



## Water and Fire

Water and fire are like two-edged swords: they are a necessity of life as well as a danger to life and property.

Rainy season means rain, rain and more rain. The hard work accomplished by the AWA Palawan Project team a few years ago on the airstrip turned into a huge disappointment when the first major tropical storm arrived with torrential rains. Water from the nearby road, from neighboring farms and high elevation rushed across the fresh airstrip and began eroding the runway surface. When the storm passed, the damage was revealed. Our AWA team began constructing culverts and creating pathways to divert water away from the runway. Prayerfully, these will continue to be effective in diverting the water and eroding the runway surface.

During the dry season, we limit our water use so as not to dry up our shallow well. The village of Saggangan residents oftentimes wait at a long line at the water pump. Wildfires are a constant threat to everyone. The local grass is appropriately called fire grass because a small spark will create large sweeping fires. The AWA team created firebreaks and begin controlled burning to ensure accidental fires are kept to a minimum.

Ironically, water and fire are cleansing instruments God used and will use to cleanse the earth of its unrighteousness. Consequently, God encourages us, His people and provides a way. In Isaiah 43:2 it states, “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.”





## An Aviator with A Vision

Jed is a Filipino commercial pilot desiring to join our AWA Palawan Team. However, the pandemic has restricted travel and thus our permission to operate has not yet materialized. While awaiting flight operations to commence, Jed is taking two course paths to improve his knowledge and skills: automotive mechanic and airplane mechanic. Jed is driven and motivated to fulfill the mission of service that God has placed in his heart.

Jed has a vision to not only work with the people in the island of Palawan using the airplane as a tool, but to establish a forward operating base on the island of Mindoro as well. He is a young man with a dream, maybe just like young Joseph of the Old Testament. Jed is also seeking Spirit led individuals to join his team and share the vision God has placed on his heart. Will you consider partnering with him?

## A Dilemma

Matthew 24:37-39, KJV states, “But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.” The pandemic, the chaotic presidential election, nationwide rioting and numerous wildfires. One may ask, “should we continue to support mission work where we are, or should we move to the mountains to draw closer to God?” Jeremiah 17:7-8 inspires us with light: “Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope

is the Lord. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit.” Let us all grow where we are planted. The Lord will reveal His will to us as we listen to His still, small voice.

In the meantime, our family and friends, merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

*May God bless you!*

*Bruce and Monique Wilkerson*



**PRAYER REQUEST:**  
 God’s leading in the Palawan Mission Project. We need God-led missionaries, partners and supporters.



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