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ADVENTIST WORLD AVIATION

AWA is a 501 c3 non-profit missionary-
sending agency. Funded by private
contributions, AWA enables missionaries
to reach the unreached around the world.

What does your vision for this year look like? Maybe you have plans to get married, or to finish school or start a new career. Most people have a vision of what their lives will look like. Hopefully the vision produces goals and the goals produce action.

"When a goal is in place, the standard has been set. The destination made clear. Even though the route may change, the objective has been determined. The goals are a lighthouse. They might not tell you where to go, but they let you know where you should be. And for most of us, that is all we need to make the right choices.

When you know where to go, taking the first step is less-hard. Taking the 100th step is easier. Every step along the journey is part of the process. When daily action toward defined objectives happen, everything about your life improves. Your purposes is made clear and your confidence increases because you are producing."*

AWA has had clear goals for 25 years and while the path has twisted and turned, the objective will never change unless God sees fit to show a new purpose for service.

God has called Adventist Christians to reach out to people in forgotten areas of the world with His message of hope and love. It is the Great Commission given in Matthew 28 that we all know so well. We are to prepare people for Jesus's soon return. John the Baptist cried out the first advent of Jesus, so we are to shout from the rooftops that Jesus is coming soon!

What was the result when apostles came together in one accord on the day of Pentecost? Was it something that the apostles had envisioned? No, but it was something that God had envisioned. He had announced that the Holy Spirit would come upon them and the results were amazing!

As we come together, united in God's purpose to reach the unreached and hasten the coming of Jesus, we have seen miracles before our eyes. We have seen God provide workers when workers were needed and funds to reassemble a plane and new planes donated. These are miracles in every sense of the word. Faithful supporters continue to donate to the work that AWA is doing. And as a result, people's lives continue to be changed, to be saved and to be won to Christ. Nothing short of miracles!

*Who hath saved us,
and called us with
an holy calling,
not according to
our works, but
according to his
own purpose and
grace, which was
given us in Christ
Jesus before the
world began.*

2 Timothy 1:9

This is from a young lady whom we consider to be a miracle blessing to AWA.

"I grew up in a home where my dad read us lots of old missionary stories and we were taught the importance of giving back to God. He also happened to be a private pilot in his college years. He had planned on going further and becoming a mission pilot, but ran out of money for the flight training and had to change his major. He never lost the flying bug though. He always liked talking about airplanes and whenever any kind of small plane or unusual sounding engine flew over he had to look up. His interest was infectious, so I ended up giving the mission pilot dream a shot when I got to high school, but every time I went for a lesson I would end up sick. I thought it might just take time getting used to the cockpit, but it persisted. After a long process of major changes I ended up graduating college in nursing. It's a field that involves a certain number of required weekend shifts a pay period, so I had to decide what I was going to do with having to work on (God's) Sabbath, and how I was going to keep the day special while being surrounded by the stress and not-God-centered atmosphere of a local hospital. The only thing that felt right was to not keep anything I earned during Sabbath hours. So really, the check you received wasn't even my money. It was God's, and He just allowed me to be part of the distribution process."

—Sarah G. (*not her real name*)

Sarah's story shares a message of God not only leading in her life, but also of helping others through her commitment to His Sabbath.

Our goal is clear, our destination is clear. Our vision is clear!

Be a part of the AWA miracle story. Partner with us to spread the gospel and to save lives that one day will join around God's throne. When the miracles will have fully reached their potential on earth, we will praise Him forever for the work He permitted us to be a part of.

AWA is praying daily for those affected by the coronavirus. Our workers and missionaries are actively engaged to help in any way possible. We are here if you are fearful, anxious, or just need an ear or a prayer. Please keep us in your prayers. Your donations are needed now more than ever. God bless you.

