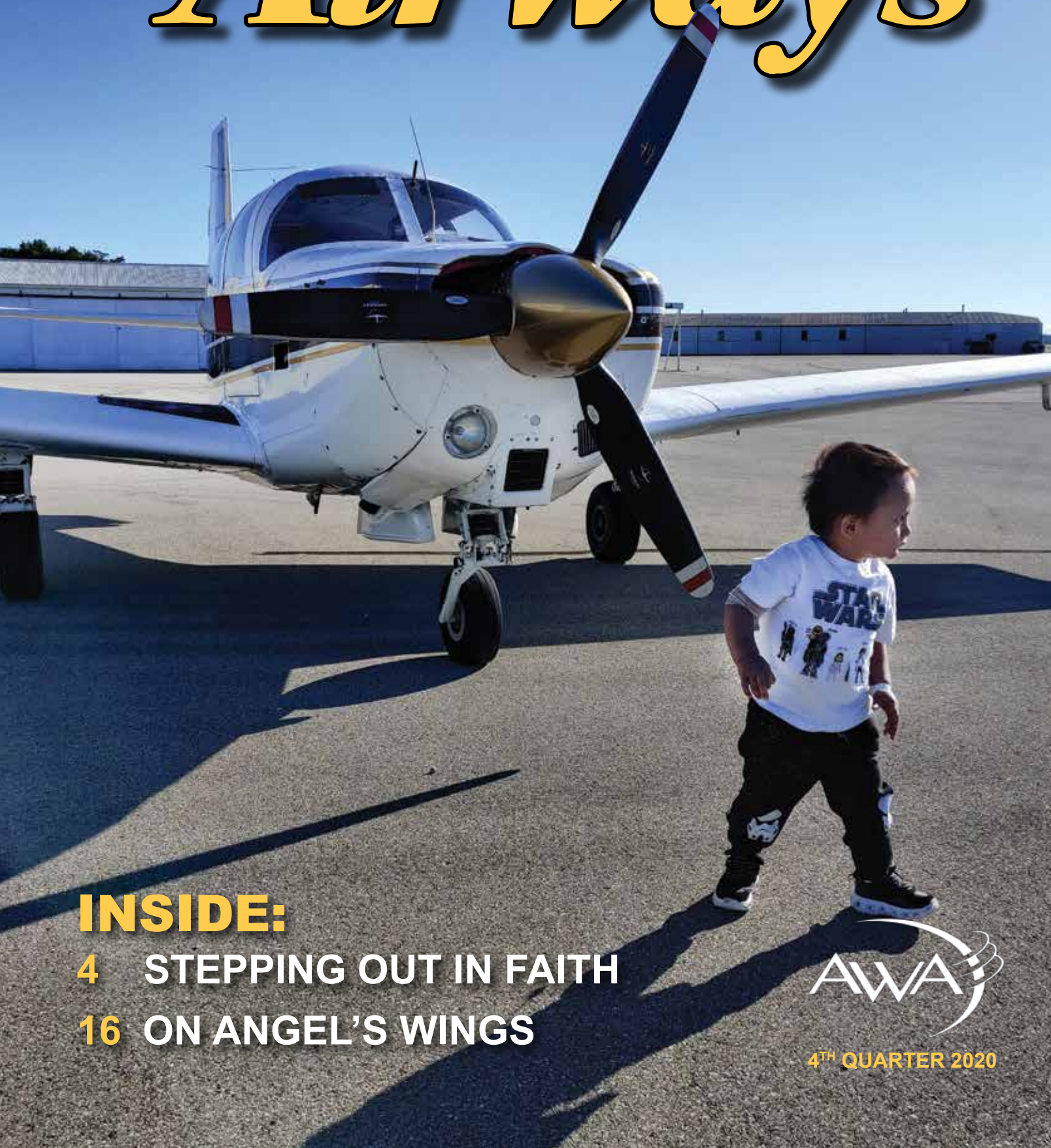


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It's been an unimaginable year! How would you describe it?

All of our plans changed very early on in the year. Events were cancelled. Churches were closed. Isolation and fear became "things" to live with. Covid 19 turned the world upside down!

God has led AWA through changes in the past and He has done just that again this year. Our mission projects are moving in the direction that God has chosen. We do not choose, cannot choose; we trust His leading.

We pray that our Heavenly Father has been your constant companion throughout the troublesome times this year. He is our great Guide, the One who supplies our needs, Who heals our soul. He is our Comforter, the Prince of Peace! The brightness of His love shines through the darkness in so many ways.

New missionaries with a heart to serve have answered the call. As they move forward in their training, they will need prayer warriors and supporters for the work they will do at the various AWA mission projects.

A new partnership with a nonprofit flight school, Chris Adams Flight Academy (CAFA) began early this year. We connected as fellow aviators. CAFA trains those whom we expectantly pray will become missionaries.

The Cessna 185 floatplane was delivered to Ontario, Canada. It was a huge milestone which initially would have been received with extraordinary display. Due to the virus, however, the dedication was a simple commitment service that begins our aid to the indigenous people in Northern Ontario.

And he who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

*And he said to me,
"It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the fountain of the water of life without payment. He who conquers shall have this heritage, and I will be his God and he shall be my son."*

—Revelation 21:5-7

We had planned to celebrate our 25th anniversary this past June. What a commemoration it was to be; rejoicing over 25 years of God's blessings! With the uncertainty of these times it seems the better focus is on the soon return of our Lord. That has always been AWA's center, but the urgency seems deeper with many people now.

