



## Walking on Water All the Way to Guyana

by Laura LaBore

**T**he little boat was tossed around like a matchstick as the waves heaved up and down. The men in the boat put all their expertise into controlling the little boat, and the adrenalin flowed through their veins.

I'm not sure who saw it first, but up ahead, in the distance, someone saw a light. It was faint at first, but then it grew. They couldn't tell in the darkened night if the wind was blowing them closer, or NOT! IT was coming closer to THEM! One of the men shrieked, "It's a ghost!". Even the bravest of them now felt their knees turn to rubber.

Above the storm came the words, "Cheer up. It's me: don't be afraid!". They knew the voice. It was Jesus! That voice, hours before, was heard blessing five loaves and two fishes from which 5,000 men, plus women and children, were fed.

Jesus gave no guarantees. Nor did He tell Peter what to expect. He didn't give promises, and didn't coax. He didn't even ask Peter twice. Peter, in turn, did no "outcome surveys". He didn't ask for a sign

first, before he stepped out of the boat. He didn't ask Him to promise or guarantee that all would go well. Jesus said "come" and Peter went. Then Peter did what no man has done before. He walked on water.

We too at AWA have heard God say, "come". "Come to Guyana". There are no guarantees. He hasn't promised us anything, but we


have heard Him call, and so we will go.

When Peter stepped out of the boat, the wind was still fierce. The waves still tossed up and down. Jesus didn't "clear the way

for Peter". It was Peter's job to have faith and keep his eyes on Jesus.

The road has not been easy for any of us going to Guyana, both on a personal level, and also in the grander scheme of it all. We've had the winds and waves of financial difficulties, government red tape and the logistics of trying to accomplish something far away are just some of the challenges we face. BUT we will keep our eyes on Jesus. We will continue to have faith in the One who called us.

The challenge of reaching the unreached villages, more than 50 of them, far exceeds our talents and resources. They need to hear the love of Jesus and experience His salvation. It's a God-sized task.

No, we DON'T have all the answers, but we plan to experience walking on water as God has called us to do. We've already seen countless ways He is working in Guyana, and we look forward to seeing Him calm even more winds and waves. We will continue to look into His face and follow His calling. Walking on water all the way to Guyana is exciting as long as we hold on to Jesus—walking by faith that is! 



Laura and Bill LaBore

Peter then cried out "Lord, if it is you, let me come out to you on the water". Then Jesus said, "come". That's all He said. One word, and Peter went, and walked on water.



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 WE MUST SEEK THEM OUT WHERE THEY ARE. WHEN THE  
 WORD HAS BEEN PREACHED IN THE PULPIT, THE WORK  
 HAS JUST BEGUN. THERE ARE MULTITUDES WHO WILL  
 NEVER BE REACHED BY THE GOSPEL UNLESS IT IS CARRIED  
 TO THEM”

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 ing Sabbath/Sunday School, children's story  
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 an afternoon mission symposium.

# Seeing God at Work


by Andy Klein

The sun has shown its face much more than usual for a Berrien Springs winter. The snow, which arrived just in time for Christmas, almost completely melted in the weeks after New Years. While the slightly warmer and cheerier weather is appreciated, we would rather be in the Philippines—getting ready for the work there.

Truth is that we still have a little more work to do on the plane. Clif and I have been working to have it flying and the paperwork signed off as soon as possible, so that Clif can continue his training. Every bit of experience gained in the aircraft will be beneficial. Immediately following Clif's training, we will take it off line once more to finish the fuel tank and door modifications, the blessing here is that getting it up and going now will let us check the operation of modifications and upgrades made so far. Our plan is to have the plane completely done around May/June.

I am thankful that God is continuing to bless Clif and Cynthia's donor ministry. Now that the project is nearing the launching goal, I am starting to develop support for the part of the work I will be doing. I have a hard time when it comes to this part of the work—coming to terms with asking for support when the project hasn't "really"

begun yet. Lately, I have had to admit that the project really started long ago with the efforts of all of you who have made it possible for the work to go forward on the aircraft. Thank you for the support! May we *all* continue to be blessings to the world around us, as we allow God to guide our interests and the use of the talents He has given us.

I'm glad God is giving me the opportunity to use the skills He has granted to somehow make the work a little safer, and easier for those who have been working so hard in some pretty tough conditions. Please pray that God will make me successful in finding new partners to join this group (that's all of us) in reaching the Philippines and beyond. Please pray that we may respond to mission needs: speeding the gospel to the hard to reach and forgotten peoples of the world. 

