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Your gift of any size this year will ensure support for those in great need around the world. Please donate \$20 to offset the printing and mailing costs annually. Thank you!

“You just can’t trust the weather report.” How many times have we all said that? There is an old saying amongst pilots, «The weather reporters are the only people we know that can be wrong 90% of the time and still get to keep their jobs.» It seems that in spite of the best science and technology available, sometimes the weather can’t be predicted. We don’t necessarily put our trust in the person sharing the weather forecast; after all, they are just sharing the information available. But there are many instances where we “trust” information that is generally shared with us.

Who is trustworthy? Our friends, family, news reporters, politicians? In recent months, we have seen the issues surrounding trust come to the forefront of our conversations.

Trust is a precious commodity. I read an interesting note on a trivia calendar I was given. It stated, “The more you trust people, the better you are at spotting liars. A recent study showed that people who put faith in the honesty of others were more accurate when determining if someone was lying to them.”

I have incredible trust in *most* people and have that “skill” for detecting dishonesty. It comes with years of experience as a manager, pastor and father of three beautiful, brilliant daughters (pause for parental pride).

While the weather may seem to be unpredictable, there are things that help us to know what to expect. We can plan accordingly for rain, snow, sun or any variation of the aforementioned by the signs we observe. And while there seems to be a plethora of untrustworthy news from various sources, we can safely trust the certainty of God’s Word.

*Trust in the Lord  
with all thine  
heart; and lean  
not unto thine own  
understanding.  
In all thy ways  
acknowledge him,  
and he shall direct  
thy paths. Be not  
wise in thine own  
eyes: fear the Lord,  
and depart from  
evil.*

—Proverbs 3:5-7



As Christians, we have been discussing the signs of the times for decades.

Jesus said before He comes back it's going to be as it was in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah. We clearly live in times that seem to be shaking this old world to its very core. The country we live in (the U.S.A.) is changing. But the world others live in is even worse. In spite of all the evil that has transpired in the U.S.A., we still have freedoms others do not enjoy. Others need our help. We can help **now**; however, soon we will not be in a position to help the world, and we will have to concentrate on simple survival. Until then, we go where we can go and help where we can help.

People in other countries need help with food, clothing and being able to provide for their families. AWA shares these essential items whenever possible, but also teaches skills as simple as reading and writing. (How can one read God's word if they don't know how to read?)

These forms of outreach are so vital. They help develop trusting relationships. We are so grateful for the trust you place in AWA by helping us to help others. Times are challenging, but we are blessed with so much, and opportunities to help the helpless may not be possible a year from now. We don't know what the future holds and our understanding that the final days will be rapid ones mean we have only today to do what we can.

Thank you to our prayer warriors and faithful supporters who keep our planes flying and our missionaries serving. You are invaluable!

May the Lord bless you and keep you through the days ahead until Jesus comes.

Keep looking up,  
*Pastor Ric Swaningson*  
President / CEO



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### ABOUT THE COVER:

Jaime pulls weeds near the mission base in the Philippines to support his wife and himself. Jaime is one of the many who has so little and yet desires to do all he can for His Lord, Jesus. Please help AWA help people like Jaime, and his wife, Rosalina. Story on page 8.



# Life in a Miskito House

by Julie Young

Ray and I have taken up new living quarters!

We left Kelowna in mid-January to head to the AWA project in La Tronquera, Nicaragua. We will be here as project managers for 3 months.

In December 2020, we stayed in the larger main house, but this time having brought the Fix family of four; Josh, Yosi, Caleb and Isaac, for their pre-deployment assessment, we knew they needed the space of a larger home. And so, the traditional Miskito house on the base became our temporary living quarters.

Life is very minimalistic here in Nicaragua. In this tiny home, we have a miniature fridge/freezer, a propane stove and a sink with gravity running water from the main water tank. The water needs

filtering so we brought water filters with us, and we take charcoal daily as a precaution. I am thankful for the luxury of a small bathroom complete with a toilet and a cold shower!

