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PRESIDENT'S WEATHER REPORT

The Greatest Gift

“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given[...],” said the prophet Isaiah. The greatest gift known to our world was, and still is, Christ Jesus our Lord. He gave all and received man unto Himself that they might be saved. Here at AWA, that Gift perpetuates with His vision of mission as we—and you too—join in His commission, to lift the lost and forgotten up to Him that they may have life more abundantly. Together we bring hope and joy and healing. These are true gifts!

The gifts given this time of year are a reminder that we do have a global family. Statistically, about 26% of all charity based organizations receive up to 50% of their annual income at the year's end. What is it that stirs people's generosity at this time of year? Is it the reflection of a year of blessings freely given? Is it a pondering of the real meaning of the Thanksgiving and Christmas season? Or is there a deliberate sense of caring for people who are less fortunate than ourselves in so many ways?

People truly enjoy seeing the impact they have on others because of their generosity. That's what makes our job exciting, even when the unexpected and unusual comes about. The expected are things like ADSB receivers, GPS trackers, and Aspen avionics panels. The unexpected may require some creativity in our circumstances. Some countries require different types of equipment that just aren't adequate for our work in that country. This is a challenge. Additionally, when certain parts need attention, the unexpected circumstances can become expensive. Recently a propeller (prop) failed in country and it may have to be rebuilt or even completely replaced. This is the equivalent to a tire needing to be changed or repaired, but because it's a prop, it could potentially require \$20K to \$25K to fix it; considerably more than a tire! This is where we need cheerful givers to help the work to continue.

God loves cheerful givers (2 Corinthians 9:6-15), because He Himself is a cheerful Giver. He loves to give, loves to bless, and even when it meant the life of His Son, He still gave, dare I say, happily because out of it He would recover His lost children from sin's grip. Christ, like the Image of His Father, gave of Himself freely and willingly, even happily, that we might live. While most of us will never have to lay our lives down to save another, Christ's Spirit in us, enables us to give what He has given us. It could be

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wealth, material items, or time and other resources, but above all, He calls us to give all our heart to Him that He may replace it with His and work His wonders in and through us.

From heaven on high, the world's greatest Gift was Christ in giving all of Himself to save us. All heaven revolves around the selfless acts of creatures stirred to serve one another and following in His footsteps, in giving what He has enabled us to give, we will likewise, bring souls to the cross to receive grace and mercy and eternal peace and joy. Together with Christ, we will labor on in spiritual partnership, living His life to draw others to Him.

We pray you had a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with fellowship, closeness and kindness. To each of you, our family and partners in the Great Commission work, we send Christmas blessings and thanks for your ongoing support. Thank you for lifting us in prayer for continued safety, eager responses from those whose lives we touch and workers to go where doors are open to the Spirit's leading. Consider setting up a recurring monthly donation that will enable annual maintenance on the planes, provide shelter and supplies for missionary families to continue saving lives as well as offer relief in disaster situations. Support is definitely about needed funds. Support is so much more! It is standing with us through trials that the enemy sends our way and it is rejoicing with us when God victoriously supplies needs for projects, missionaries, planes and people in need. Thank you for your support and prayers!

Onward and upward we go!

Pastor Ric Swaningson



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Sharon lives in Baramita, which is one of the hardest hit communities in Guyana. Why? Well, it is a gold mining community with 18 different backdam camps, and like any mining community, has all the social and physical problems. The biggest is they have little to no hope. One of the things we do as AWA/WFH is to offer hope to those who have none.



From Guyana to the Philippines

By Bruce Wilkerson



Monique and I are very excited about the road ahead for our Adventist World Aviation mission base in the Philippines. God is good all the time. We can see all things working together for His glory and for His honor. We are humbled by the opportunity to serve in the Palawan vineyard where we can live out the vision Christ has impressed upon our hearts and minds for service with Him. Not only does mission aviation impact people directly through life saving flights in-country, it enables us to build relationships with the people we serve in a very practical way. Just like many of us in North America use our God given

gifts and talents within our communities, as we directly impact lives physically, we have a unique opportunity to share the message of hope that a personal saving relationship with Christ can bring to all who believe. Many have partnered with us over the last 5 years in Guyana to impact lives for His kingdom through the construction of the AWA learning center where we conduct weekly worship service activities, Vacation Bible School, Bible studies, academic tutoring, mentorship and crisis support counseling. This center has a direct positive influence on many lives in the immediate community. Later a water collection project came to fruition

allowing us to build a harvest and storage capacity exceeding 1600 gallons of rainwater with room for expansion. Most recently many of the Venezuelan Warao refugees were provided with food supplements, clothing and worship activities that included basic conversational english and much more. The result? Countless changed lives. As we transition to the Philippines, we now know that we want to replicate the same life changing activities in Palawan and surrounding islands. We know that many of the physical, emotional and spiritual circumstances in the Guyana interior exist in the Philippines-- the need for Hope and a changed life is apparent.