There is HOPE. Jesus is coming again!

Those who suffer through affliction hold onto that hope! I'm sure that's what kept our ascendants going when they were suffering through World War I or our parents or grandparents who experienced the hardship of World War II.

This is exactly what Adventist World Aviation does... we bring hope to the hopeless; meeting the physical needs of the suffering.

We do it... one person at a time. When you read about the angels flights for Walter, Butch and Melanie, you will see how each person felt a new hope and sense of the Lord's care for them.

We can do MUCH if we have much help!

We need your prayers and support now MORE than ever.

Will you yoke up with us in sharing the love of Jesus with your brothers and sisters?

Jesus said,

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

—Matthew 11:29,30

Peace and joy to each of you through the rest of 2020 - hope and good cheer for 2021.

In His Service,
Pastor Ric Swaningson
President / CEO



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ABOUT THE COVER:

Walter is 2 years old. He has neuroblastoma cancer. He received an angel flight with his grandma, Elisa. They flew from Wisconsin to North Carolina so Walter could receive specialized treatment there in Charlotte. Please pray for his battle with cancer.

Story on page 16.



Stepping Out in Faith Showing Respect

Honor the Lord

by Julie Young

This October, Ray and I stepped out in faith and made the journey by car across the provinces of Canada to Sioux Lookout, Ontario. With Covid 19 restrictions at their peak, it has been difficult to do the essential site visits. We followed coronavirus protocols; wearing a mask, using hand sanitizer, and maintained social distancing guidelines. God showed us the importance of moving forward in our travel plans. We watched as the miles of the trip flew by and we listened for His voice to encourage us along the way.

**“That your faith
might not rest
in the wisdom of men
but in the
power of God.”**

—1 Corinthians 2:5



In Oshawa, Ray and I trusted God's Spirit to lead as we met with Ontario Conference leaders; President Mansfield Edwards and Administrative Executive Secretary, Jakov Bibulovic. The final paperwork for the arrival of the eagerly anticipated Cessna 185 Floatplane was completed. This plane had been in transition for far too long and the core team at AWA had made the delivery a top priority.

While at Sioux Lookout we watched with respect the committed lifestyle and community outreach that the local church family shows on a daily basis. We shared in church services by having Zoom sabbath school and worship via our hotel room. We were spiritually blessed along with many members attending from Florida, Kensington, Jamaica, Oshawa, Ontario and Sioux Lookout.

What an amazing time of technology we live in... to be able to share our beliefs and thoughts with others around the world at the same time!

Our trip back home was long and tiring, but the preparations had been made for the floatplanes' arrival.

Things were finally progressing. Praise the Lord!

Back at home, when I wrote this article, Bryan Koldyk, our newest AWA pilot, was in Smithfield, North Carolina, (AWA global headquarters) where the floatplane received scheduled maintenance prior to its journey to Canada. As Bryan flew north, Ray flew east to Oshawa where they presented the plane and participated in the dedication ceremony with the Conference officials presiding.

The next big step will be to fly the plane to Sioux Lookout, where local representative, Pastor Garth Geddes, Dr. Lloyd Douglas, and local indigenous leaders will have an opportunity to see the aircraft and ask any questions. Currently the plane is at its winter home in Winnipeg, MB. The floats need to be taken off and wheels put on. We have some of the parts, but not all yet. Significant funds are needed to make it ready for winter operations. Please help as the Lord leads! AWA's goal is to serve the needs of the people who need it the most; Canadian



indigenous communities in the Hub of the North. Flying the plane to its full outreach potential will include medical evacuations, emergency care, climate evacuations, and any other mercy transport needs.

A saying we heard on our trip is that Sioux Lookout is “far away from the outside world” - meaning it is behind God’s back. How sad and untrue; but nevertheless, it is a feeling that God’s remnant few are almost forgotten by the greater church family in this area. It is an opportunity to support the effort to reach people in hard to reach parts of the world with the love and mercy that God offers and supplies us with each and every day.

Will you step out in faith and help? Funds are needed for the plane to be winterized. A local pilot and project manager are needed. Please pray to the Lord of Harvest to send workers in these critical times before Jesus returns. That day is approaching soon, dear brothers and sisters, and we need to all work together to reach the lost and suffering with the hope of the Gospel message.

Thank you for your heart for missions and for praying for AWA and the people we serve. God bless you for blessing us with funds to go forward each day until Jesus returns.

**“And whatever you
ask in prayer,
you will receive,
if you have faith.”**

—Matthew 21:22

MEET THE AUTHOR...



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Peace in Her Soul

by Garth O. Geddes

May I introduce you to Ms. Sandra Wetelainen, one of the newest members of the Sioux Lookout Seventh-day Adventist Company in the Ontario Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Sandra is a proud First Nation woman from the Community of Wabigoon in Northwestern Ontario who has fallen in love with her Lord and made the life changing decision to walk all the way with Him in baptism.

Sandra was introduced to the Advent message through her son, Michael, who along with his wife and two boys, were also baptized two years earlier.

She remarked that on the day of her baptism as she stood in the water, she felt a genuine sense of release, with peace in her soul; which showed by the smile on her face.



