



Missionaries Are A Beacon of Light

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is heaven.

—Matthew 5:16

What does it mean to be a beacon of light?

It is someone (or something) that guides or gives hope to others.

As you read this newsletter, Ray and I are in Nicaragua. We had the pleasure of accompanying the Fix family; Joshua, Yosiday, Caleb and Issac, on their first pre-deployment assessment for the months of

February, March and April. We will be in the Miskito region of La Tronquera where the AWA mission base is located.

The trip started with all six of us having to do a RT-PCR covid test in Smithfield, NC. We had to have the results no later than 36 hours preflight sent to Avianca Airlines. And, of course, they had to be negative in order to travel! Nicaragua requires you to have the COVID-19 test before entering the country within 72 hours. This was a challenging new hurdle for AWA deployment of our team. The timing of the tests and results was critical for departure! We prayed earnestly and rejoiced that we all tested negative. If just one of us would have tested positive, the trip would have been postponed.



After the hurdle in Smithfield, NC, we flew from Miami to Managua, Nicaragua, where we stayed for a week and bought necessary supplies for the 90 day stay in La Tronquera. While in Managua we met with the local airport officials and the SDA Conference Pastoral team.

On our very first night we all enjoyed a vegetarian meal at a wonderful street restaurant located in the gated community just down from the AirBNB where we were staying.

Much to our surprise, one of our prayers was answered immediately. On our walk home from the restaurant, we had a chance encounter with our local SDA contact, Josef Toby.

Toby lives in the same community as the AirBNB and we had planned to call him. Instead he “coincidentally” decided to go for a walk to the store and we ended up bumping into each other. He said he had noticed the AWA logo on our shirts and so approached us. He was surprised to see us all here and welcomed us to the area.

Praise the Lord for prayers being answered each and every minute on our first day here!

Like a beacon of light, we share this experience with enthusiastic missionaries whose desire is for outreach; to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

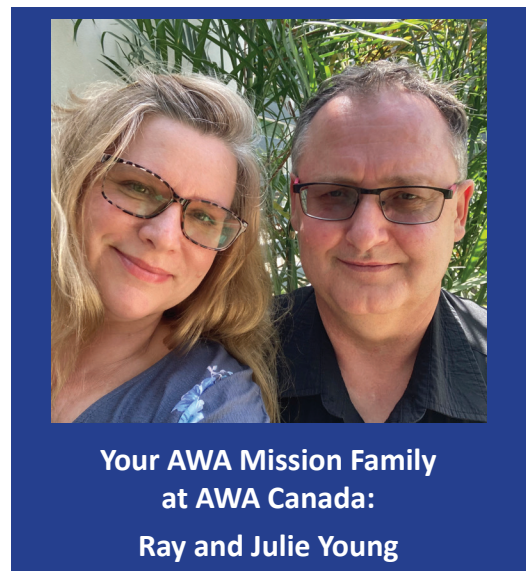
—Matthew 7:7

Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning. —Proverbs 9:9

Thank you for your continued support and prayers as we travel globally for AWA. Our desire is to reach out and lead souls to Christ. While we save lives with our aircraft; that is just one step, ultimately, we yearn for these souls to be in the kingdom with our Lord for ever and ever. Help us as you feel called to pray and donate. Let’s get the work done so we can all go home together.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts,

Ray and Julie Young



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