When we arrived in Palawan at the end of November, we hit the ground running. Over the next two and a half months we will work diligently to finish the airstrip and hangar site and move the 40' container that was shipped from the States with our Cessna 182 inside. This is the same Pathfinder airplane that served many years in the interior of Guyana saving lives. We have a maintenance assembly team scheduled to arrive in Palawan in February 2020 to assemble the aircraft and commence flight operations. Before all this can happen, we need to complete the airstrip, and have it approved for flight operations by Civil Aviation Authority, Philippines. One of their checks is regarding safety and security of the airstrip. The plot of land where our airbase sits was formally a farm and then a rice field. As a result, people in the community have allowed carabaos and other livestock to graze on the property and frequently they are on the airstrip. A carabao and a moving aircraft don't mix well. Unlike cows, carabaos can be stubborn and don't move as easy.

Pedestrian and motorcyclists are another concern. Our vision is to replicate what other community farmers do, and that is to fence the 74-acre property with 5-strand 12-gauge wire with the top two or three strands as barbed. Due to the prevalent termite problem, locals use concrete posts instead of wood. Our priority is to first fence the perimeter near the airstrip and then continue around the property. We also need to begin construction of a learning center that can positively influence the community of Saggangan with academic tutoring, lifestyle counseling, Bible studies and worship activities. In similar fashion as Guyana, we plan to build a second floor living quarters for a missionary family. We need support team members to make all this a reality. Team members would agree to pray and to support the project in whatever way God is leading. We invite you to prayerfully consider the opportunity to serve as a part of our Palawan support team that will change lives by jump starting our flight operations and ministry in this vineyard.



Arial shot of Palawan Airbase perimeter.



Arial shot of Palawan Airbase.

Our gratitude is beyond measure. Our time with AWA began in 1998 as prayer and financial partners. Then in 2012 we started our journey in preparation for foreign mission service. In 2015 we launched to Guyana. Late 2019 we transferred to the Philippines for the next phase of our journey. Your partnership and support of the mission God has placed in our heart plays an important part in our success. Thank you from the bottom of our heart's, dear friends. God is good all the time!



Bringing Joy to Those IN NEED

By Sharon Williams

The world watched in horror as the most intense tropical cyclone on record to strike the Bahamas left thousands without homes. Catastrophic damage due to the intense storm conditions led to a death toll of over 60, with over 400 still missing as of Oct. 4, 2019. By far Dorian was the most devastating and costliest disaster in Bahamian history. It will undoubtedly take decades to recover.

Adventist World Aviation

(AWA) reached out immediately to offer support. Our planes and pilots stood ready to answer calls for assistance wherever needed. We watched and prayed with you, our AWA family, and you responded to the need for funds to provide relief. Thank you and God bless you!

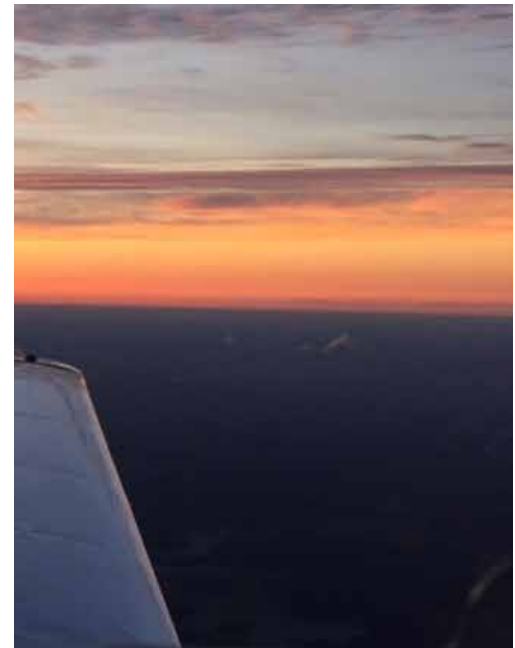
AWA volunteer, Bob Hugel, flew to the Bahamas, on behalf of all of you, to help with supplies and determine how we could aid the hurting people there. On



AWA volunteer, Bob Hugel



Flying to the Bahamas



Church in the Bahamas

the flight down to the Bahamas, an angel flight was provided to a woman living in the Raleigh, NC area whose ailing grandmother lived in Florida; which was directly en route. She was so grateful to be able to spend time with her grandmother. She expressed how much it meant for her to be able to go there, as she had no other means of getting to her grandmother.