Regards,

Garth O. Geddes

Servant of God and Friend to Man

Constrained by His love to show love to all!



The Thing About Mountains

by Jim Kincaid

Humankind have expressed various viewpoints with regard to the vertical land masses which dot the surface of the earth. Some view mountains as a compelling challenge to climb, to pit their physical preparation and fitness against the extremes of technicality, weather, and altitude. To them a successful summit day is a memory worth the sacrifice. To view the earth from “up there” is an incomparable experience.

The State of Alaska is not unique among the northern latitudes for challenging heights, but it does have some features that definitely stand out.

The mountain formerly known as Mt. McKinley, and known locally as Denali, has several attributes that

make it of international interest. Denali, a native derived name, (meaning high, or tall) is the highest mountain in North America. It stands at 20,308 ft. Because of its rise in elevation from base to summit of 18,000 ft., it is one of the largest mountains on earth situated entirely above sea level.

The first documented ascent of the mountain was in 1903 by James Wickersham, who was unsuccessful. The next attempt was by international explorer, Frederick Cook, who claimed a summit success which was doubted at the time and later evidence further disproved his claim. The first verified summiting was by a group of local miners and an Episcopal priest, known as the Hudson Stuck Party, in 1913.

Denali is not considered an immensely difficult climb on a technical basis. However, its weather extremes even in summer, with high winds and temperatures in the minus 20s, make it as challenging as much higher peaks found elsewhere. More than 125 climbers have died since 1903, with more than 44 bodies never recovered. The largest percentage of fatalities occur after summiting on the way down.

Mountains can be viewed as opportunities or as obstacles standing in the way. In the Bible both metaphors are used.

...Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer can whiten them. And Elijah appeared to them with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus...And a cloud came and overshadowed them; and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My Beloved Son. Hear Him!" Mark 9:2-4; 7, 8.

Peter, James, and John were impacted by this event in a way that changed their lives forever. Peter testifies later, "For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty... and we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain." II Peter 1:16;18.

Jesus told his disciples, "Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them." Mark 11:22-24.

As we contemplate the world scene, there are mountains that stand in our way, that obstruct the ministries we wish to carry on. Much of the flying and village ministry we would like to be doing is restricted to some extent, as the Covid 19 virus ravages the remote villages. Surmounting such prominent difficulties can make us fearful, and doubtful of success. But at the same time, by submitting to the discipline of the Holy Spirit; by moving forward in faith, His Grace will attend, both in the climb and the descent.

We are eternally grateful for the ongoing prayer and financial support in these trying times.



**Denali, 20,310 feet, is on the right,
Mt Foraker, 17,400 feet, is on the left,
Mt. Hunter, 14,500 feet, is in the center.**



MEET THE AUTHOR...



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



God Works in Amazing Ways

by Monique Wilkerson

On the other side of Sagpangan's beautiful mountains is the baranggay of Napsan. Although there are neighboring barangays only 14 nautical miles apart, they are separated by the towering Anepahan Peaks. Venturing over the winding mountainous road, travel time jumps over an hour to reach the Napsan community. Since June, we have desired to make a visit to our brethren in Napsan. Finally, the opportunity came towards the end of August.

We stepped out in faith. We headed to Napsan early one Sabbath morning. We knew there was a church in Napsan, but we didn't really know its exact location and the one contact we had in Napsan told us that cell phone service was sketchy at best. After zigzagging

the mountainous road, we joyfully reached Napsan. But where was the church? Hoping we would discover it soon, we kept going until we read a sign saying we were entering another baranggay. Not desiring to miss worship service, we decided to ask locals where we could find the nearest Adventist Church. They pointed to the next corner stating, "you can't miss it because of the lively hymnal singing." We followed their directions, but could not find the church or hear any singing. Instead, we ended up in another denominational church. A little discouraged, we decided to head back to our last known intersection in Napsan and ask once again. This time we were directed to a partially finished church with lively



hymnal singing. We were greeted with a warm welcome from a friendly face. He introduced himself as Jonnel.

Jonnel introduced us to the rest of his small church community. They all greeted us with love and affection. In rural areas in the Philippines, it is customary for a church to ask visitors to deliver the message or lead the lesson study. True to tradition, they asked Bruce to give the worship service message and invited us to stay for fellowship lunch. The humble potluck was masarap (delicious)! While breaking bread together we were invited to join in on their regional radio ministry at “Radyo Bandera.” Each day for three hours, the area radio station has a slot for the district Adventist churches to share the message of Jesus Christ with singing, health talks and an uplifting message. Consequently, we were asked to present an impromptu topic. After lunch, we had about two hours before our radio time slot began so we had the opportunity to get to know Jonnel and Seng An, two men with “changed life” experiences.

Although Jonnel is a baptized member of the Adventist church, he had only joined the church because of his marriage to an Adventist woman. His wedding day was the only day that he had ever stepped into a church. He was involved in a gang. He smoked and drank and he was never one to run away from a fight. A year ago, Jonnel, while defending his friend, was involved in a fight that led to a regrettable murder. He was tried and sentenced to life in prison. The friend Jonnel defended never even visited him in prison! Instead, Jonnel met the Son of the Living

God, Jesus, in prison. Then a miracle took place - a second chance at life! Jonnel had no money and no connections. The possibility of his sentence being set aside or downgraded was next to impossible. However, he prayed to the Lord that if he would be given a chance to get out of prison, he would dedicate his time, skills and talents in service to the Lord. Through a divine series of events Jonnel’s sentence of life in prison was commuted to parole after one year! Now, as a construction worker, he is constantly on the move, helping churches all around Palawan with their building projects. Jonnel asked us to join him in a missionary outreach project to share the hope in Jesus with a small village in Southwestern Palawan. Who would go? Are we being called or would perhaps one of you, our readers, respond to this call?