In His Service,

Pastor Ric Swaningson



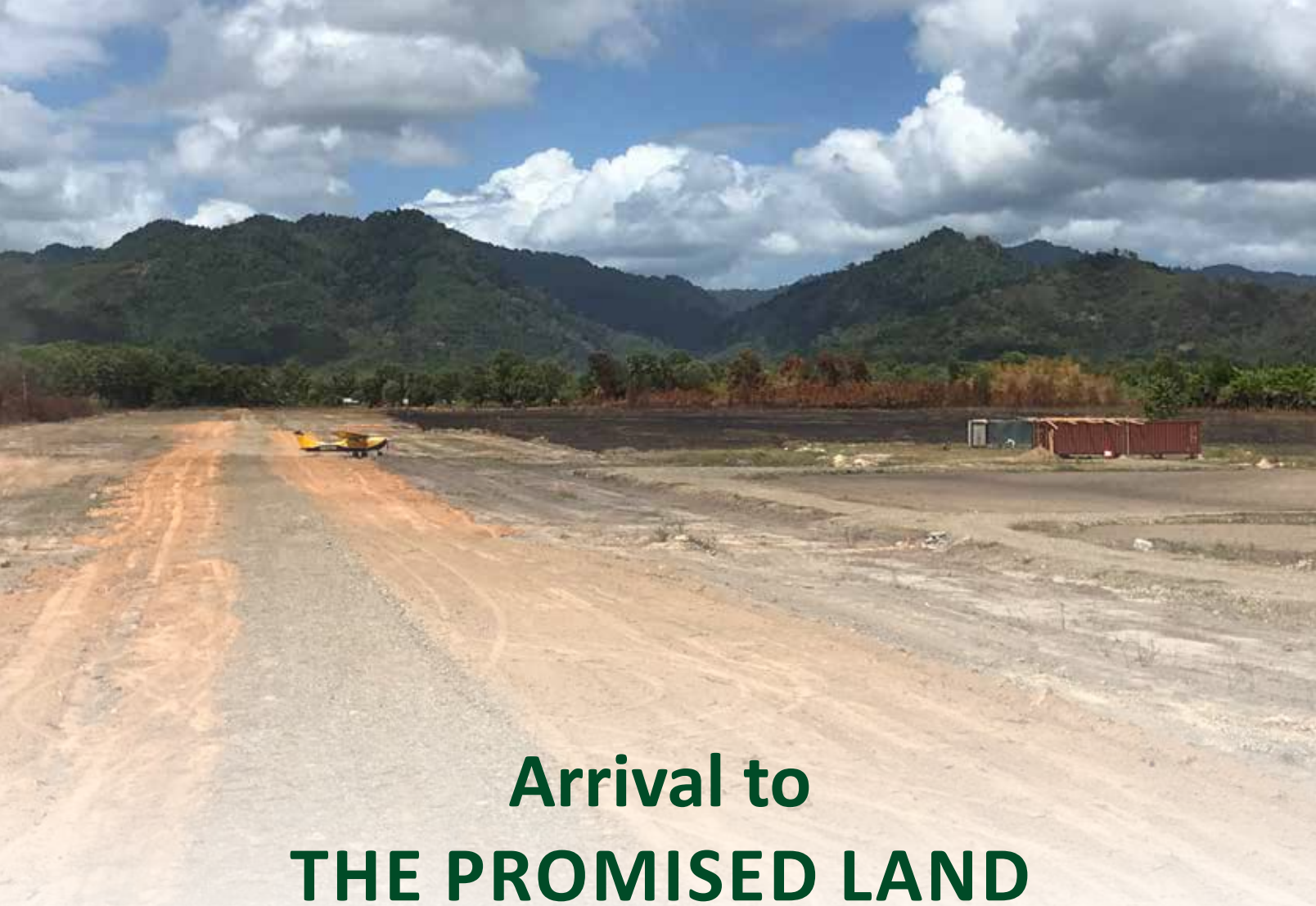
* *The Real Reason Setting Goals Is So Critical to Success*,
by Mareo McCracken

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ABOUT THE COVER:

The Pathfinder plane stripped down for its journey to the Philippines. It doesn't look much like a plane in the picture, but the vision is for it to be used to save lives and lead souls to Christ.



Arrival to THE PROMISED LAND

by Monique Wilkerson

The AWA Philippine Project airstrip has been a vision for 20 years. Like the Israelites of old, only history will tell why it took this long to complete the airstrip. Was it a lesson on patience, or was it a result of human weaknesses, or both? God is good—all the time. Today, the airstrip is nearing completion. In the midst of moving dirt, clearing bushes, grading, measuring and all that goes into building an airstrip, the Gospel is moving forward.

In October, we realized the need for a fence around the perimeter to prevent people and animals from straggling onto the airstrip. This is a safety issue for both the airplane and the

people in the community, along with their animals. To address this issue, we hired two local workers, Rinan and Butshug, from the Barangay of Sagpangan. Their assigned task was to cut and clear the brush around the perimeter to prepare for the construction of a fence. We were so impressed with Rinan and Butshug's faithful and diligent work ethics that we continued to employ them for other projects around the mission post. Through community visitations and outreach to Sagpangan we also met their wives and children. For the past month, unbeknown to us, at least initially, they have been attending the AWA built church in Sagpangan, along with their wives and families.