In the Bahamas, Bob handed out school supplies to the children, many whom had been evacuated from their homes. Food and water had been distributed, but there

are many other shortages once the basic life necessities are met. The children were thrilled to receive crayons, pencils, notebooks and other supplies.

After contacting the head elder, Warren Rodgers, of Steven's Seventh-Day Adventist Church, and speaking with him about the displaced families there, plans to bring Christmas gifts to the children began to be formulated. Again, because of your support, AWA will bring joy to those in need. This is truly an opportunity for all of us to share with those whose lives have been turned

upside down and who are our brothers and sisters.

Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." Matthew 19:21 NKJV

The greatest Gift mankind has ever known was given to a poor lost world. It is our privilege to relieve suffering where we can and thereby add to our treasures in heaven. Please continue to donate to replenish the funds and thank you for supporting the AWA Disaster Relief Fund!



Homeland Missions

A Special Birthday Gift

Helping Bill into the plane

Anticipating surgery to repair an aneurysm in his stomach and being told the procedure would be quick and you will only stay overnight for observation seemed not to be too disturbing to William, “Bill” Von Alma. Originally from Canada, now living in Washington, NC with his wife, Ann, Bill prepared for his short hospital visit. Unfortunately the surgery took a turn for the worse and after months in the hospital, Bill was released in

a condition that most could never imagine. Bill was now paralyzed from the waist down! His days would now be spent in a wheelchair or confined to his bed or in and out of hospitals.

During that time, Maggie Westerman, a member of the Wilson First SDA Church, was offering Time Prophecy seminars in three different areas of eastern North Carolina. Bill was unable to leave home to attend the seminars, so he and his wife offered their home as a location

for the meetings to be held. It was a good opportunity for Bill to visit with other people beside nurses and doctors.

Maggie, acting as a wonderful ambassador for AWA, would pass out Airways magazines to those attending the prophecy meetings. She shared information about AWA, the planes, mission projects and the missionaries. When she shared the magazines with Bill, he told her that he had been a pilot in Canada. Oh, how the magazines brought back good memories to



Bill VonAlma talking with Bruce Wilkerson at AWA Open House

him! Bill began collecting pictures of planes for his bedroom walls and visiting AWA's website to learn more about the planes and mission work. He discovered that the global headquarters for AWA was located in Smithfield, NC about a two hour drive from Washington NC.

Maggie heard about the upcoming AWA Open House that was to be held at the Johnston Regional Airport where AWA headquarters is located. Plans began to be considered to see if there was any way possible to get Bill to the Open House. There were many things to take into consideration; the two hour ride to the airport, what vehicle would he be able to be helped in and out

of, and of course, being away from home for such a long period of time. Bill was determined to make the trip and announced that, "he was fine," every time he was asked. The anticipation of seeing the planes was enough motivation for him to endure the discomfort. Not only was this a huge event for Bill, but it also coincided with his 80th birthday which was the day after the AWA Open House!

To Bill's total amazement, almost as soon as he arrived, everyone began to evaluate how to get Bill into one of the planes so he could actually take a flight that day!

Bruce, Ray, and Ric, looked the situation over and assessed it as they would any medivac flight.



Removing the plane door

Bruce and Ray took the door off the plane so they could hoist Bill up into the seat. Next, they put his wife, Ann, in the back with a friend, Ben Allen. Then with Kirk in the pilot's seat, they headed down the runway and were up and away.

When the plane returned, Bill was carefully helped out of his seat. Not only was the flight an awesome experience, but Bill was actually able to take the control wheel for awhile.

We were told later that Bill said to Ann he did not believe he would ever do something like that again in his life. The day was a special birthday present and a wonderful memory for the days ahead.

AWA seeks to serve not only in the remote mission fields of the far corners of the globe, but here locally and wherever it can show the love of Jesus. Your support enables flights like these and all the mission work that AWA does. Thank you for bringing joy to brothers and sisters through your generous donations!

An aerial photograph of the village of Kivalina, Alaska, showing a dense cluster of small, colorful buildings and structures situated on a narrow strip of land. The village is surrounded by dark, calm water on the left and a turbulent sea with white-capped waves on the right. The perspective is from a high angle, looking down at the community.

