



### ***Our Journey Across Canada***

We have always been told that the trip across the Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba prairie provinces is a long path to drive. It is! God has created an amazing country for us to visually enjoy and we were blessed every kilometer (mile) of the drive.

On the first part of the journey we met Brian Koldyk in Winnipeg. He is an AWA ferry pilot. Brian brings years of experience as a float plane pilot and a long media publishing career.

Weather and finances permitting, preparations are being made for Brian to travel to Smithfield, NC to pick up the Cessna 185 on amphis, fly it back to Canada, with his first stop in Oshawa, Ontario for the dedication ceremony, and then on to Sioux Lookout.

The window of opportunity for floatplane flying is May to October; so the clock is ticking for the flight to safely take place. Once our support funding is in place, we will begin delivering the much needed medical supplies, fly urgent evacuations when needed, and transport pastors to the remote indigenous communities in Northern Ontario.



## Sioux Lookout, Northern Ontario

On our next part of the journey, we drove from Winnipeg to Sioux Lookout. As we entered the community, our first sight was the bay on Pelican Lake where the local float planes land and take off. The AWA plane that will be flying here is a 185 Cessna skywagon amphibious. That means it can land on water and on land. We will be able to utilize this local water base and the local Sioux airport when needed.

We were honoured to meet with local SDA Pastor, Garth Geddes and his family. Pastor Geddes, his wife, Lisa Anne, daughter Abigail, and son Jonathan, have ministered in the community for 5 years. Pastor Geddes took the time to drive us around town so that we could get a sense of the layout and to see the infrastructure that makes up this hub community.

Much to our surprise, the local vegetarian store, Vegan Delights, is owned by Lisa Anne Geddes. It offers delicious meals! Our favorite was the Three Sisters' Shepards Pie. The gardening concept is based on companion gardening of corn, beans and squash. Corn provides support for the climbing beans, beans add nitrogen in the soil, and squash gives shade and mulch to the ground.

This community is rich with indigenous heritage and respect for tradition. In partnership, AWA, the Ontario SDA conference, ADRA, and the local First Nations will once again be able to facilitate the needs of the 29 plus indigenous remote communities. Our desire is to serve with love and kindness in this "Hub of the North."

We invite you to be a part of the team as a:

- Part-time or Full-time Missionary
- Project Manager
- Pilot
- Aircraft Mechanic

Your prayers and support are needed for this important calling in God's work. Please partner with us — donate to Where Needed for the Northern Ontario Project and Sioux Lookout. Thank you!

*God bless you!*

*Ray and Julie Young*

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;  
in all your ways submit to him,  
and he will make your paths straight.**

—Proverbs 3:5-6



**Your AWA Mission Family  
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