Above Left: Butshug and Rinan



Above Right: Rinan and Butshug at Work



Bottom Right: Butshug controlling fire

We are in awe of this pleasant turn of events and humbled for the manner that God has used this airstrip. God's Spirit was at work to bring people into a closer relationship with Him. The airstrip is almost complete. We need your support now more than ever to get flight operations going. As with the Israelites of old who finally made it to the Promised Land after 40 years of wandering in the desert, we too are ready to move forward with the work that God intended us to do in the Philippines through the AWA Palawan Project.

Thank you for being a vital part of this life-saving work. Our needs continue for your prayers and support. Please visit our website or contact our office to learn how you can support our work in Palawan.

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MEET THE AUTHOR...



Monique Wilkerson, and her husband, Bruce, are your AWA Mission Family stationed at the Palawan Mission Project



Living Water

by Enrique Olguin-Sanjuan

Jesus is my inspiration. In all I do, I'd like to put a smile on God's face knowing that we are in the middle of God's purpose for my life, our mission, and as a church. Jesus met the needs of the people He came in contact with and He promised we would do even greater things because He went to the Father. With your prayers and partnership in supporting us, we are doing that, and even more. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:36, 37.

We have responded to that call, and together we are meeting the needs of our harvest field here in La Tronquera.

Clean and readily available water was something not easy to have. Even though an existing well is plentiful, the village needed a storage tank mounted high in order to gravity feed the water to the community. This tank would feed the home where the well was located, as well as to those in the village who utilize the well.

We had a 2500 liter tank that had been used on our mission base, but was no longer being used. Our brother, Elder Johnny Brautigham, and his wife, solicited it to solve the problem of getting water to the community. The artesian well was becoming polluted because each person drew water from the well using a bucket tied to

a rope. This exposed the rope to mud, polluting the well as it went in and out.





The solution: Build a wooden water tower where we could sit the tank high enough to gravity feed the home with the well, and provide a spigot accessible to the neighbors. We would pump the water with a small pump that Elder Johnny had. This small, yet powerful, ½ horsepower external electric water pump was capable of pumping water up to 115 feet.

The tower we built was 10' high, 10' wide, and 10' long, with safety hand rails all around and the necessary plumbing and electrical.

The work was done by:

- 3 volunteers from the community to help me cut and mill all the necessary pine wood from the nearby woods. (5) 8x8 posts, (6) 4x4 joists, (11) 8x2 joists, (20) 2x6 floor boards, (40) pickets, (11) 2x4 boards, 6 lbs of nails.
- Plumbing: 100 feet of plumbing with valves and fittings
- Electrical: 35 feet of cord, 1 dedicated 15 Amp breaker onto panel
- 480 total man hours
- One water tower supply project
- 9 families served constantly - 20+ families in the summer
- 1 community served
- The only One True God lifted up and glorified

“Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.”

1 John 4:10



MEET THE AUTHOR...



Enrique Olguin-Sanjuan is your AWA Missionary stationed at AWA's Nicaragua Mission Base



View of Ambler, Alaska



An Old Chapel

Focus on...

AMBLER, ALASKA

by Jim Kincaid

Ambler is a village of about 280 residents nestled against the southern foothills of the Brooks Range of northern Alaska. It is situated on the north bank of the Kobuk River, which drains the western south flank of the Brooks Range. The village is surrounded by the northern reaches of the boreal spruce forest. It is a beautiful setting any time of the year, with panoramic vistas of the high mountains only five miles to the north or landscapes of spruce and birch trees beyond the Kobuk River.

Adventists began ministry in Ambler in the late 1960s when John and Naomi Topkok established residency there. They, being of Alaska Yupik Eskimo descent, found a fairly warm welcome in spite of the fact that this was

an Inupiat Eskimo area. Their language dialect was quite different, but as English speaking was gaining ground, they found enough commonality to make a go of it.

The Topkoks obtained two city house lots and built a home on one and on the other, with some help from folks from Fairbanks and other urban places, they built a small chapel. The construction of both house and chapel was of local logs, which they floated down the river.

Fast forward now to 2007, 30 plus years later. John has passed away; Naomi finds it difficult to live in the village as she gets older. The chapel roof has fallen in due to snow loads and the deterioration of the logs. If the historical



Topkok House



Cabin Lot — Build Ready

witness of the Three Angels of Revelation is to continue in Ambler, help needs to come from somewhere. John and Naomi's vision was for there to be a continuing witness in the village.