God's Creation on Tiptoe

By Jim Kincaid

The Village of Kivalina, 2015, surrounded by water

“For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed... We know the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.” Romans 8:19,22.

The debate concerning the reality and causes of Global Warming or Climate Change continues apace in the public discourse. This article is not

published as an argument for or against these issues. It is only a personal testimony after spending much of the past 40 years in the rural Arctic. I am more convinced every day that the scriptures have it right. “Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my

righteousness will never fail.” Isaiah 51:6.

Our generation is living at a time when unprecedented changes in our world are happening. The high Arctic is ground zero for observation of these phenomenal events. For example, the picture of what geologists term a “slump” on the Selawik River of Northwest Alaska was not a result of heavy rain, but sudden melting of permafrost.



Selawik Slump 2007



Selawik Slump 2011



Drained lake 2010

Another now more common observation is a drained lake. Overnight this can occur leaving the impression that someone pulled the drain plug.

The more threatening situation is coastal erosion caused by the reduction in ice cover during ferocious fall and winter storm surges. A number of coastal villages are threatened with imminent destruction. The title picture shows the village of Kivalina perched on a barrier island between a coastal lagoon and the Arctic Ocean. The village is divided on whether to move to high ground about seven miles inland at the possible cost of \$250 million or to stick it out come what may.

What all this has to do with AWA and its mission is that it adds a sense of urgency to what we do, and how we live. There are people groups around the circle of the earth who have yet to hear the preaching of the Three Angels Message. Meanwhile, some of us may live in relative peace and safety, without much want. God has put in place a kind of temporary delay, “not wanting any to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” 2 Peter 3:9. It makes very good sense to invest time and resources where the need is great and while the opportunities exist.

In Alaska, Arctic Mission Adventure (AMA) is an initiative of the Alaska Conference that

envisions recruitment of both financial resources and volunteers who are suited to the task of living and serving in the remote rural high latitudes. AMA at the same time is developing a cadre of Alaska Native leaders who are being trained in church administration, preaching, teaching, and leading of worship.

The current objectives of the AWA Alaska project include a primary role of providing transportation support for AMA volunteers and the maintenance of AMA village housing and chapels.

It is the goal of AWA-Alaska to raise \$100,000 annually to support this mission outreach with our aircraft. We praise God for our supporters, who by their prayers and donations help to fund this opportunity. We join all of God’s Creation on Tiptoe anticipating the Coming of our Lord!

*Title is borrowed from “Walking with Paul Through the Book of Romans, George R. Knight, page 209.



SAVE IT FOR MY DAD

By Norman Hansen

A few years ago our family was returning to Canada on an international flight from Nicaragua. Our teenage children were sitting together a few rows ahead of us. The flight attendants were busy guiding their carts down the center aisle giving out tiny bags of pretzels and offering various food items for sale. As we had not had time to purchase any food at the previous stop, we told them to go ahead and order an item of their choice. We had looked at the menu before hand and each of us made our choices.

When the flight attendant stopped at the row our children were sitting in we could see them making their requests. It appeared that the choices were somewhat limited, and a short dialogue took place. We could hear the flight attendant apologizing as she had run out of a number of items. They eventually settled on their choices and they thanked the attendant, letting her know their parents, a few rows back, would cover the cost. When the attendant arrived at our row, she smiled and without even asking my preference, immediately

served me a quinoa salad - the exact item I was planning on ordering! She explained that my daughter had originally ordered it, but when she learned there was only one quinoa salad left, she had requested that it be saved for her Dad. As I gave her my credit card to make the purchase, the smiling flight attendant told us that she had been so impressed by Melanie's selfless love and concern for her Dad that she had decided not to charge anything for her meal.

This little life lesson reminds us of the importance of putting



others' needs before our own. Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35." As our perfect Example, He gave his life for us without reservation. It is for this reason that we are able to sacrifice the comforts of home to be able to serve the Miskito people of Nicaragua.

Christ invites each of us to... "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give." Matthew 10:8 NKJV.

Thank you to all who have helped us so we can help others! For those who are not able to go into the mission field, the prayers and support that you provide make it possible to continue the work that we do. Together we can make a difference in many people's lives!



