has been at work in Guyana for more than a hundred years preparing the way for the gospel to go forward as I would also like to believe that God has also been at work here in the United States during the course of our lifetimes preparing us for this mission!

As Laura and I begin our part in this mission, please pray for God's leading as we are
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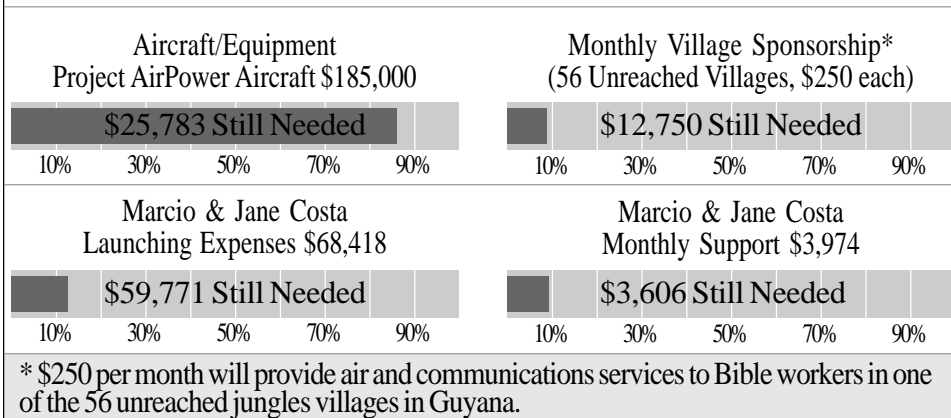
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the unreached around the world.*

GUYANA PROJECT



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

In last December's newsletter I shared the question posed by the Patamona chief living deep in the jungles of Guyana, "When will you come?"

From thousands of villages around the world, the question is the same.

The answer to that question lies squarely at the feet of God's people. In AWA there are those who have heard God's call and have responded by giving their lives and all that they have to develop an air transport infrastructure by which good news and hope will be carried to those in darkness. They have prayed, trained, worked, and shared the burden God Himself has placed on their hearts. They need our help! They cannot do it alone!

Missionary aviation is one of the best mission investments you can make.

All of AWA's projects are built around the concept of leveraging time, finances and human resources. The airplane makes accessible the

inaccessible. It serves to carry volunteers and well-trained cost-effective national workers into areas most of us wouldn't think of living.

In the Philippines, if used judiciously, it is possible for an airplane to support 30 teams working among 30 unreached people groups that would never hear the gospel by any other means. Ultimately this strategy can impact 3 million people over a five-year period at a cost of only 33 cents per person: a fine example of how well-placed technology and talent can leverage the effectiveness of the body of Christ.

Would you consider making a high-impact, maximum-leverage investment with satisfying returns not only now, but also for eternity?

Don Starlin,
President



ALASKA PROJECT UPDATE

A Cessna 206 is being prepared for service in Alaska. This missionary aircraft will facilitate taking the Gospel to the indigenous people groups representing 26 languages and dialects living in Alaska. We are grateful for the help of Elder Jim Kincaid and the many volunteers involved in refurbishing the mission aircraft. Elder Kincaid reports, "The fuselage is ready for final assembly and paint; the wings are 50% completed. We only need to repair two of the control surfaces and they will be ready for paint."

Will you please join the AWA family in praying for the following needs of the Alaska project aircraft?

- engine and propeller
- navigation/communication radios
- audio panel and intercom system
- Global Positioning System (GPS)

Surely, "The Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world. . .and then, finally, the end will come" (Matt 24:14 TLB).

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