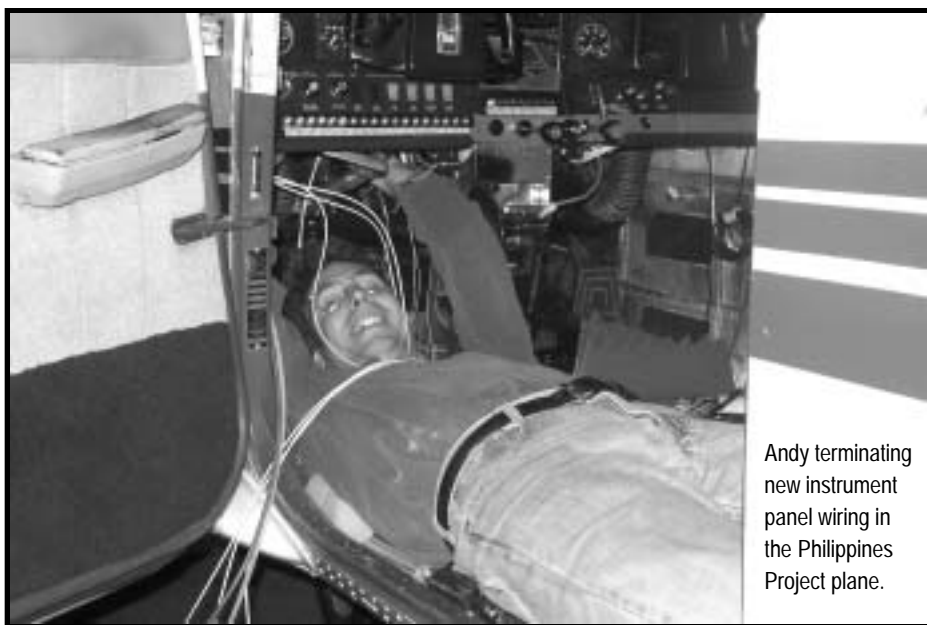


Philippine Frontier Mission Missionaries walking to a mountain village to preach.

## ADOPT AN UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUP IN THE PHILIPPINES

You, your church, or your Sabbath/Sunday School class can be a partner with Jesus in taking the Gospel to more than 120 unreached people groups in the Philippines:

- Pray for an unreached people group
- Adopt an unreached people group. \$750 per month will provide air transportation, communication and materials for a frontier missionary team.
- Donate a HAM Radio set



Andy terminating new instrument panel wiring in the Philippines Project plane.



# Facing Death and Life

by Marcio Costa

Daniel, age 21, very poor, was born in a declining native village located near the border between Brazil and Paraguay. His single mother moved deeper into Brazil to escape the misery so Daniel grew up away from his own people. The villagers in Brazil looked down on Daniel as he was poor and fatherless—no one really cared for him.

Providentially, Daniel came in touch with a missionary couple very close to my family. At that time the Silva family was serving God as self-supporting missionaries in the

Marcio preflighting the Pathfinder plane.



northern region of the Amazon jungle.

My friend, Pastor Silva, told me that during one of his sermons he mentioned to Daniel and his group about dedicated missionaries who are preparing to serve among people like them. As an example, Pastor Silva explained about AWA projects and God's call for me.

Daniel was deeply impressed. He mentioned to Pastor Silva that he wanted to meet at least one of these dedicated people from far away. Pastor Silva gave this poorly dressed and unskilled man a brochure about my project. Little did he realize the influence of a worn out brochure that Pastor Silva kept in his Bible.

Daniel found someone to translate the brochure into Portuguese. Having found my email address, after 3 months he located somebody who had a computer and was willing to send his message to me.

I received about four email messages inviting me to come and preach to his group. He assured that he would take me to as many villages



Marcio

as I could preach in. He emphasized, "I am praying for that!" Under these circumstances I felt impressed to promise him that if the Lord provided the funds, on my next mission trip to South America I would meet him.

Not longer after that, one of my dearest uncles in Brazil was diagnosed with cancer. Following additional tests, he was sent back home to die among his family. All of our friends and relatives visited him often. Each time his condition worsened.

Three months later, the man who was once strong and happy was reduced to skin and bones, hanging on the edge of life asking everybody where I was. He truly believed that if I went there and prayed with him God would definitely hear my prayer. My family and relatives urged me to visit my uncle.

Back in the U.S., I was struggling without sufficient funds. My wife and I earnestly sought God's direction. God answered our prayer when a very close friend gave me with some money that made a trip to Brazil possible.