In 2016, after seven years of dealing with legal issues including probate court, the two city lots were purchased. This in spite of the fact that it is now extremely rare for non-native entities to obtain title to land in many native areas.

Our plan is to build a small very energy efficient cabin on one lot as a toehold in the village in preparation for the building of a larger multi-purpose chapel/apartment building in the near future on the adjacent lot.

After two summer work sessions in 2017 and 2019, the two lots have been cleared of the old buildings, have been leveled and are almost build-ready.

The budget for the first project is \$70,000, which includes \$25,000 in freight charges for a cargo plane to fly the building package in from Fairbanks.

Our hope has been for construction of the cabin this year, during the summer, should

funds be available. We currently have about \$13,000 for this project.

A very encouraging sign which has invigorated the project is the warm welcome we have received during the two work sessions we have completed. Many of the local folks have come by expressing their happiness that the "7th Day" church is coming back.

AWA aircraft have been integral to the support of this ongoing project and many others over the last decade and a half. Thank you for your support and prayers for this project. May God bless it as plans continue to move forward.

MEET THE AUTHOR...



**Jim Kincaid, and his wife, Linda,
are your AWA Missionaries
stationed at
AWA's Alaska Mission Base**



O Canada!

by Julie Young

“He will lift up a banner to the nations from afar,

“And he will whistle to them from the ends of the earth; Surely they shall come with speed swiftly.”

—*Isaiah 5:26*

“**Pack the suitcases**” are the words we often say each spring as we prepare for the long road of events ahead of us for AWA outreach. We look forward to meeting new people at camp meetings, church appearances, and annual flying events. These opportunities help us promote the humanitarian flights and evangelistic outreach we do for our Lord.

Unfortunately, we were met with the COVID-19 virus and the pandemic that ensued. AWA Canada staff, like most of the

world, was directed to go into self isolation.

Ray and I, having recently traveled to Nicaragua and the Philippines, made the decision to be self-isolated for 14 days in March when we returned home. Our goal, after what we thought was going to be a brief isolation period, when we would “**pack the suitcases**” and drive the miles to Sioux Lookout, Ontario for a site visit, stopping along the way to meet our fellow Christians at churches and see family we haven’t been able to connect since June 2019. Shortly after we settled into isolation we were told the USA borders were shut down, provincial and local travel was to be essential only, and we were to start social distancing. Our plans were gone.

So how do we, as a nonprofit charity, solely supported by donations, do outreach when everything is canceled? We focus on sending out more emails, making more phone calls, sending out personal letters, writing more





stories, posting stories and pictures on social media sites, hoping to reach out and connect with others that are self-isolated too.

Thankfully, AWA head office provided a letter of “essential” status so Ray, a commercial pilot and A&P mechanic, was able to go out and focus during this time on maintaining our Canadian planes; the Cessna 150 stored in the AWA rental hangar in Oliver, BC and the Cessna 150 at the Kelowna airport. Next is to repair and fly home a donated Cessna 172 in Lillooet, BC. All these local planes have repairs specific to their type, along with annuals to be done to keep them safe and as future planes for medical transport and flying of persons and church personnel to our projects.

Life does not stop within the aviation, medical, and spiritual outreach needs of our planet and the communities we serve.

Our second goal when we are able to **‘pack the suitcases’** and travel again across state and provincial borders is to bring the float plane from St. Louis, MO up to Sioux Lookout so that we can reopen the medical flights of the Sioux Lookout Project. This is so very important to the indigenous people located in remote regions of Northern Ontario.

As Canadians with hearts of gold and the desire to lend a helping hand, we *ask* that you partner in prayer and with a financial gift for the much-needed funds to help the Lord’s assets continue flying. Store up your treasure in heaven. Remember that US donations go 30% further in Canada!

Where Needed Most Funds:

- Build or acquire our own hangar, so we can have volunteers come help with restoration of the aircraft and store AWA’s donated property in one location.
- Funds for plane transport up to Sioux Lookout Ontario, Canada.
- \$8,000 dollars is needed for new cylinders for the Cessna 185 float plane to go to Sioux Lookout as they are no longer safe to fly.
- Pray for our missionaries and project managers in the field to remain safe and healthy.
- Pray for qualified pilots and families to be impressed upon in their hearts to seek out AWA as we need committed people to continue our work locally and globally.