**“But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.”**

—1 Timothy 6:8

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Our bedroom is located up 9 narrow handmade steps to the “penthouse loft.” This may sound like a great tree fort concept to sleep in, but it’s not very comfortable. We have a double size, plastic wrapped, hard mattress. Our heads are two feet from the tin roof and it’s hot! And even though we have a mosquito net, I have chased out a gecko and “many bugs” that also want to share the space with us. I feel a bit too old for this child’s concept of fort living!

Many things were in need of repair when we arrived. The two hurricanes that had caused widespread damage to Nicaragua since we were here last had created a lot of work for us.

Ray is a great handyman, pilot and mechanic, so he had the job of fixing the motion detector solar lights, the fence, and the main gate. It’s a team effort to make sure all the generators are filled with gas and always on standby, as the power grid is not consistent at all.

We have adjusted to this “primitive” way of life. Life here is literally as basic as it gets; the cooking, cleaning, and repairs. There is not a nearby grocery store or hardware store to find what you need and when we do travel into the small communities, what you need often cannot be found.

We are watched over by a loving Father and are truly blessed to have the things we do have. I remind myself daily, “you have food, shelter, and access to clean water here at the base.”

We are not here to be comfortable, but to help the community through medical support, spiritual outreach and sharing of what we can. Those living here have so much less than we do. This is their daily way of life.

What can you do to help the people in Nicaragua?

Pray first, then support is encouraged so that we can continue to go out into the communities by plane, truck, and on foot, to continue medical transport and reach the hard to reach with the love of Jesus.

Our work for the Lord is ongoing - until He comes again.

**“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”**

—1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

## MEET THE AUTHOR...



**Julie Young, Administrative Assistant in Canada, and her husband, Ray, AWA's Global Operations Manager are stationed at the AWA Canada Headquarters in Kelowna, BC.**



## Get Ready to Go

by Josh Fix

It gets dark relatively quickly at the AWA base in La Tronquera, Nicaragua. The sun sets around 6 pm and the darkness completely covers the pine savannah. My family and I were having a supper of popcorn and banana smoothies with the project managers, Ray and Julie Young. We talked about how things were going here at the project and our goals for the next few months.

I was quite comfortable... until the phone rang. It was the community nurse and Yosi

talked to her in Spanish for a few moments, and then told me to “get ready to go!” I ran to get my flashlight, water, and the keys to the pick-up truck. I came back downstairs and my wife told me the nurse said the patient needed more care than she could give. We must drive the patient to the hospital in Waspan, 35 minutes away.

I drove through the dark to the community which is about 10 minutes away to the head elder’s house. His son got into the truck and

showed me the way to the house where the sick woman was. Once there I walked up to the house quickly and noticed at least 15 people there - all concerned about this lady. Three young men carried her out to the truck while she hung limp in their arms. They put her in the backseat with another lady who held her head in her lap. The nurse got into the front seat and we headed onto the dirt road that leads to town.

About half of the road to the hospital is decent with no deep potholes, but the middle section has potholes interlaced with good sections of road. You must make haste... cautiously! About 3/4's of the way there I heard something in the backseat and asked what was going on. The nurse told me the patient was vomiting. I quickly gave them a small trash can and bag that Yosi had prepared. I was happy to see signs of life, but according to the nurse, the lady had already been vomiting quite a bit. As we started into town, the patient continued heaving uncontrollably. I prayed that God would ease her stomach. After a few moments, all was quiet in the backseat. Thank the Lord.

We got to the hospital and two young men carried the patient into the hospital. After about 20 minutes, I left the hospital with the women and men who had accompanied the patient. We headed back to La Tronquera, praying for the best for the lady left behind.

After being in Nicaragua for only a month, we've already helped with transportation in 5 different situations. Four of the trips were taking patients to the hospital and one trip was helping transport pastors. These trips help me see how easy we have things back in the United States. Just about everyone has a car and if you don't, you don't have to look far for someone who does. Here in Nicaragua, if you have a car, you are the exception. If a medical

situation arises you are in a bind. Even worse is when the situation is a critical emergency and the need is to get to the larger hospital in the city, which is many hours of travel time. For a smaller country, it takes a long time to get from one city to the next. The lack of a well-maintained highway system creates life threatening circumstances and things are even worse on the east coast where the AWA base is located. There are some communities that don't have roads to them at all! They only have river access.