Hansen family: Melanie, Nancy, Norman, Andrew and Steven

**Freely you have received,
freely give."** Matthew 10:8 NKJV

Bite-sized Donations

Bite-sized donations are just that – bite sized. We invite you, family and friends, to be part of the monthly support team in one of our many exciting projects globally. If you prefer, however, to partake with us in a bite sized manner, we graciously ask you to partner with us in one of the following high priority needs:



In support of aircraft maintenance

- Landing lights **\$150** each
- Aircraft tires **\$200** each
- Aircraft batteries **\$500** each

In support of field missionaries

- **\$40** per month cell phone coverage (for communication in and out of the field of operations)
- **\$30** for one bottle of propane tank
- **\$250** round trip flight from mission post to the capital city





In support of field outreach to local people groups

- One sack of rice and one sack of beans **\$80**
- School uniform to include shoes for a secondary student **\$75**
- One-year arts and crafts supplies for children programs **\$100**

In support of field projects

- Philippines: **\$1,000** per acre for fencing the 74-acre airbase and airstrip
- Guyana: **\$3,750** for a 99-year lease of land adjacent to the hangar and learning center to be used as a community garden
- Nicaragua: **\$3,000** for roof replacement of missionary quarters
- Alaska: **\$1,500-\$2,000** per aircraft for the annual inspection of two aircraft





VBS WITH A TWIST By Bruce and Monique Wilkerson

During this holiday season, we are thankful for the Holy Scriptures, the Bible, for it is not only the basic instructions before leaving earth, it also gives us the tools we need to participate in the Great Commission. In Luke 12:12 it states, “For the Holy Spirit shall teach you in that very hour what ye ought to say...”

According to Wikipedia, Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a specialized form of religious education which focuses on children and where churches usually hold the week-long events during the summer. It most often caters to primary or elementary school-age children. Parents look forward to it because it gives the children educational activities during their summer vacation and children look forward to it because they get to

do something fun and see their friends again.

The AWA missionaries, past and present have always actively led or actively supported local VBS programs in Guyana. This year, Monique had another idea: there seem to be overwhelming evidence that many believers inside or outside the church do not know or understand the 28 fundamental beliefs of our Adventist Church. Thus, Monique felt impressed to teach them to as many people as possible. During the summer, primary school-age children, secondary-age school youth and adults are looking for constructive ways to spend their summer. “What if the fundamental beliefs were taught to all three age groups as 28 principles of Christian living?” With no expectations or experience in teaching

this curriculum, Monique began advertising the events--6 days of VBS for each group with the first week targeting the primary school children; the second week targeting the secondary school children and the third week targeting adults. She thought the VBS forum was perfect for teaching the beliefs since a VBS forum in of itself is an interactive fun learning environment that combines short biblical discussions or teaching points with songs, crafts, skits and of course snacks!

On week 1, day 1, 47 precious children came! Bruce was there to assist with orderliness and photography while our neighbors, Mariana and Maricella were there to help with arts and crafts. The lesson plan included teaching five principles a day for 6 days with the last two days teaching four principles. Monique announced to the children that whoever can remember all 28 principles will get a prize. Each day there were between 47-53 attendees! On the last day, Jolie was able to name 26 principles; Salena 21; and Emily and Malina 18. As a beautiful bonus, 10-year old Nalita asked to be baptized. Praise the Lord!

The next week, secondary students met for 6 days. On the first day of VBS there were 10 attendees and Bruce was there to assist in any capacity needed: photographer, facilitator, comedian, etc. Each day between 10-14 young men and women were present for a fun filled session of VBS. After a discussion on the 5 principles of Christian living the class was broken into small groups where each group had to take one of the learned principles, discuss it amongst their groups and prepare a way to demonstrate their understanding of the principle through a song or a skit, or a presentation of artwork, or a craft. Everyone in the group had to participate in the presentation. The groups had really creative ways to demonstrate their learned principle. The youth were grasping the concepts so much faster and easier, so Monique challenged them to a contest of drawing the New Earth, the last principle of the 28 principles of Christian living [aka 28 Fundamental Beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church]. The winner, Emron, 14 years old, seeks rebaptism and to become a church member. To God be the glory!



These girls enjoyed their VBS time

For week 3, Monique expected less attendees since most adults are not available in the middle of the afternoon. We were pleasantly surprised to have an attendance of 17 the first day. Each day thereafter between 17-24 adults attended and Bruce was there as the dapper assistant to once more serve where needed. Unexpectedly, many of the adults truly enjoyed their experience. Some of them had never attended VBS as a child; some never participated in the Lord's Supper; some never experienced speaking in-front of an audience before; some felt young again; and some appreciated the explanation and listing of the principles. In the end, two asked for baptism and one asked for her baby to be dedicated. How humbling for God to bless such little faith, such small effort, such lack of skills.