Born into a Buddhist family, Seng An is originally from Cambodia. Through evangelism, Seng An became the only Adventist member of his family. Then through generous Korean donors, Seng An was given a chance of a lifetime - he was given the opportunity to attend the Northern Luzon Adventist College in the Philippines! After graduating as a theology major, he was invited by his classmate to become a volunteer missionary in Palawan. Be that as it may, Seng An’s visa was soon to expire. Due to the Covid pandemic, though, he is unable to go back to Cambodia for renewal. Seng An has come to love the Philippines, but he is in a quandary because he is a volunteer with no income. He currently lives in a kubo next to the church provided to him by the Napsan congregation. He also told us of a village that desperately needs the Good News, but with no means



of transportation, Seng An is unable to go. He asked us to join him in this calling. We wondered again, if we are being called or would, perhaps, one of you, our readers, be intended for this call?

At last it was time to go to the radio station, Radyo Bandera. What a privilege! Bruce gave the message of rebirth and God's love for all in John 3 and of the Living Water in John 4. Monique provided a health talk covering some ways to improve the immune system during this time of the Covid 19 pandemic.

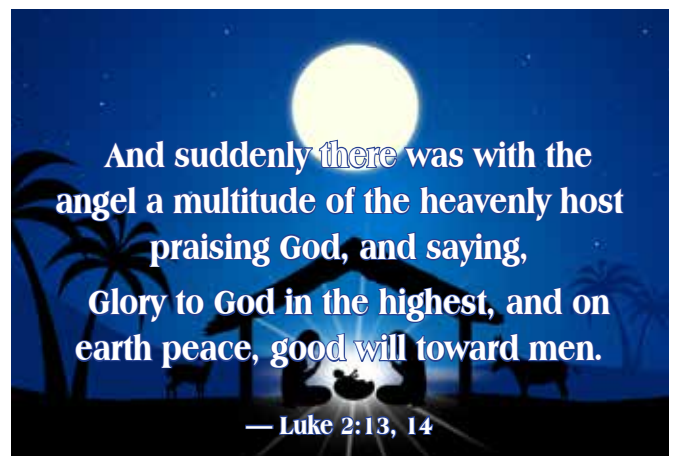
Changed lives! God the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost are still in the business of changing lives. We are so honored to witness God's many miracles. All of us have a part to be a witness for Him. Are any of you, our readers, called to serve with Adventist World Aviation? There are many parts to fill. If you feel the Holy Spirit calling you, let us know. We are anxious to hear from you!

We recognize that not all can go to the mission field. All can pray for the work and many are able to support the work with their means. We praise God for every prayer and every dollar that is generously shared.

MEET THE AUTHOR...



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





Impact on Missions

by Christine Cayetano

It was 1996 when God called me to do missionary work. I committed myself to being a missionary, living a simple but fulfilling life with several challenges and unforgettable life changing experiences.

I started working with AWA in 2004 as an accountant, which transplanted me from my home province of Cavite to the beautiful island of Palawan. I feel blessed to have gained several friends from different age groups and sectors; both from the youth and the seniors, fellow missionaries and former missionaries, bank tellers and bank officers, the community, the hospital, as well as the church family throughout the years living in Palawan.

With the advantage of having driving skills and the office vehicle for my use, it became a way of providing transportation in and out of the city and to any point of Palawan. The vehicle became a means to garner more souls unto Jesus' feet through transportation to and from the location of the crusades and nightly meetings.

As the AWA accountant, I receive housing in the city proper which has proved to be an incredible benefit. It allows me to freely accommodate individuals needing a place to stay for a night or two and sometimes even a few months. In my 16 years as an AWA staff member I have been a liaison for the local hospital and AWA. This allows me to help organize medical and dental mission trips and to provide assistance through coworkers, certain friends and reliable individuals. Many people in the communities from different locations

in Palawan received free medical and dental services. Through this they experienced the care and love of Jesus.

To sum it all, the blessings I've experienced as an AWA representative have greatly influenced not only my life but also the lives of others. Working alongside missionaries, both former and current, has given me wonderful purpose. Seeing this work help in garnering more souls unto Jesus' feet is my most important contribution to the evangelistic work. It is surely a joy to be a part of AWA's worldwide organization.





God at Work

by Enrique Olgin-Sanjuan

The team of laymen church builders from Santa Rita, Waspam RACCN, Nicaragua is one of the most zealous servants and lovers of God and fellow man.

“A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”

— John 13:34-35

They are definitely an inspiration and an example of this love. We at Adventist World Aviation, at the mission field called Alas Sobre Nicaragua (Wings over Nicaragua) have seen GOD AT WORK in the hearts of these brothers and sisters.