This is the goal of AWA - to make the world a little better for the folks in these remote areas and to connect them with not only physical help, but to connect them with a God that is coming soon to take them on the ultimate evacuation... to be with Him forever.

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\*\*\*Good news about the patient that was taken to the hospital. After several days, we learned that she was feeling better and was released from the hospital. God truly answers prayers!\*\*\*

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## MEET THE AUTHOR...



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





# Blessed Are the Poor

by Edgar Espinosa

Jaime tried to find a job, working on digging ditches on a water canal, but they would not let him work because of his age. Ironically, Jamie works harder than most men 20 years younger than him! He is also responsible and honest. Leathery skin covers his thin legs and arms, but he can wield a shovel as if his life depends on it. And it does depend on it; because there is no other work for him and there are no “social security” plans to help with needed funds.

Jaime is a 75 year-old man who was baptized two years ago after Adventist World Aviation held evangelistic meetings in the nearby small village of Sawmill.

When Jaime was young, he was a town captain and a pastor with another village church. His daughter married, had a daughter, and the family lived in our village of Sagpangan in a small bamboo house. Jaime and his wife, Rosalina, decided to move to Sagpangan, and the five of them lived together in the home.

It was good to be near their daughter and grandchild again, but that was to be short-lived. The local school only goes up to 6th grade, and the long distance to go to the new school was too far. The little family moved out to be closer to the school... leaving Jaime and Rosalina all alone in the home. In a culture



where family takes care of family, this would prove to be hard financially.

We have hired Jaime to help us do odd jobs around the mission base; digging and making a culvert, making and laying cement for a catchment basin for the runway, pulling weeds (which always grow!) around the mission house, helping with carpenter work, and anything that needs to be done. He never complains and works with his all.

**“And whatever you do, do it heartily,  
as to the Lord and not to men.”**

—Colossians 3:23

After working with AWA for awhile, he fell in love with the Adventist message. He was impressed that people from Canada and the U.S.



would care enough to go to his little village to build a church and mission house. He began to understand that the church was a world-wide family who all cared and reached out to each other for God's glory.

After he was baptized, Jaime devoted every Friday afternoon to the upkeep of the church. There are no janitors to clean up, so the job falls on every church member. This can be hard when you are expected to put in a full day's work, and sundown is always around 6 pm near the equator.

Rosalina was also very involved in helping out with the church. She was there, on a wooden bench, every Sabbath; that is, until she had a stroke that affected 1/2 of her body and she could barely walk. Now Jaime cares for her - including washing out by hand 7-10 pairs of clothes a day, after he has worked all day.

Jaime says he would love to stop working and stay home with his wife, taking care of her, but then there would be no money for food. With a smile on his face he says, “The Lord will not forsake me. He will provide for us. I believe the Bible and if you work for the church, you will be fed by the church.”

There is ongoing need for funding for the church and its laborers; the church is not finished yet. But just as Jaime says, “The Lord will provide.”





Please pray for Jaime and Rosalina's health, that their faith in Jesus will be stronger every day. Please partner with AWA to help us help those who are unable to help themselves.

**“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,  
Because He has anointed Me  
To preach the gospel to the poor;  
He has sent Me to heal the  
brokenhearted,  
To proclaim liberty to the captives  
And recovery of sight to the blind,  
To set at liberty those who are  
oppressed.”**

—Luke 4:18, NKJV

## MEET THE AUTHOR...



Edgar Espinosa, and his wife, Raylene, are your AWA Missionaries stationed at AWA's Philippines - Palawan Mission Base



# Is God Calling You?

**Adventist World Aviation** works hard to minister to the peoples of remote and hard to reach areas around the globe. It's not just the sweat of our brow, the tears that we cry, and the many prayers that are lifted while moving the gospel forward. There is the work that prepares us for the mission service.

Though we fly planes to help God's children in remote areas, that's only part of what we do. We need missionaries on the ground when not flying. Missionaries need preparation for the trials and challenges of interacting, living alongside, and communicating with indigenous locals.