Jennifer attended the adult VBS and during one



The youth enjoyed VBS just as much as the children did

of the days, she was assigned as leader of explaining the Sabbath. Although Monique chose her as a leader, the topic was randomly assigned. Monique cringed a little when Jennifer was assigned the Sabbath principle because Jennifer works 6-days a week as a salesclerk, Monday through Saturday. During VBS, Jennifer was on maternity leave but was due back to work in 2 weeks. The Sabbath she was supposed to go back to work, Monique noticed she was in church but thought nothing of it because perhaps her maternity leave was extended. Later Monique was told that Jennifer quit her job to honor the 4th commandment. What a witness! You see, job opportunities are rare in the interior of Guyana and even more rare are good paying jobs like Jennifer had at a shop in Kumaka. For Jennifer to quit her good paying job because she is standing up for Jesus is so heart-warming and proof that the Holy Spirit is always at work in people's lives. Glory be to God!

We are so thankful to be a part of this ministry and we give God all the glory honor and praise! He has people around the world participating in this Great Commission.





Harding Family

HOTOQUAI GRATITUDE

By Joanne Lea

One thing about being a foreign missionary is that you learn new reasons to be thankful. Having your comfort zones stretched isn't always pleasant, but there are usually reminders from your surroundings that you are very blessed! Here are some examples: If you have eaten today; If you have a roof over your head; If you have running water; If you have shoes (especially matching ones); If you/your family members do not use alcohol; If you can read; If you speak the language of those around you; If you have work and a source of income; If you have hope and a living faith, you have reason to give thanks as you are truly blessed!

Our project recently was visited by the Harding family

from Canada. With new people comes new energy and new vision. This family of six came with a lot of enthusiasm. They threw themselves into whatever was happening, and were not afraid to get dirty. When the vehicle got stuck in the mud, Bryan got knee-deep into the sloshy ditch to push the vehicle in the right direction. Rain or sunshine, this family was willing to do whatever it took to make a difference!

The village of Hotoquai, situated along the river, was about 40 minutes away with the 115hp AWA boat. Our first visit to this community with the Harding family included a stop at the school, and a brief look at the tractor. On the way home our boat engine suddenly

stopped running. After numerous attempts to get it going again, we realized we'd been sold bad fuel. Apart from having a high water content, it also had other junk in it. We stopped a passing boat and asked if they had fuel. In the end we had to be towed back because we couldn't get our motor started. The bad fuel we had been sold, although we had filtered it, had made its way into the engine.

Our second visit to the Hotoquai community took place on a Sunday morning and the weather didn't look great. With a nine-month-old, a three-year old, and the four Harding children (between the ages of 8 and 13), we were in for a day of adventure! The purpose of the trip was to repair the tractor for the Hotoquai community. This brand



new tractor had been given by the government almost six years before, and the people had not been able to use it. It had been parked in one spot all this time because it wouldn't start after its front end had gotten submerged in salt water during efforts to offload it from the boat the day it had arrived. Earlier this year, relief pilot Jim Craik had installed a new starter which had been donated by an AWA donor. But it also needed some electrical work and the new alternator put in. Apart from repairing the tractor, the locals also needed to be shown how to use it, along with the implements that came with it.

Although stores were closed, we managed to purchase some diesel from a soon-to-depart fuel-



Tractor and locals

vending boat parked at Kumaka (our harbor and marketplace). Once we had the diesel, we headed up the river. It pretty much rained the whole way to Hotoquai. As we huddled under the leaking boat

cover we wondered if we'd made the right decision to go after all. When we arrived, Bryan joined the last few minutes of the local church service and Darren went to locate the tractor key. We stood



Woman grating Cassava



Grown child of medevac flight

under a bamboo cluster to escape the rain drops and watch events from there. A lady nearby was grating cassava, so we went to talk with her.

Later, we passed the headmistress of the local school on the path, and she introduced her son, Reyaiz, to us, and told us her personal experience of how, ten years before, she had given birth to him in the AWA plane after being medevaced out from Mabaruma to Georgetown with AWA pilot, Jud Wickwire. The baby was born while waiting for the ambulance to arrive!

Back at the boat, we watched as a woman hand-washed her laundry on the steps of the dock, while her daughters enjoyed a dip in the water.

I watched the clock as the day slipped by. I had a recorder

and sewing class between 4pm and 6pm that night. Bryan and Darren worked until they got the tractor started, and then they wanted to demonstrate to the locals how to use the implements. They offloaded the first plough from the trailer, but we were simply out of time. Bryan decided they would have to come again, for a third visit.