I consider myself a very driven individual, glad to work long hours for God's glory; but the energy and momentum that these brothers and sisters have infuses me with added determination. Their ideas and plans are a shot of faith and true fruit of the work that God does through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in their hearts. I am honored to be a servant of Jesus Christ alongside them.

A short distance of 27 kilometers (16.88 miles) which could take 25 minutes in the more connected areas, takes us in this region 1 hr 15



minutes, or even 2 hours if the shortest road is impassable during the rainy season. Then we have to detour through Waspam and Kisalaya to the final destination of Bull Kiamp. This community has precious people that benefited from our service as a union of Adventist brethren seeking to help our fellow man. The building of church houses has born fruit already. In our last visit we were honored to be accompanied by Pastor Hipolito Hamans and brother Wilson Taylor from Puerto Cabezas.

Five people were waiting anxiously for an ordained minister to come so they could be baptized. Pastor Hipolito arrived and all of us rejoiced in this glorious moment in which we saw GOD AT WORK. The Holy Spirit prompted us to visit and the field was ready. Three in the same family were baptized and two more from the community. All glory to God for these souls that now are part of His Kingdom!

Your prayers and support help us carry through to follow God's leading. The Holy Spirit's promptings for our work, the timing and availability, is all because God uses us to plow the fields and to take His message of salvation to the

remote areas. People are longing to hear the Good News of the Gospel and receive our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thank you for partnering in this work. To God be the glory!

MEET THE AUTHOR...



**Enrique Olgin-Sanjuan is your
AWA Missionary-in-Training stationed at
AWA's Mission Base in Nicaragua**

**A new heart also will I give you,
and a new spirit will I put within you:
and I will take away the stony heart
out of your flesh,
and I will give you an heart of flesh.**

— Ezekiel 36:26



On Angel's Wings

by Sharon Williams

Adventist World Aviation's mission is to help those in remote areas of the world. There are times, however, when the call to serve comes right here in our own country.

An Angel Flight is the name used by a number of organizations whose members provide free air transportation for passengers in need of medical treatment far from home.

**And when we cried unto
the Lord, he heard our
voice, and sent an angel.**

—Numbers 20:16

Sometimes God sends an angel, and other times He sends people to help out. God reveals Himself in all these opportunities. We praise Him when we can be of service in this way.

We have all been touched in some way by those who have fought the battle with cancer. In our hearts, we feel helpless to know how to aid those suffering and struggling for their lives.

AWA has provided several angel flights to cancer patients. The most recent was a dear young woman, wife and mother of three children. Melanie is such a strong woman of faith, trusting in God completely. Her cancer had been misdiagnosed for years while it devastated her body. Now she needed to get to the John Hopkins Hospital in Maryland for chemotherapy and



radiation. Eventually she will need neurosurgery that will take approximately 20 hours! Her need was a flight from the Greer, SC airport, KGSB, near her home to Martin State Airport, KMTN in Maryland. AWA was privileged to help Melanie with her angel flight. We ask for prayers for Melanie and her family.

Another precious cancer patient who received an angel flight recently is Walter. He is a sweet little two-year-old boy with stage 4 neuroblastoma; a very rare type of cancerous tumor that almost always affects children. Walter was diagnosed when he was only 7 months old when his eyes began swelling. A tumor was discovered, and treatment began immediately with emergency radiation. Sadly, the cancer spread quickly and mercilessly. It was recommended that Walter seek treatment at the Children's Hospital in Charlotte, NC. Traveling over 1,100 miles from his home in Wisconsin would be grueling for little Walter. This was the need and Adventist World Aviation was able to answer the call. Walter explored the airplane excitedly the day of his flight. His grandma, Elisa, accompanied him on this first step of the journey to new hope filled treatments. Please pray for this cherished child of God and his family.



“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

—Hebrews 13:16

While some people struggle with their own health, others are greatly affected by the health of their loved ones. A spouse that loses their mate faces loneliness and often confusion of how to go on with their life. This was the case with dear Butch. Both he and his wife contracted Covid 19 and were hospitalized. Butch recovered and went home, but sadly, his wife did not. She passed away leaving Butch alone after many years of faithful companionship.

Butch’s daughter, Kris, called Pastor Ric at the office to request prayer for her dad. She explained the situation and shared that she really wanted her dad to come live with her here in Durham, NC. Pastor Ric responded, “Then let’s go get him!” They made arrangements to go pick Butch up in Georgia and bring him here to live with his daughter. It was a beautiful sunny day when they flew the angel flight for Butch.

The blessing of these flights is so apparent in the gratitude shown by each person that is flown. No charge is made for an angel flight. Because of the support of our donors, we can provide these amazing blessings. Thank you for your prayers! Thank you for your support as we continue to reach people in remote regions of the world as well as here in North America.

MEET THE AUTHOR...



Sharon Williams is the AWA Development Director and Publications Manager located at the Smithfield headquarters in North Carolina.



CAFA: Sharing the Art and Joy of Flight



by Sharon Williams

Mission Aviation relies on two things; mission pilots and planes. In order for Adventist World Aviation to exist, our need for both is ongoing. We pray daily that the Holy Spirit will reach hearts longing to serve others. The calling to serve must be just that... a calling. While some contact us looking for a job, foundational to mission work is the commitment to rely on God's leading and constant trust in His faithfulness.