Kneeling beside my uncle fighting for life, I prayed for God's intervention. It was so painful to watch my dearest uncle suffering. With tears I asked for God's healing and mercy for a man who meant a lot to me. When he breathed his last, I believed God had other plans.

As I had promised, I took a twenty-hour

Marcio, Laura, and Bill working on the plane.



### GUYANA PROJECT



Missionaries

Marcio and Jane Costa

Costa Launching Expenses \$68,418

\$31,305 Still Needed

10%

30%

50%

70%

90%

\$3,499 Still Needed

Costa Monthly Support \$3,974



Bill and Laura LaBore

LaBore Launching Expenses \$74,819

\$72,507 Still Needed

10%

30%

50%

70%

90%

\$3,419 Still Needed

LaBore Monthly Support \$3,419

Airplane/Operating

Project AirPower Aircraft/Equipment \$185,000

22,593 Still Needed

10%

30%

50%

70%

90%

Monthly Village Sponsorship\*

\$12,750 Still Needed

10%

30%

50%

70%

90%

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

bus trip to the interior to meet with Daniel. I spent a week preaching and witnessing. Daniel and I visited as many places as possible telling about Jesus. It was in one of these villages that I met "The Man Without a Shirt" (see the December 2001 issue of Flight Log). Many lives—old and young alike were touched. They listened with great interest as I explained about Jesus, the only Savior. I preached until I lost my voice.

Daniel rejoiced and praised God for my visit. His friends couldn't believe how he was able to bring such joy to them by arranging for me to preach among them. Although poor, he felt rich having been able to share the love of Jesus with his friends.

God works in mysterious ways. I don't always understand how God works. I still mourn the loss of my dear uncle. He was always around sharing good things when I was a poor child in a dangerous neighborhood. I still praise God for Daniel and all the people that came to hear the word of God and found life through Jesus.

I praise God for all the partners in missions. I am grateful for your financial support and prayers. Thank you very much.

"Because the ones left standing  
have to cry all the tears  
and replay all the memories,  
the good and bad from the years;  
And we shoulder the weight  
of the work left to be done,  
And the ones left standing carry on."

Wayne Watson

In memory of Jose Antonio Sabino



## ADOPT AN UNREACHED VILLAGE IN GUYANA

Did you know your Sabbath/Sunday School class, Pathfinder club, church or family can adopt an unreached village in the interior of Guyana as a mission project for \$250 a month? You will help someone to hear about Jesus and His love. Please pray about it.

# ALASKA CALLS: "COME OVER HERE AND HELP US"

by Melchizedek M. Ponniah

During the 1997 ASI Convention in Albuquerque, Elder Jim Kincaid, Executive Secretary of Alaska Conference, invited Adventist World Aviation to Alaska. This was the beginning of another AWA project: this time in our own backyard.

Recent experiences reveal God's interest in the Alaska project. Elder Kincaid and his team have been working to rebuild a 1976 Cessna 206 in Anchorage. The plane will take the Gospel to isolated villages across the state. Earlier this year work on the aircraft was beginning to slow as financial resources dwindled. AWA's staff began praying over the situation. On February 14 an unsolicited donor left an \$11,000 check to continue the work on the missionary aircraft. Elder Kincaid says, "That is more than half the cost of a new engine. . . So if we had another approximately \$9,000 we could order the new engine."

According to Elder Kincaid, if available, three additional aircraft could be pressed into service immediately.

On February 10, AWA's Board of Directors assigned N2019G, a Cessna 182A based in Berrien Springs, to Alaska. As the aircraft is needed this summer and leaking fuel cells should be replaced, concern was expressed that sufficient funds were not in hand in order to complete the work for a May departure. AWA's staff began to pray.

Two days later at 7:30 AM, Don and Trudi Starlin prayed for specific divine direction and guidance regarding how to proceed. An hour later as Don was reviewing the parts list for the plane wondering what God would do, a friend of AWA entered the office and dropped an envelope on his desk and left. A little later Don opened the envelope. On the inside flap were the words "Fuel Tanks N2019G" Inside the

envelope was enough money to replace the cracked and leaking fuel cells!

God is at work! The AWA family is convinced God will provide the resources needed for the Cessna 206 and the Cessna 182. As in the Macedonian vision, Alaska calls: "Come over here and help us" (Acts 16:9). God is inviting us to help prepare these two aircraft for His mission in Alaska.