The next day they went back without the children and ladies. We didn't get to see the tractor plowing the dirt but the locals sure did! Bryan gave Owen, the village Captain, a quick lesson on tractor driving, and showed him what it could do to the earth with a plough hooked up behind it. Darren & Bryan got to see their farming area and what they are growing. When they returned to Mabaruma that evening, they

came with gifts from the locals. We eagerly peeked into the bags to see what they'd brought with them. "Wow! That's a lot of ginger!" Another bag held about 5pounds of red beans. We were quite touched. It showed appreciation for what had been done for them. When you are faced with many people who are hungry, it is not often that you are given gifts of food in larger quantities. Those who give, give out of their abundance, and we accept these as tokens of gratitude. When people have little, it means much more to give a gift. The Bible says, "it is more blessed to give than to receive" Acts 20:35. While we gave our time and skill, these people gave beans and ginger in return. We are thankful for your prayers and donations. God bless each of you.



GOD'S ASK By Ray Young

“On the day I called, you answered me; You made me bold with strength in my soul.” Psalm 138:3

“But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? For all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.” 1 Chronicles 29:14 KJV

Have you ever considered the discussion on how you can be a partner with God?

All that we own is God's. By partnering and turning over our worldly possessions to God we free ourselves from the burden of holding onto worldly items; items that burden us daily. We can be happy that we have the

opportunity to give freely of these gifts as they belong to God and we have only to give back what is God's to begin with. Consider the parable of the rich young ruler in Luke 18 who went away grieved because of the “God Ask” he failed to answer.

Fall harvest is upon us as I write this article and part of harvest is reaping what we have planted over the season. I am a Seventh-day Adventist and loyal Christian and I am asking not only of myself that we harvest for AWA with the means available to us, I am reaching out to you, our loyal donors and Airways readers to partner with me, share the journey, stand up for God, together as missionaries

at our base sites in Guyana, the Philippines, Nicaragua, Alaska, USA, Canada and Northern Ontario. AWA is here to serve in the air, as missionary medical pilots dedicated to ALL the indigenous families, first time Christians, future Christians and those in need that we connect with everyday.

I was called to Adventist World Aviation (AWA) with the first thought of giving myself to God's work as a mission pilot, serving a goal that was always on my mind, a need to go and reach out to others all over our vast planet. I was never one to sit and just listen in a formal setting to the Mission Spotlight or read other missionaries' stories. My desire was to go out



and be an active participant on exciting overseas projects. This required raising funds and being fully funded by my team of supporters. My idea of fundraising, however, was that I was putting myself out there, out of my introverted personality and going out “begging” for money. By adapting that thought base and understanding that all we have is God’s in the first place, I can be confident in going forth and asking others to also share God’s financial gifts which they had been blessed with.

In October, my blessing was to fly to the village of Mabaruma via Georgetown, Guyana. I went to train for a few weeks on the

main jungle airstrips so that I could better understand the geography of the area in case I am ever called over to be a relief pilot in the future. My position as Global Project and Operations Manager means teamwork and “Yes” to a “all hands on deck” approach in any area of need.

While in Mabaruma I was blessed in meeting the local Amerindians. We handed out gardening tools to better assist them in planting gardens so that they too may harvest off their land. “Give a man a fish and you’ll feed him for a day, teach a man to fish and you’ve fed him for a lifetime. The Amerindians thankfully received the new tools to better

help them become self-sufficient in their remote areas. Growing a garden and harvesting fresh vegetables will go a long way to help supplement the basic diet of rice and beans. We also visited many displaced Venezuelan people who were seeking a better life as they crossed the border into the safety of Guyana in recent months.

“The harvest is great, but the workers are few.”

This coming year let’s turn that statement on its head. With fully committed partners we can train and deploy many more workers for God’s great harvest. Please pray and ask God what your part is in this vast harvest. Do you understand what God is asking of you? Can you harvest the bounty that you have, to share with others?

My personal “ASK” of you is to partner with AWA. As the global Christian spirit in us all is becoming low spiritually, mentally and physically, our personal grain stores are low. We need shoring up by your prayers and the Spirit of God.

God says, “before they call, I will answer”. Isaiah 65:24

We are trusting Him and know that there are many who are listening to the call, ready to answer. Why not reach out today?





AWA SHAPING YOUNG LIVES

The thrill of your first ride in a small plane.... some are excited, some nervous, some even very anxious, but the expressions on their faces after they step out of the plane and head back to the terminal are priceless! Sheer joy and delight radiates from the children as they return from the short flight they have just experienced.