**"Pray ye therefore
the Lord of the
harvest, that he will
send forth labourers
into his harvest."**

—Matthew 9:38

"It is widely held that there is a pilot shortage in the United States – a view seemingly supported by the figures: by 2016 there were only around 584,000 pilots in the U.S. from over 700,000 in 1990. This figure has climbed slightly in recent years though, reaching 666,565

in 2019." Taken from *Statista*, published by E. Mazareanu, Mar 3, 2020.

Consider that there is a shortage of pilots in this country and then consider that number when seeking a Christian pilot, or an Adventist pilot and then a pilot that is being led to become a mission pilot. The number quickly falls to a small handful. With the need for qualified mission pilots comes the need for training.

AWA has been blessed to partner with Chris Adams Flight Academy (CAFA) for just this purpose. Early this year, the two organizations connected and a new vision was the result.

CAFA is a sec 501 (c) Non Profit organization that began in 2014 at Ellington Airport, KLUG in Tennessee. Fabien and his wife, Cheri Couteaud passionately manage CAFA. Currently, there are 2 instructors and 2 ground instructors (*Fabien Couteaud, Donnie Underwood, CFI and Eole Couteaud and Brandon Kriplean AGI*) Students receive training all the way to commercial or they obtain private pilot training

with CAFA and then go straight into a pilot training program at a college or university.

Training they offer is: Private Pilot, Instrument Pilot, Commercial, CFI, Multi-engine, Instrument Instructor, Multi-engine instructor.

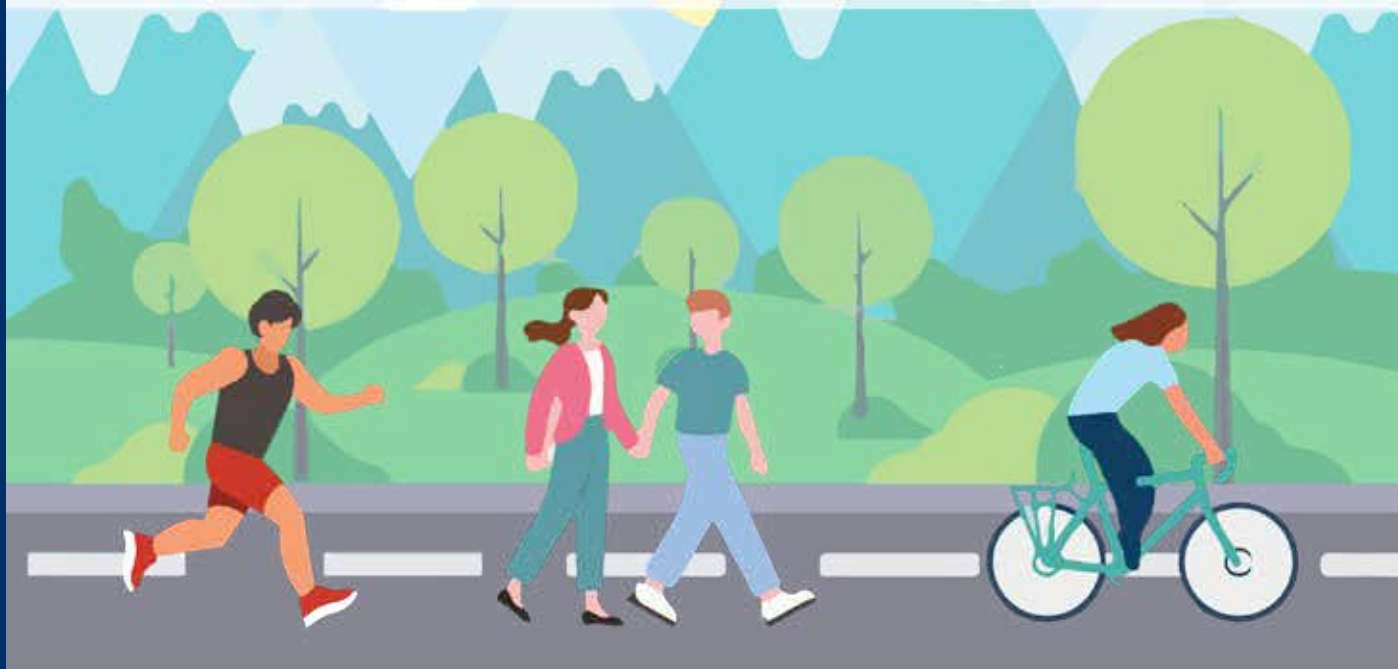
CAFA's mission statement is: *"Sharing the art and joy of flight and Training the best rounded pilots in a COLLEGIATE, positive, friendly, and formal learning environment."*

Two AWA planes have been assigned as trainers to help students complete their required training. The leaseback agreement between the two organizations is mutually beneficial as the school's need for planes grows and our need for great training at a reasonable rate continues. As our new aviation friends and colleagues, we look forward to the Lord blessing our combined efforts.

If you feel the Lord is calling you to the mission field, please prayerfully reach out to us through our website, flyawa.org or give us a call at 1-888-477-8945.

Mission Runners

Virtual Ultramarathon 11/1/20-1/31/21



RUN, WALK, BIKE to SPREAD the GOSPEL with EVERY STEP!

Oklahoma Academy (OA) and Adventist World Aviation (AWA) join together to host this virtual ultramarathon run. OA's Mission Aviation Program trains mission pilots and AWA puts them into service.