Our missionaries' training comes through the Institute of World Mission (IWM) where they learn the basic skills to handle the cultural and environmental aspects of mission work in undeveloped areas of the world.

Support is described as something that holds up structure. Support raising is the building of a team as a foundation for God's workers. His invitation is to be part of a team - for those who cannot go, but who can pray and provide financial support. Ask Him how you might fit into the work of His world-wide vineyard alongside us.

Our pilots must prepare with the aforementioned tools to not only be feet on the ground, but also wings in the air. How do we prepare our pilots? Some come to us already trained and licensed, and some start without training.

Every pilot begins with their student license. After building time and studying for tests, and at a minimum of 40-60 hours the result may be a private pilot license. Pilots preparing to go into the mission field will need to get their instrument rating and then work towards their commercial license. That includes cross country flights, night flights, building time, knowing emergency maneuvers and more; potentially with a minimum of 500 hours. All this training helps build a safer, more solid pilot suited for the mission field.

While all our pilots hold an FAA pilot's license—a must for flying AWA aircraft in foreign countries—it's surely not a disqualifier if you aren't FAA licensed, yet still have all the other credentials. Converting your non FAA licenses to an FAA license can be done fairly easily.

If service with AWA, as a pilot or mission worker, is something you are considering, we would love to hear from you! Call us at AWA HQ at 919-938-2920, or email us at [info@flyawa.org](mailto:info@flyawa.org). We look forward to journeying with you to His Kingdom!





# Surprising Acts of Kindness

by Monique Wilkerson

Food bags, kitchenware, clothes, shoes, toys and much more! Our many brothers and sisters in Christ from all over the United States, Canada, and England came together once again to bring joy and hope to the Guyanese people in the interior region of Barima-Waini. Thank you to all of you who have partnered with AWA in these troubling times to keep the acts of loving kindness and generosity for the less fortunate alive and well. What a privilege for Bruce and me to be the emissaries of your love and goodness.

Over two weeks' time, the sharing and distribution of love and affection was three-fold. First, we had a

morning of sharing housewares and clothes for the ladies. With social distancing in mind, we started with prayer and singing; then the ladies took turns picking five items from the donated items. Blankets, kitchenware, and baby clothes were the most sought after. Even with the many ladies in attendance, everyone had the opportunity to pick three items a second time. Olivia, a young mother of a 2-year-old boy named David, was the most delighted and touched with the gesture. She had migrated from Venezuela and this act of generosity was an unfamiliar event for her. It was warmly received.





Next, we assembled bags of love for members of the Hobo Hill Worship Center and Barabina Church. The bags of love consisted of basic food provisions and clothing. Each member who received a bag was asked to share a Bible with someone one week and then a food provision to another person the following week, doubling and passing forward the acts of kindness. It was another unfamiliar gesture and teaching moment - to give, even when one is in need.

Lastly, Bruce and I delivered food hampers, books, clothes, and other essential items to the neediest people. One early morning, a man known to be a village drunk was walking towards the shop (hopefully not to drink) when Lesa and I stopped to share 2 large bags of dry beans with him. He was speechless! Lesa said that the beans were very timely because his family needed them to make the All Years Guyanese traditional recipe called Cook-Up. The village drunk walked away dumbfounded.

Most surprising was a gesture from a Guyanese pilot, Captain Tarick of the Air Services Limited Airline. One Sabbath, he asked to interrupt our children's Sabbath School class because he wanted to share candies with the children of the interior. The children's eyes brightened at the sight of the yummy candies from this unknown jungle pilot. What joy I felt that day that such a young pilot had a giving heart for the less fortunate children of the interior. May God bless Captain Tarick and all who give expecting nothing in return.

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In 1 Corinthians 3:9 it says, "For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building." NASB

Friends, your heart-felt monthly support, prayers and donations-in-kind are greatly appreciated by the Amerindian people we serve and by those of us whom are blessed to experience the joy and happiness emanating from the many boys and girls, ladies, and gentlemen of the Guyanese Interior. Let us continue to do good.