I pray we’ll all be back to our jobs and close to our families once again soon, and that we can continue to reach the people in need with the Gospel and good news of Jesus. Thank you for your prayers and support!

“Teach me Your paths.

“Lead me in Your truth and teach me,

“For You are the God of my salvation;

“On You, I wait all the day.

—Psalms 25:4-9

MEET THE AUTHOR...



Julie Young, and her husband, Ray, are your AWA Mission Family stationed at the AWA Canada Headquarters



Mission Outpost Updates

by Sharon Williams

Our world appears to have taken on science fiction movie characteristics. It is not the same earth it was when we began this year. AWA has faced challenges in the past, but the pandemic has brought about a whole new set of challenges. There are travel restrictions, quarantines and stress and anxiety unlike any other time that AWA has experienced. How do we respond?



Jim Kincaid in Protective Gear

Missionaries and workers are helping throughout these times as faithful servants doing all they can when called upon.

In Alaska, Jim Kincaid and his wife, Linda are assisting in many ways. Jim shared, “First, we are serving as traffic management and security at a drive-through testing site, where in recent days those being tested have steadily increased. The emerging cases here show that our town is experiencing a significant outbreak.” He adds, “Secondly, as President of the Northern Alaska Regional VOAD (The VOAD consists of organizations active in disaster response throughout the state of Alaska.), I participate in the statewide Masscare Task Force, the Volunteer and Donations Taskforce, and the Adventist Community Services weekly forum. We are trying to coordinate the recruitment of available volunteers to placement with a variety of community emergency response initiatives. It is our prayer that God will be glorified through the lives of His children during this time.” As things are rapidly



Ray and Julie Young
“Social Distancing”

changing in many parts of the world, Jim reported recently that the number of cases has slowed in their region. We praise God for this good news!

South of Alaska, in Canada, Ray and Julie Young are experiencing strict stay at home orders and travel restrictions that limit movement not only worldwide, but within the provinces of Canada. Each province and territory has different approaches for how to



Nicaragua Hand-Cleaning Station and Floor Markings

limit the spread of COVID-19. Typically, this would be a time for events and airshows and camp meetings. All events are canceled or postponed in most cases to next year. The challenge to connect with new supporters, as well as our regular supporters has created new methods of reaching people. We are grateful for technology that allows us to join each other via the internet or phone or email.

In Nicaragua, missionary Enrique Olguin-Sanjuan shares, “We see some public places having markings to keep distancing of 2 arms length (about 6 feet, 1.8 meters). Some places have hand

washing stations and some people are wearing masks. With the internet at hand most people are aware of the situation, but not quite understanding the severity of the pandemic. Churches have canceled the large group gatherings and moved into small neighborhood groups.” Enrique states, “We (Adventist Christians) have a special understanding of the signs of the times. Jesus said, ‘when you see these signs lift up your head, your redemption draws near.’ May His will be done on earth as it is in heaven is my prayer.”

In the Philippines, Monique and Bruce Wilkerson are experiencing

very unusual conditions. Monique writes, “In our small part of the world, AWA Philippine Project Base, we’ve used this special opportunity to combat the stress and worry with natural remedies of fresh air, sunlight, temperance, rest, exercise, proper diet, water and most importantly of all, trust in our Lord and to be reassured that He will care for our needs. Although the runway construction work did stop, church gatherings stopped too and our travel strictly limited to our municipality, the AWA team pulled together and continued the work with our limited resources and without additional help.”

AWA trusts God at all times and in all situations. We are grateful now, more than ever, for our faithful prayer warriors and donors. We know that every donation is a sacrifice and trust God’s blessing is on every dollar received.

Our prayer for each one of you is to be well, strong and grounded in God’s Word.



Nathanael stays busy painting tires



Monique under restrictions in the Philippines



Projects, People, and Planes!

AWA has many places where your donation would specifically help a project, plane, or missionary working in the field.

Please consider donating toward these project needs as either monthly ongoing support, or one-time support.

Thank you for your generous gift!