GET INVOLVED at GiveSignUp.org/MissionRunners

Option 1: Register using the link above or the QR code. Bike, run, or walk tracking your miles with the Strava app (or other tracking app) and enter them on your MissionRunners account. Be rewarded with our commemorative T-shirt and Medal!

Option 2: Unable to bike, run, or walk? Donate or become a Sponsor!

Option 3: Become a team leader and invite others to join your team to raise \$1000, \$3000, or even \$5000 - additional prizes for each milestone.

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AWA Volunteers

AWA is blessed to have two wonderful interns here at headquarters. Their helping hands really bless Kyle; who has so much to do maintaining the AWA fleet of aircraft.

Malachi

Hi my name is Malachi, I'm one of the two interns here at AWA. I first started volunteering at AWA when I was 11 years old. Now that I'm 14, Pastor Ric talked with me and my parents about working with Kyle Stevenson, AWA's Chief of Maintenance, to get my A&P license. It will take about four years, but then I will be able to work on planes for a living. This is in addition to my goal of becoming a lawyer one day. I'm in grade 9 and am homeschooled, so that makes it possible for me to spend time at the hangar working on the planes in the morning and do my schoolwork in the afternoon.

Planes are amazing! I think it is fascinating how such a big hunk of metal is able to take off and fly and then land safely. I would like to be a pilot one day as well as my other goals.

I laced the wings and panels for the Cheetah that will be used as a trainer eventually. It was tedious work, but I felt good once the job was done. I also helped remove the windshield and replace it with a new one for the 182 that will be going to Nicaragua. Right now I'm buffing the plane to protect the paint and make it smooth for flight.

It's important for me to be able to help with doing work for God's ministry. I know that it will help people in countries where they really need our services.

I love working here at AWA because everyone is very nice and it feels like my second family. One of the best times



here was when I helped prepare the plane for the angel flight that Pastor Ric and Kyle did for Walter. He's a little boy with cancer and it felt good to be able to be a part of getting him to the treatment that he needs.

Overall AWA is a great place and I really enjoy working here.

Jasmin

For three years now, I've had a desire to volunteer at AWA, but felt there were several barriers in my way. Childcare and location were the two that stood out.

In March of 2020, Rebecca called to update my address. Pastor Ric suggested I visit headquarters and invited me to apply for the internship program. This struck me as odd as I wasn't aware that AWA was located south of Raleigh, NC at the JNX airport. It was a true God-appointment that I found out AWA was within driving distance of where my husband and I live. Together, Rebecca and I worked out childcare for my two children with her mom, Linda, who was already watching Rebecca and Kyle's daughter. I was all set!

I have enjoyed my time working here and was finally serving God with the very blessing He provided me. I am familiar with airplanes because I am serving as an Air Force Reserve Avionic Technician. I know the basics, but I have learned so much from our Chief of Maintenance, Kyle Stevenson. While I'm studying for my engineering degree, this is great experience and an opportunity to help those who are helping others around the world.

The 1979 Piper Dakota needed several donated systems installed; such as a GPS, a Nav Radio, and a new engine indicator. These systems are updates to the outdated flight instruments and will provide a reliable, digital signal to the pilots forward vision. This will also reduce pilot fatigue and improve safety during flight. Plus, it looks really cool for those who may be techie-minded!

Additionally, I've had the pleasure of servicing the annual maintenance of several aircrafts to ensure AWA will have ready planes for any mission that arises.

Outside of maintenance, AWA hosted an informative web-class for over 100 guests during the Pathfinder's Virtual Aviation Honor. I navigated the audience as the master of ceremonies and provided a smooth transition into each category. We demonstrated the parts of the plane inside and outside, and shared principles of flight, as well as information about historical aviation figures. It was a lot of fun!

Whether I am working on the aircraft, physically helping people, or helping people learn, I am blessed to be doing it for AWA.

Thank you Malachi and Jasmin. You are greatly appreciated! We need more volunteers at AWA; airplane mechanics, pilots, office volunteers, grant writers, and many other positions.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact us through the website or call Sharon at 919-938-2920.



In Times Like These

by Monique Wilkerson

Our community and family around our AWA airbase have united to ensure the upkeep of the airbase - its safety and security. Beginning in March to the writing of this article in November, the gathering of church congregations is not yet permitted; albeit international travel in and out of Guyana just commenced in the middle of October. Despite the limitations, God has people in place to assist with His Guyana Project.

The Robinson Family is entrusted with securing and cleaning God's resources such as aircraft, vehicles, the Learning Center, hangar, and the rest of the property. Nightly, Brother Stoll and his wife, Sister Janeth, keep their ears sharp for any unusual

noises at the airbase. Kim, Brother Norman, Mandy and Veron visit weekly to check on the airbase also. On the other side of the township, Percy, watches over the boat and Lynne keeps a weekly watchful eye on our house. It seems as if neighbors and the whole of Mabaruma are overseeing God's project. Praise the Lord! In Georgetown, Mr. Charles, our downstairs neighbor daily checks our doors for signs of change as well.

We are so very thankful to our Lord and Savior for having His people who lend a helping hand in times like these—a worldwide pandemic. Not just His people watch, but His angels do too.