**"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."**

—Ephesians 2:10

## MEET THE AUTHOR...



**Monique Wilkerson, and her husband, Bruce, are project managers for Guyana and the Philippines; they are currently stationed at HQ in NC**





# A Song of Grace

by Julie Young

"Amazing Grace" is a Christian hymn published in 1779, with words written in 1772, by the English poet and Anglican clergyman, John Newton (1725–1807).\*

With the message that forgiveness and redemption are possible regardless of sins committed and that the soul can be delivered from despair through the mercy of God, "Amazing Grace" is one of the most recognizable songs in the English-speaking world.\*\*

Each time Ray and I travel for AWA as missionary leaders into the remote areas AWA serves, we are blessed to attend small, local, community churches. Often the song *Amazing Grace* is sung for song service and during divine worship time. We enjoy hearing the familiar hymn in the different translations.

Having only learned the hymn in English, we recognize from the first note sung, the familiar tune, and even though we can't always comprehend the words we are reading from the hymnal or understand the local indigenous dialect, we do our best to participate and share in spirit of the song.

Thankfully, the message conveyed is the same no matter where we attend; that God's grace, forgiveness, and redemption is available to everyone.

Here is the first verse of *Amazing Grace*, in the languages I have learned:

IN NICARAGUA, THE TRANSLATION IN MISKITO -

Version 1- Literal translation of the traditional language of Miskito

*Tenki pranakira, binka yanmi kira  
saura ai sakan, yan tiwi tauki kafri  
ikuna ai lpiki sakan naikra kaikraf kan  
kuna pat kaikisna.*

Version 2- from the Miskito Hymnal-

*Dawan latwanka tara sa, Prura wina ai dakban  
Tiuri kankli, ai sakan kan, Yang naikra prakan kan*

IN SPANISH -

*Gracia asombrosa que dulce el sonido,  
que salvó a un desgraciado como yo una vez...*

IN THE PHILIPPINES, TAGALOG -

*Kamangha-manghang Biyaya,  
Kamangha-mangha ang biyayam, Na nagligtas sa akin  
Ako'y nawawala ngunit natagpuan  
Kinupkop ng lubusan*

This small act of singing together strengthens our relationships with the people in the community and potentially helps us to understand their needs.

Everyone at AWA is called to lead souls to Christ in various ways. We are grateful to our donors for partnering with us as we seek to help those who are hurting and without hope.

**For by grace are ye saved through  
faith; and not that of yourselves:  
it is the gift of God.**

—Ephesians 2:8

\* Source: Wikipedia

\*\*Source: Wikipedia



# FREELY YE HAVE RECEIVED, FREELY GIVE. MATTHEW 10:8

## Donate Today to Save Lives

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supporting the  
work of Adventist  
World Aviation!**



## JOIN THE AWA TEAM!

You don't need to be a pilot to be a mission worker for Adventist World Aviation. Mission pilots and other missionaries are urgently needed. Do you have a desire to share Jesus with others, to live in another country and learn a different culture? Adventist World Aviation is expanding into other parts of the world and urgently needs pilots, A&P mechanics, A&P IA's, certified flight instructors (CFI), project managers, Bible workers, and medical personnel. Pilots must have instrument ratings, commercial ratings, and high performance ratings.

Anyone interested should also have a strong desire to share the love of Jesus with others. Please send a resume to Adventist World Aviation, 3457 Swift Creek Rd., Smithfield, NC 27577, or by email to [info@flyawa.org](mailto:info@flyawa.org).

# Bite-Sized Donations

AWA is evolving in its mission emphasis, yet still depends on you, our faithful partners. Our needs are the same, yet different in many ways. Your monthly support is what keeps us serving others. We also have bite-sized donations you can get involved in. Please look over our list and pray where you could support us in these bite-sized donations.



**\$25** A \$25 gift can allow our Guyanese partner in the city of Georgetown to open a bank account which will enable her to access funds to and from the US without delay and less difficulty in support of our Guyana Project. For our indigenous AWA partners in the interior to receive the funds they must wait on her to send the funds through the postal system. This bite-sized donation could make access to the funds quicker and smoother.