– **Sioux Lookout:**
Replace all cylinders
on CFWOH
\$12,815

– **Sioux Lookout:**
Replace exhaust
system on CFWOH
\$4,440

- **Nicaragua: Remodel the La Tronquera Community Clinic female bathroom \$950**
- **Nicaragua: Purchase 2-burner Hibachi grill for the La Tronquera Community Clinic \$65**
- **Philippines: ADSB for N81708 \$3,500**
- **Philippines: Finish Espinosa's workshop \$500**
- **Guyana: Repair N82HS prop \$5,625**
- **Guyana: Ship N8838X prop to Guyana \$400**





SMILING FACES

by Edgar Espinosa

Children eagerly jumped up and down as the trike bumped along the dirt and rock road. I slowed down and came to a stop with the trike quietly idling as the children jumped on. They found seats where seats didn't really exist - then we were off with a roar!

The trike has been such a blessing to use, and we use it often. The biggest load we carry is on Sabbath when it's time to go to church. Many of the children from the village want a ride. It is difficult, though, because the children aren't the only load we have. We also have

a guitar, ukulele, enough food to feed 50 children plus adults, plates and plastic wear, craft supplies for all the kids, drinking water for the whole congregation, and whatever other items may be needed for church and Sabbath School!

We desperately need another truck! The one we have has lasted for many more years than it should have and it's starting to show its age. It's still very usable and we're grateful for that. We simply need a second truck to accommodate all the work that is going on between the missionary families.

We have between 30-50 children coming to Sabbath School every week! Raylene has crafts and Bible stories for them. I teach the adult Sabbath School and usually I am the person who preaches. It's not an easy job to do all of this, plus cook for everyone for potluck. Since we have mostly children coming, there aren't a lot of adults to help with bringing food. God always blesses, though, but sometimes Raylene and I go home hungry. Then we remember that the children were probably hungrier than we were and have less to go home to!



Being a missionary isn't just about going out to give Bible studies, as some might think it is. It's about showing God's love in everyday small things. People are grateful when we give them jobs. They begin to take an interest in knowing more about the Bible. One such man is Renan, who has done some construction work us in the past. Renan has always been very grateful for the work. Recently, Renan and his entire family started coming to church! We are SO happy to have him worshipping with us. Two members have been baptized as a result of jobs they were given and studying with them. Reaching out to others means sharing your food and giving them a ride, even though it means a lot of cooking and squishing into small places. It's nothing less than what Jesus would have done for those He ministered to.

It doesn't matter if you are doing mission work in the country you were born in, or if you have to have a passport to go where your mission is - we are ALL missionaries! We are ALL called by God to reach out to others by showing His love, in big and small ways. The AWA mission project here isn't just about building a runway and flying a plane, although that will certainly open doors for people to know Christ, it's also about the small things, like giving rides to people who need to go to the market, or sharing your food, or lending a hammer if they need it. Our hearts smile as we see the smiling faces of the children each Sabbath because we know we are sharing the heart of Jesus with them.

When you join us by praying and supporting the work we are doing here at the AWA mission project, it blesses the people and

they are grateful. No matter the size of your gift, large or small, it helps someone. Thank you for your kindness and for sharing with the people here in the Philippines!

A new truck for the mission project would cost about \$5,000. If you would like to help, please mark **Philippines Project - Truck** on your donation. God bless you!

MEET THE AUTHOR...



**Edgar Espinosa,
and his wife, Raylene,
are your AWA Missionaries
stationed at AWA's Philippines -
Palawan Mission Base**



Music to Our Ears

by Joanne Lea

“Too-too-too-too-too-too...” The familiar tune of “Jesus Loves Me, this I know”, drifted across the yard at the mission outpost. Some days as the practicing continued, the question of whether or not this was a good idea crossed our minds. Was giving the kids recorders and lessons a good idea or was anybody being driven crazy? So far, there has not been any complaints. What was surprising was how often these simple instruments were being played! One thing for sure, the children were practicing their songs and spreading some cheer as they did so.

A dear lady had donated a box of recorders to another missionary who tried to use them in a distant country. Unfortunately, the musical scale in that part of the world was so different that she just couldn't teach anybody to play! The recorders were brought to the Guyana mission post and put to good use.

On Sunday afternoons, the children came to the little mission church for recorder lessons. They were allowed to keep their recorders so they could practice at home.

Soon the day arrived for the Family Program which was planned specifically to encourage parents to attend. The small church building was tightly packed as young and old from the community lined the hard, wooden benches. Cheery faces and colorful outfits brightened the room. This was a special event. The children, the main participants of the Family Program, had worked hard and were eager to participate.

After a brief introduction, opening song and prayer, it was Amelia's turn to say the text she had memorized from the Bible. “Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Ex 20:12”. All eyes were upon her as she made her way to the front. This tall, slender,

13 year-old had been very diligent with her lessons. That morning, as she faced the group of people, she suddenly got redder and redder until all she could do was hide her face in her hands as the tears streamed down.