AWA receives requests from Pathfinder groups to host an event for young people here at our Smithfield, NC headquarters. Some groups are smaller than others, but on this occasion, there was a rather large group of 35 that made the journey to the Johnston Regional Airport. They came to complete their Pathfinder Aviation honor. Many of the youth had attended the 2019 Oshkosh Camporee that was held this past August in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Several in the group had actually

been baptized there during the event!

The Pathfinder Aviation honor is no picnic. Some of the things they are required to learn are; the five categories of aircraft and the different classes within each category, correctly identify the interior and exterior parts of the plane, learn about several historical characters in aviation, interview a mission pilot or missionary who has used planes to tell people about Jesus. The most exciting part of the honor, though, is without a doubt when they get to take a short intro flight!

Being involved in shaping the lives of our young people is something that we take great joy in doing. Pastor Ric's favorite expression that he shares with the youth is, "It's a better way to get high!" Today when children are

glued to cell phones, video games and television, it is a blessing to be able to offer an alternative interest that they can pursue. Some of the children express interest in becoming a pilot and some even dare to imagine life as a mission pilot. What a privilege to encourage this calling! Please help us to continue to offer these programs to our young people. Go to www.flyawa.org to make a donation or call us at: **1-888-477-8945.**

Recipes from the Kitchen of Missionary Mom Joanne Lea:

African “Krimmelpap & Sous” (Crumbly corn grits with relish)

Cooking Time: 45 mins; Prep time: 5 mins

Servings: 6 “Krimmelpap”

Ingredients:

3½ cups water

2 tsp salt

4 cups of fine cornmeal

(coarse cornmeal will not work for this)

Method: (Works best in an InstantPot)

1. Place 3½ cups of water in InstantPot

2. Add 2 tsp salt

3. Bring to rolling boil

4. Put 4 cups of cornmeal into the center of boiling water. DO NOT STIR.

5. Place lid on pot and let steam for 20 minutes.

6. Open lid and, using a large fork, stir the cornmeal thoroughly with a ‘fluffing’ action (you may want to use an oven glove to protect against hot steam).

7. Close lid again and let cook for another 20 minutes.

8. Open lid and give it another thorough ‘fluffing’ with large fork.

9. Serve hot. Enjoy it with milk of your choice and a sprinkling of honey, or top it with some tomato with onion relish.



Basic relish recipe:

Ingredients:

2-3 onions

3 cloves of garlic

1-2 T Olive oil

1 tsp each of fresh or dried Basil and Thyme

8 medium-sized tomatoes

Can of tomato sauce

Salt

Sweetener

Optional: Mushrooms or vegetarian sausage.

Method:

Sauté onion and garlic in olive oil, adding basil and thyme (fresh herbs are best!).

Add Mushrooms. Dice tomatoes and add to pan once the onions are tender.

Add salt to taste and a little sweetener to remove acidity of tomatoes.

Add tomato sauce and sliced vegetarian sausages (opt)

Enjoy!



JOIN THE AWA TEAM

Working with people in a remote region of the world, facing challenges with language, culture and limited resources. sharing a wonderful hope and joy of knowing a loving God and helping to shape and save lives for a brighter future today and then for eternity. Do these pictures bring excitement to your mind and a calling to your heart? Is the Lord speaking to you to be His hands and feet to go where most would never consider going?

AWA wants to open the way for you to answer that call. Together we can reach souls for God's kingdom and help to relieve pain and suffering. Bathed in prayer, the desire to serve will bless in ways hard to imagine.

Tender hearts of men, women and children are yearning to hear about their Creator and Redeemer. They want to share their stories and open their homes and hearts to those who will experience serving in new countries and with different people. We would love to hear about how God is leading you. Please pray then call us to share the plans that you are considering.

36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; 38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest. Matthew 9:36-38 KJV



Greetings from Everyone at AWA HQ



Christ's followers have been redeemed for service. Our Lord teaches that the true object of life is ministry. Christ Himself was a worker, and to all His followers He gives the law of service—service to God and to their fellow men. Here Christ has presented to the world a higher conception of life than they had ever known. By living to minister for others, man is brought into connection with Christ. The law of service becomes the connecting link which binds us to God and to our fellow men.

To His servants Christ commits "His goods"—something to be put to use for Him. He gives "to every man his work." Each has his place in the eternal plan of heaven. Each is to work in co-operation with Christ for the salvation [p. 327] of souls. Not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work for God.

E.G. White, Christ's Object Lessons 326.3 & 326.4



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