**\$48** A \$48 gift can provide one month lodging for our Philippine project assistant to live in the city of Puerto Princesa where she does 95% of her work. Currently, she commutes from her municipality of Napsan and pays \$6 for public transportation each time she conducts business in Puerto. She was previously living in her aunt's house rent-free, but now has been asked to find another place. Consequently, a \$576 gift can provide for a year's lodging.



**\$150** A \$150 gift can provide our missionary-in-training family (currently, we have 4 families) payment for the tuition to attend the 3-week Institute of World Missions training in Berrien Springs, MI.

**\$1000** A \$1,000 gift can assist with their food and lodging.



**\$250** A \$250 gift can provide our new Nicaragua team with new cookware at the La Tronquera base.



**\$500** A \$500 gift can provide our Guyana living quarters a new pump. Our 5-year old water pump has stopped working after many attempts of repair.



**\$5000** A \$5,000 gift can provide GPS for our aircraft to keep our pilots and aircraft safe.

**Gifts-in-Kind** Gifts-in-kind are also appreciated. Kyle, our talented Chief of Maintenance, can take unwanted laptops and computers and fix them so that AWA can either send them to the mission field or sell them and use the funds for mission work. Car, boats and planes can also be turned into funds to be used in the mission field.

Please call us at 919-938-2920 to let us know if you have items to donate in-kind. You will receive a tax receipt for your donation and “store up treasure in heaven”



# Impossible Install

by Kyle Stevenson

Have you ever had to do something where you got so frustrated that you gave up and said to yourself, “This is impossible?” Did you give up or continue pushing on through it to solve the problem?

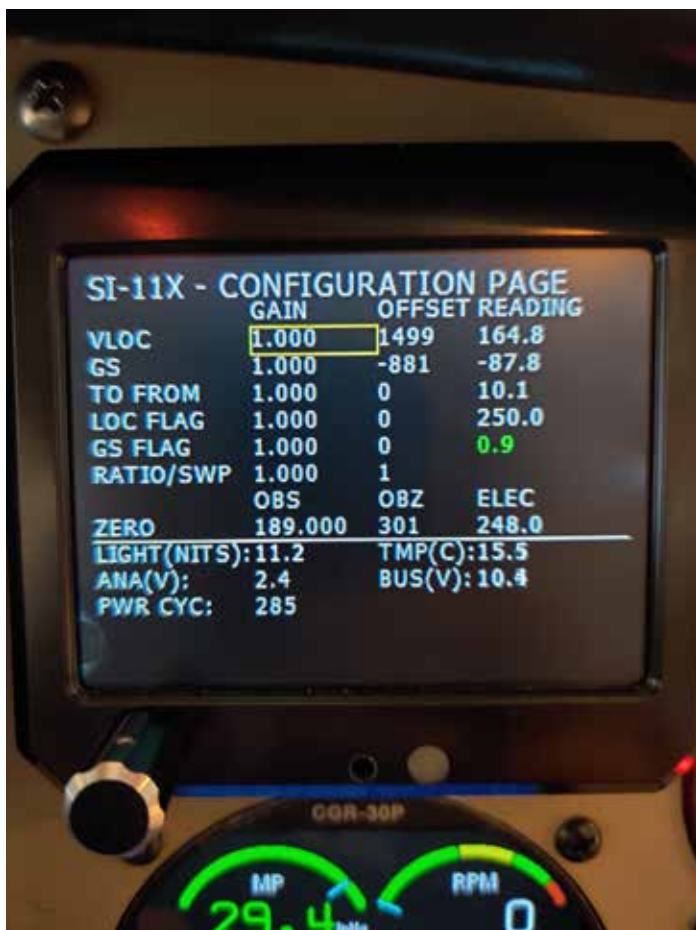
I’m sure we’ve all been there at some point in our lives. It’s far too easy to give up and throw our hands up in the air when we get frustrated and upset at a situation we can’t solve.

I experienced this recently here at AWA’s headquarters while working on an obscure install with a navigational radio system in one of our angel flight aircraft. I was installing two things; a navigational radio, and a display for the navigational radio called a CDI, or

*Course Deviation Indicator*. Pilots use these radios and displays to navigate radio stations and airports across the world. My job was to install the entire system and get the new display to read out information from the new nav radio. What seemed like an easy job at first turned out to be a complete nightmare!