Amelia was brought out the side door so she could compose herself and the program continued. The children's group sang their songs with a lot of energy. Other children said their Bible verses. Soon it was the recorder group's turn. Not many youngsters had been brave enough to persevere with the lessons right up until the day of the performance. Although Amelia's face was a bit tear-stained when she joined the others in the front, recorder in hand, she appeared ready to begin. Just as she was about to play, her eyes filled with tears again and she had to leave the room. Sadly, she was unable to participate in any of the songs that day, even though she knew them so well.

Poor Amelia had practiced hard and knew her part well. Why had she become so emotional at the performance? The answer was her mother, who had come to church to watch her daughter perform.

Amelia's mother had been involved in the mission church some years prior, but had not been attending because of a fallout with someone at a different church. She herself mentioned that she wasn't attending church because she was 'vexed' (angry). She had been accused of taking something, so she felt she couldn't go back to church. This woman had been friendly at times, but on another day she had been involved in a violent street fight with her own sister. There was a real struggle going on in her life.



Amelia continued to practice and was determined to be the best she could be, even working out the music to new songs she wanted to learn. It was touching to see her diligence and interest in music. Here was a girl with talent just waiting to be developed.

The church planned a Christmas Program and dear sweet Amelia, who had been so shy and emotional at the Family Program just a couple of months earlier participated in front of everybody, including her mom. She did her part beautifully! This was indeed a growth and time for rejoicing for Amelia and her mom! What wonderful 'music to our ears'!

MEET THE AUTHOR...



**Joanne Lea, and family,
Former AWA Missionaries
to Guyana**



Pathfinders in Palawan

by Monique Wilkerson

The collaboration history between Adventist World Aviation and the Pathfinder Club is rich and vibrant. Ten years ago, N81708 was put together by the Pathfinder Club then sent off to Guyana. Now, the same aircraft is in the Philippines, waiting on queue to start operations after the completion of the Palawan Mission Post airstrip.

On February 9th, N81708 was dedicated to the Lord for flight operations. It was a short and solemn event attended by the local Aborlan Pathfinder chapter located in Palawan.

Safety Orientation





Bruce and His Students

Then on Sunday, March 1st, the AWA Philippine Project hosted an Aviator Honor Day attended by 51 Pathfinders and Master Guides. It was a fun, jam-packed day of teaching and learning. All AWA members currently in the Philippines participated.

Ray and Julie Young, Bruce and student missionary Nathanael Mandache served as instructors while Monique, Christine and Raylene served as support staff. All participants enjoyed learning more about aviation and how they can be



Masterguide Names Exterior Parts

involved with the Adventist World Aviation mission in Palawan. Perhaps one day one of these Pathfinders will become a missionary and serve with AWA to deliver the gospel message to all the world.

We praise God for bringing hearts and minds together.

May this collaborative event continue for many years to come!

Ray Explains Interior Parts



Ray Explains Tail and Rudder





PATHFINDER PLANE

by Rebecca Stevenson

Before the Pathfinder plane arrived in the Philippines, it went through quite the transportation process to get there. In early September of 2018, a crew of seven people came together to detach the wings and tail of N81708. The plan was to fit it inside the shipping container that would carry it across the Pacific Ocean. We had come from afar to help with the project; from British Columbia, Canada, from North Carolina and from Oregon to get the job done in only three days!

It was by no means an easy feat. The first day was difficult in removing the wings. One came off with relatively average ease, but the other had some corrosion around the main bolt holding the wing on. It was stuck and took hours to negotiate it free! Kyle Stevenson, AWA Chief of Aircraft Maintenance, and the qualified crew worked diligently to see the wing freed. Finally, after most of the day had passed, it was off.

By sunset, the plane was completely apart and en route to the

site where the shipping container was stored. It took two trips for the body and the wings due to the wings being so big! The next day was filled with building structures inside the container to hold the wings above the plane and working hard to configure how N81708 was going to fit inside. It was small enough lengthwise to fit into the container, but its width proved to be challenging. Two angle irons cut to size and pre-drilled were provided by generous helping hands. They would be attached to the landing



gear to be bolted down in the container. Ultimately, the casters from the jacks we'd bought worked beautifully attached to the angle irons. By this mechanism, we rolled the plane into the container with great rejoicing.