Over a weekend, the upstairs dwelling place at the Learning Center was accidentally left unlocked. The door frame is warped and so if the door is not properly shut, the locking mechanism will not hold. After our trusted friends thought they locked the house, they left and unbeknownst to them, the door opened wide shortly afterwards. Brothers and sisters, in a land where poverty abounds, no one dared to come in much less steal God's property. God has protected His assets, His project. Praise be to God!

As we end this year, 2020, we are full of thankfulness...thankful for our support team partners in this AWA work in all capacity of support from our partners in Guyana to our partners around the world. We are all called to service with Him. May our service and work that each of us do together glorify our Creator.

We look prayerfully to the days ahead when a new mission family will be permitted to serve in Guyana. Our God has a plan and we trust in His time that all things will happen for the best. As times like these remind us, the days to serve



are numbered and we must work while we can. Sharing the love of Jesus and helping those in need will be our mission until He comes. God bless you for your partnership in this work.



Led by God

by Josh Fix

Did you know there is a gift that God has given us which will “bring all other blessings in its train”? Do you sense your need of spiritual blessing in your life? Do you sense a need for a power outside and above yourself? A power that gives you the power that Jesus had. The discernment He had. The courage He had. **I would like to suggest that what we all need is the Spirit of Christ.**

The Holy Spirit is a fiercely debated topic these days in many circles. What is the Holy Spirit? Who is the Holy Spirit? What is the purpose of the Holy Spirit? These are some of the questions that are being examined. If we look at the scriptures, I believe, we can glean all the knowledge that is necessary on the Holy Spirit. God would not have us wondering and confused on

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such a critical point. If there’s any misunderstanding, it’s the devil’s fault. The enemy doesn’t want us connected to God and receiving the critical blessing we all need.

Let’s start with our need of the Spirit for eternal life; which is a fundamental concern for us, right? We want to know the path to salvation, don’t we? Jesus laid it out to Nicodemus in John 3:3-8.

3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother’s womb, and be born?

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it

cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

As you can see, what we each need is a rebirth which involves both baptism in water, a.k.a born of water, but also baptism of the Spirit. Peter seconds this in his sermon at Pentecost.

“Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” Acts 2:37-38

We could discuss the gifts of the Spirit, but not everyone receives every gift, so let's talk about what the Spirit does **for everyone** who is born of God. First, we receive comfort from Christ through the Spirit. We read in John 14:16, “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever.” And then in verse 18 Christ says, “I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.” Isn't that a treat! We can have Christ's presence to comfort us! If you ever feel the need for the Son of God by your side; One who has been there and gained the victory and Who can give that victory to you, then you have that promise to lean on.

Another blessing. John 14:26 “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

We read here that the Holy Spirit teaches and bring the things Christ has already taught us to our minds. If you're like me, you'll learn something and then a little time passes and you loose what you've spent effort trying to learn. Here we have a promise that we will be taught as well as reminded of the things of God.

We don't have time for an exhaustive list of blessings through the Spirit, but for those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, who look at Christ and say, “I want to love like He loved,” there is a blessing for you - namely **sanctification**. Sanctification isn't a word we use much these days, but it means *to purify*. Here are a few texts that contain the promise of sanctification.

1 Peter 1:1-2 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

So is that purification just a legal purification - or does it actually enable you to act differently. Let's see... Galatians 5:22-23 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”

This is good news folks! I don't know about you, but I want all of these! I want to be like Jesus. I want to represent Him and the government of heaven well. I've fallen so far short many times and I want to change and to be like Him!

2 Peter 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

I was a teenager when I first read this text and “divine nature” stuck out at me like light in the darkness. I saw that and I wanted it! I want God's nature. I don't want to be like this fallen, dark world. I want to possess that character that comes from One on High.

Does that strike a chord in your heart? If so, then come with me to the foot of cross where Jesus died to make these blessings available to you and submit to Him fully; claiming the blessing of the Spirit as your own. *All heaven is interested in getting this blessing to you.*

There is much more that can be discovered regarding the Holy Spirit. I hope you take up the study yourself. Learn about this blessing and ask God for it as you humbly follow where He leads you. You'll be glad you did and God will bless your study.

MEET THE AUTHOR...



Josh Fix, and his wife, Yosiday, and their children, Caleb and Isaac, are your soon-to-be AWA Missionaries stationed at AWA's Nicaragua Mission Base



Volcano Breakfast Burritos

by Jordana Runne

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 tsp. olive oil
- 1 block extra firm tofu
- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. turmeric
- ⅓ cup sundried tomatoes
- ½ cup mild chunky salsa
- 3 large flour tortillas

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Heat oil in a saucepan. Add the crumbled tofu. Add salt.
2. Mix in the turmeric for color.
3. Add the sundried tomatoes.
4. Pour in the salsa and mix. Now the filling is ready!
5. Spoon ⅓ of the mixture on the tortilla.
6. For folding follow pictures 5-8.

TIPS:

- For garnish you could add cilantro, sundried tomatoes, and diced avocado.
- Beans are a great side dish.
- This recipe is open to creativity so feel free to tweak it!

Enjoy your delicious Volcano Breakfast Burrito!



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MEET THE AUTHOR...



Jordana Runne is the 11-year-old daughter of Caleb and Glenda Runne. The Runne family are Missionaries-in-Training for Guyana.

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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And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”

—Revelation 21:3, 4

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