I had gone through all the trouble shooting in the manual. I had talked to several avionics install places and not one had installed the specific radio components that I was currently installing. I double checked my wiring at least three or more times to make sure everything was right, yet there was no success in getting the nav radio to display properly on the CDI.





I sent the radio back to the manufacturer and wouldn't you know it - it had a bad receiver! The part of the radio that receives the radio signal was actually bad.

What an object lesson it was when you consider the *part in us* that's to receive signals from heaven but becomes non functional and needs replacing. We need a new mind and new heart... to be "at-one-ment" with God.

*A bad receiver.* Surely this was the culprit behind all my headaches and problems with the system. Once the radio came back from repair, I installed it fully expecting the system to come to life and have everything working as it should. The suspense was killing me! I quickly installed the radio, hooked up my test equipment and powered the system on. **No!** The **same** exact problem as before! The CDI was still not displaying the navigational data from the radio properly. And now, it was even worse. My head lowered. My shoulders drooped. I mentally signed off from the whole thing. It was clearly an impossible feat.

*Or was it?*

The nav radio obviously wasn't the problem, it was in working order with a fresh repair and test by the manufacturer. I was then encouraged to call the manufacturer of the CDI this time. *Why?* I didn't want to do it, because in my mind I had tried everything and even the experienced techs and manufacturer of the nav radio were just as confused as to why it was not working. *Why? Why call?* So with much prayer and one last, "Hurrah," I called up the manufacturer of the CDI (Sandia Aviation) and we set up an appointment with the engineer that designed the gauge.

There is something to be said of setting up an appointment, daily, with the Engineer that designed us and our "gauges." Sometimes we just can't figure out that deep issue inside, can't put it into words, but our Heavenly Engineer, well, He wrote the manual, and He knows just what it will take to restore proper function.

The scheduled video conference call with the engineer soon happened and honestly, I didn't expect much; but to our delight (Pastor Ric was on the call too), the engineer stumbled onto a simplistic answer that made everything come to light. *The radio was not properly matched to the CDI readout, causing them to be so far out of tolerance that the two pretty much refused to cooperate with each other.*

That concept of "matching," and "being out of tolerance" reminds me of the importance of being unified as the body of Christ; filled with His Spirit. If we're *so out of tolerance* to the point we refuse to work together, we're not matched, nor able to reflect Christ to the world. We need daily recalibration with God, a filling of His Spirit to be unified with Him and our brothers and sisters.

Once we matched up the CDI with the nav radio it worked much better and allowed us to calibrate the two together for the first time. We got the navigational side of the CDI working and calibrated, *but there was one last problem...*

We had a flag on the display that should not have been there. That flag was for something called a *back course* (BC) flag. This flag is an indicator to a pilot should they fly into the runway from the wrong end - as navigational radios are a one-way thing. With



the BC flag illuminated it was causing our *glide slope indication* (part of the display that guides the pilot to a runway on a vertical plane) to not work. Back to the radio manufacturer I went.

After talking with the manufacturer, I found out that the installation manual and wiring instructions *had a misprint* and showed an output for the BC flag from the radio when the radio did not have any such capability. I simply unhooked the BC wire from the radio... POOF! The display came to life! Everything now worked and my prayers were answered.

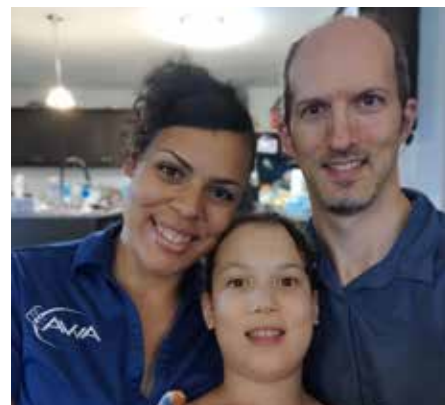
What lessons I had learned.

Never give up! Even when things seem impossible.

it is probably one of the most accurate systems we have in use. Not only did I learn some things, but I also helped others find out how it could be done. Both manufacturers learned from my endeavor to do something that I initially thought would never work. And who knows, because of my trials and experience, someone else may not have to suffer through the frustrations I did if they encounter the same situation.