On day three we tied up the loose ends and further packed all we could into the container. Before it would be shipped off, additional items would be added; household items and tools, including a tractor which would be extremely helpful at the mission project. At the time, we weren't sure how long the entire process would take. There were many variables that needed to be worked out in the Philippines. Finally, two years after leaving Seattle and the initial several weeks journey on the ship, the container arrived in Manila. Then the challenge of dealing with a lengthy customs process, funding and paperwork

obstacles began. At last, N81708 was transported to the Palawan Airbase. Now it was time for another crew to come together to see N81708 be put back together again.

Kyle Stevenson, Ray Young and Tom Meighan are well qualified A&P (Airframe & Powerplant) mechanics. Along with the help of EVP, Bruce Wilkerson, N81708 was in good hands.

Soon, the Pathfinder plane will be flying life-saving missions. How wonderful that the plane will be serving where it's greatly needed on the Island of Palawan! Your prayers and your financial partnership with AWA make projects like this take off and soar to providential heights. You make it possible to answer the prayers of those seeking Jesus in the Philippines. Thank you!





Cherokee 180 B, donated by William “Bill” Day

Plane Donations

by Rebecca Stevenson

My name is Rebecca Stevenson. I'm a student pilot. I just started flying last year and I was thrilled to be doing something extraordinary for God's kingdom—operating a plane! I never dreamed God's plan for me would take me to such heights.

I joined Adventist World Aviation as a missionary-in-training while living in Oregon. Since then I have relocated to AWA headquarters in Smithfield, NC, along with my husband, Kyle, who is the Chief of Maintenance for AWA's fleet of airplanes. I have witnessed some

amazing blessings given to this institution. A handful of those blessings have been donated aircraft. It's wonderful to know that these donations are the result of many prayers. These aircraft are a blessing to our work here in the US and a potential tool for mission work in the field at our remote mission outposts.

Just last Fall, a generous donor from the Northwest offered his aircraft to AWA. It is a PA-28-236 Piper Dakota in beautiful condition. AWA's president, Pastor Ric Swaningson and Global Operations Manager,

Ray Young, went out to Oregon to retrieve the plane. They flew it across the country to AWA HQ here in Smithfield, NC. The intention of the anonymous donor was to bless AWA in a most kindhearted manner. We are grateful and pray that our Lord will note this kindness in the donor's heavenly storehouse.

On February 2nd of this year, AWA received another Piper; a 1963 Cherokee 180 B. This blessing came through William “Bill” Day of Birmingham, Alabama. Pastor Ric flew commercially down to Alabama and after signing the paperwork



Above: Cherokee 140,
donated by Michael Hamlett

Below: PA-28-236

Piper Dakota,
donated to AWA



and snapping a few photos, flew the Cherokee back to Headquarters. Bill isn't flying much these days. His job and other responsibilities take up most of his time. Bill had been following AWA through our website and 3ABN. He wanted to know that his plane would be useful wherever it landed.

Exactly one month later to the day on March 2nd, a 1965 Cherokee 140 was donated by Michael Hamlett. Michael had reached out to Kyle to install an ADSB Sky Beacon in the plane. Due to complicated circumstances, Michael decided to donate his plane and will keep in friendly contact with AWA. The 140 will need some of Kyle's mechanic skills in order to become airworthy. Seeing the connection God provided

through Michael and Kyle, we know God has plans for this plane.

To each of these generous individuals—our Oregon donor, Bill Day, Michael Hamlett, and those in prayer for AWA's needs, thank you for what you have contributed to God's ministry of Life, Hope, and Love here at AWA.

All in all, the potential for applying these assets for God is bountiful. From using these aircraft inside the growing relationships with flight schools to mission work in the field, the impact for God's kingdom is very real. In the end, leading souls to Christ is the result.

All these gift-in-kind donations are our most precious tools for building up God's kingdom. If you

would like to talk to someone at AWA about a gift-in-kind donation, please email info@flyawa.org or call the office at 919.938.2920. Thank you for being a part of this soul winning ministry with us!

MEET THE AUTHOR...



Rebecca Stevenson, and her husband, Kyle, and daughter Hadahsa, are your AWA Mission Family stationed at AWA Headquarters in Smithfield, NC

A student in a light blue t-shirt and dark pants is kneeling on the floor of an airplane hangar, working on the engine of a small aircraft. The engine is a complex assembly of metal parts, hoses, and a red battery. The student is focused on the task, with his hands on the engine. The background shows the interior of the hangar with various equipment and a yellow and red striped safety barrier.

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