### AWA Alaska Cessna-206F N8287Q Needs

Engine/propeller/accessories/ installation/shipping	\$45,000
Avionics/installation/wiring	\$10,000
Fuel cell/paint/interior	\$ 1,592

### AWA Alaska Cessna-182A N2019G Needs

Aircraft acquisition	\$22,500
Annual inspection/repairs	\$ 3,000
Fuel cells/installation	\$ 3,000
Lines and hoses	\$ 1,300
GPS/COM installation	\$ 4,000
Re-Arc landing gear	\$ 3,300
Flight time to Alaska	\$ 5,000
Maps/charts/fees/ lodging/food/return airfare	\$ 3,000

These are immediate needs. Please pray that God will provide the funds as the aircraft needs to be in service by May 2002.

Thank you. 

Alaska missionary aircraft N8287Q fuselage masked for painting.



### ALASKA PROJECT

AWA Alaska Aircraft N8287Q \$150,000

\$56,592 Still Needed

10% 30% 50% 70% 90%

AWA Alaska Aircraft N2019G \$45,000

\$32,600 Still Needed

10% 30% 50% 70% 90%



# A Guaranteed Rate-Of-Return

by Clifton Brooks

What goes on in the back of your head? Behind all the thoughts of daily living, what occupies your concentration? My brain has been chewing lately. Like a little dog with a big rawhide bone, I haven't quite gotten around it all yet, but I'm working on it. Recently, money has been my bone and here is what I've been thinking...

working like never before to get the consumer into the stores. What a great time to get all those things that I've been wanting for so long.

I've been keeping a calculator ready as I travel in my car past the new homes going up around our neck of the woods. All I can think of are story problems. In thirty years, would the value of a new home be equal to the total

for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

I reel, spinning 180 degrees to the opposite. I am forced to look upward, then outward. First, I am forced to focus on Heaven—my best friend is building a mansion for me there, and there is no comparison to the houses in my neighborhood. Second, I am forced to look outward, beyond the fields of Berrien Springs, beyond the Great Lake, beyond the borders of the United States. My vision focused on a small village of people who speak another language. People like myself, but people who have never heard the Gospel message or even had the chance to read the words of Matthew that are currently revising my financial plans.

Verse 21 guarantees my rate-of-return, a surer guarantee than the best fund manager or bank could ever give. Where my treasure is, there my heart will be also. That's what I truly want in the end, my heart in Heaven.

## Clif and the Rich Young Ruler

The Rich Young Ruler and I don't have much in common. First, he had obeyed the law all his life. Secondly, he was rich. Yeah, we're not much alike, or are we? We both must choose our investments. "Time is money," says the old adage. And whether Jesus meant a "talent" in His parables to be a unit of money, ability, or a spiritual gift, all are to be invested wisely for the same purpose.

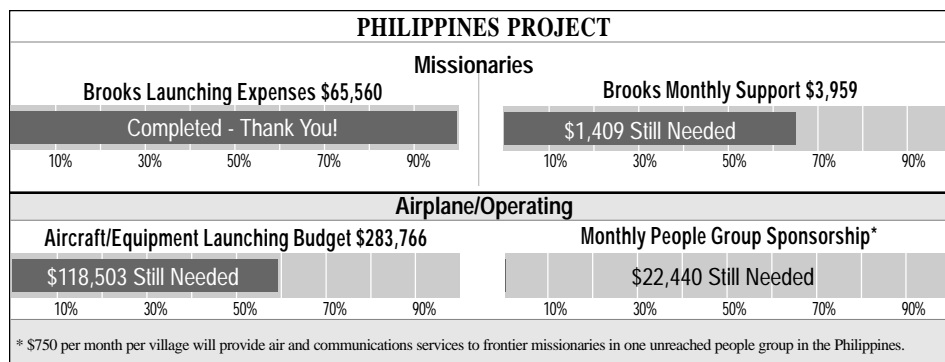
Clifton in one of the Philippine villages.



Wow! What a great time to invest. The stock markets are at a low, but rising. By all prospects, 2002 will see an upward climb in the financial markets. Interest rates have bottomed out. What a great time to put some money into a new house on a fixed-rate mortgage, or a new car at 0%. Retailers are

of my payments on a 30-year mortgage at 6.5% interest? If I invested in XYZ stock at the current bottom-feeder price with a 20% expected growth rate, what would my rate-of-return be?

As I read during my morning worship, Matthew 6:19-21 slams me. "Do not store up



Clifton and Cynthia Brooks





Clifton walking a drenched Philippine trail to share Christ.

