Aviation Maintenance Project Update The Stevenson Family





It was a last-minute decision for me to go along on the trip for what was to be one of the most touching experiences I've had so far working with AWA. Pastor Ric had just arrived at the office. He had packed a few things and was preparing to leave on an Angel Flight when unexpectedly, he invited me to go. I had only minutes to decide. I said yes and was headed with him to Wisconsin. He was going up to conduct a funeral service for dear friends that had lost a loved one just a few days before. Then we would be picking up Angel flight passengers and heading to Charlotte, NC. It was truly a God-designed trip. It was God who moved me to go and I am glad I yielded to His nudging because of what was about to happen.

The weather on the day we left was not the greatest, but it was flyable. However, we became stuck in IMC (Instrument Meteorological Conditions) for about 2.5 hours straight. This meant flying in zero visibility using only instruments as a reference to fly with. After the hours of misery and a manifold pressure gauge failure, we finally broke out of the clouds into glorious clear sun! We made a pit stop at a small airport and I was able to solve the issue with the manifold pressure gauge. It ended up being a little bit of moisture in the line that had caused a clog, but had I not decided to go, the flight might have gotten canceled right then and there. God is so good!

We arrived safely in Michigan. The morning after the funeral, Ric dropped me off at the airport to ready the plane and get the preflight inspection taken care of while he went to get our passengers. Walter and Grandma Elisa arrived a short while





later (Walter's mother, Destiny, would be driving to Charlotte later in the week). While paperwork was filled out for the flight, I got to babysit Walter.

Walter is a 22-month-old little boy that has neuroblastoma cancer. He was so curious and explorative that I ended up following him around as he explored the airport. He really liked the planes and the cars and just had to wander around and touch everything. We loaded up the plane and took off to our destination of Charlotte, NC, where Walter would receive special treatment that he could not get in Wisconsin.

The flight home was amazing! The weather was far better coming back than the flight up had been. It was clear as clear could be and smooth flying. My job as copilot was to assist flying the plane and navigate the route. Walter did amazing on the flight and did not cry much at all.

When we got to Charlotte, unloaded the plane and hopped into a car that the local FBO had provided for us as a courtesy loaner. We drove Walter and his Grandma to his destination at an extended stay hotel near the cancer treatment center. Walter is receiving ongoing treatment. He needs your prayers. The family is now doing Bible studies with a local pastor and attending an Adventist Church in Charlotte. Thank you for your support and for making these lifesaving and eternity-pointed events possible by your prayers and financial support! THANK YOU!

Until next month!

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