Jesus tells me, and the Rich Young Ruler, the way to keep our heavenly treasure chest growing. Invest in the “securities market” where “moth and rust do not destroy.” Plainly—invest in souls. Put your money, time and talent wholly into the work of saving others for the kingdom. Souls are the inheritance of Jesus Himself (see Deut 32:9).

We are different, the Rich Young Ruler and I. His story is written; mine is not. He walked away sad. I can’t walk away. “Jesus, take my possessions; take my life. Use my talents in your service.”

As I drive down the streets now, my calculator lies dormant. I look at the new houses I pass, knowing they’re already deteriorating. As I watch the stock investors fidget as they react to each twitch of the market, I am laughing all the way to the bank.

“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.” 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NIV)



Clifton and Andy

# Around the World in Sixty Seconds

## Alaska

AWA Alaska project manager Jim Kincaid reports excellent medical evangelism opportunities currently exist among the tribal peoples in Alaska. There are well over 200 native villages. Pursuant to regular pastoral and native ministry opportunities, Jim Kincaid has requested two more planes in addition to those aircraft already assigned to Alaska.

## Guyana

It’s official! *Wings for Humanity, Incorporated*, founded by *Adventist World Aviation* to carry on air transport and communications services to both public and private entities engaged in humanitarian or Christian missionary activities in Guyana, stands poised to commence operations in Guyana.

Project AirPower: Missions at Home Tour! Last November AWA volunteers, Pudge Forrester and Tom Williams, accompanied AWA President, Don Starlin to Guyana. The Pathfinder plane received an annual inspection and was prepared for flight back to the U.S. Many thanks to Pudge and Marcio Costa for making time for the flight home. The plane and crew are scheduling appointments for missionary aviation emphasis weekends around the country.

Building site cleared! *Wings for Humanity* Secretary, Margaret Ramsarran reports from Guyana that the building site is now cleared and ready for construction of the *Wings for Humanity* Volunteer Center. The facility (located on the *Guyana Conference* compound) will serve as a base of operations for *Wings for Humanity*. The building will also be used by the *Guyana Conference* and function as a hub for regularly scheduled groups of short-term volunteers working on a variety of ministry projects.

## Philippines

Please continue to pray for Martin and Gracia Burnham, *New Tribes Missionaries* abducted nine months ago from the very town AWA has planned to set up operations in. The family has received much press coverage alerting the public to the dangers foreign missionaries face around the world.

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

# PRAY

Forty percent of the world's populations live where someone will have to cross cultural linguistic barriers to communicate the liberating news of salvation. One third of these live behind geographic and/or political barriers that make it unlikely they will ever hear of the God who gave all to save them.

According to statistics gleaned from *Barretts World Christian Encyclopedia*, *World Vision*, *U.S. Center for World Mission*, *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*, and *Operation World*, the last century marks a measurable decline in two thousand years of Christian expansion. Professed Christians made up 34.5% of the world's population in 1900. By 2000 Christians comprised 32.5%. What religion had the most growth?

Islam.

Professed Muslims constituted only 12 % of the world's population at the beginning of the last century, but numbered 21% by the end of 2000. If that rate of growth is maintained, the spiritual descendants of Ishmael will surpass those of Isaac in only 60 years.

What do the followers of Christ do with His words recorded in Matthew 28? Has the One who spoke the world into existence lost His authority with His people?

I am humbled to be part of a little group that prays. AWA's missionaries in training and staff pray for each other. We pray for people whom God has and will yet touch through this ministry. We pray for the laborers, present and future. We pray for prayer partners. We pray for our financial partners. We pray for those who need to be involved in missions. We pray! Why?

Because God loves to communicate with His

people and He answers prayer!

By the grace of God and because of prayer, AWA is poised to carry the light to those in darkness. In spite of difficulties and delays, cash gifts increased 28% in 2001. Another Cessna 182 joined the fleet. Pilots continued training. A building site was cleared in preparation for the Wings for Humanity Volunteer Center in Guyana.

Join AWA in prayer. Pray that the body of Christ might awaken to the task at hand. Pray that God will send more laborers. Pray for prayer partners. Pray for financial supporters. Pray for wisdom. Pray for discernment. Pray for over 200 native villages in Alaska. Pray for 56 jungle villages in Guyana. Pray for 120 unreached people groups in the Philippines.

The book of Acts records what happened when God's people prayed! Let's ask God to make this generation be the one to experience His Second Advent!

Sincerely,  
Donald B. Starlin  
President



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