I encourage you to have the endurance to push through what may seem impossible. Your victory in the end could help someone else to gain victory too. If you just can't handle it anymore, look up! You, too, can rely on the Great Engineer to help you through.

## MEET THE AUTHOR...



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**“Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”**

—Romans 5:3-5

The navigational system is continuing to serve its purpose in one of our angel flight aircraft. And



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James H. Brown, MBA, CSPG is the president of WAF. Over the years, James has collected years of experience within the church as controller, treasurer, associate director, manager of a foundation managing assets close to \$500M, and eventually, vice president of Western Adventist Foundation. He transitioned into the role of CEO in 2001.

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having all sufficiency in all things,  
may abound to every good work:...  
Being enriched in every thing to all  
bountifulness, which causeth through  
us thanksgiving to God.**

—2 Corinthians 9:8,11



# From Above

by Sharon Williams

**And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.**

—Genesis 1:28

I wonder how far away we are from the “replenish and subdue” part of this instruction today.

When I fly in our AWA planes, I marvel at the landscape below. Patches of trees, fields and meandering rivers are wonderful sights to admire. Flying over cities and towns, the tiny dwellings and miniature vehicles appear as small

playthings. What does our Lord see as He peers on His creation below? We know there was a time when looking down on this precious planet, He was grieved. “And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.” Genesis 6:6 Such sad words. Our Creator spoke into existence an unimaginable exquisite world and gifted it to men and women to care for and receive its superabundance. Then such a point of perversion grew that it caused our Father untold pain. He regretted the very act of creation. No words could express that agony... until, of course, the day His Son hung on the cross to atone for the sin that consumes men’s hearts.

Heaven viewed with grief and amazement Christ hanging upon the cross, blood flowing from His wounded temples and sweat tinged with blood stained upon His brow. From



His hands and feet the blood fell, drop by drop, upon the rock drilled for the foot of the cross. The wounds made by the nails gaped as the weight of His body dragged upon His hands. His labored breath grew quick and deep, as his soul panted under the burden of the sins of the world. All heaven was filled with wonder when the prayer of Christ was offered in the midst of His terrible suffering. - "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Luke 23:34. Yet there stood men, formed in the image of God joining to crush out the life of His only-begotten Son. What a sight for the heavenly universe! DA 760.2

Christ was treated as we deserve, that we might be treated as He deserves. He was condemned for our sins, in which He had no share, that we might be justified by His righteousness, in which we had no share. He suffered the death which was ours, that we might receive the life which was His. "With His stripes we are healed." DA 25.2

It's a glorious feeling to burst out of heavy clouds into the open sky as the panorama before you spreads for miles and miles. It is exhilarating! Just imagine when the sky is filled with the glory of His brightness and thousands upon thousands of angels join the heavenly procession toward the earth. How glorious it will be!

We have not done a very good job of caring for our earthly home and we long for the day we will journey to our heavenly home. As we drift upward to meet Him in the sky, the patches of green and brown, the cities and towns, buildings and waterways will fade out of sight.

We will return many years later to be privileged to watch as our Creator recreates this unique planet and prepares it to be the dwelling place of the King of the Universe.

**And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.**

**And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**

**And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.**

—Revelation 21:1-3

While there is still time before Christ's return, please yoke with AWA to share this message of hope with those who have not yet heard it. Connect with us in prayer and support to reach the suffering and hopeless of this world. We will dwell together in peace at last on this amazing planet, praising God eternally for the Sacrifice that made it possible.



## MEET THE AUTHOR...



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# Honey Buckets on the Yukon

by Jim Kincaid

Sadly, among the almost 240 native villages in Alaska many do not have clean running water and sewer. Most villages have a local water plant combined in some cases with a laundromat and a provision for showers. In these villages, local residents carry water to their homes in five gallon “jerry jugs.” As you can imagine, this chore is a daily essential activity. Adding to this reality is the fact that many people live in small houses with three generations crowded under one roof! In those villages where there is neither water or sewer, nor a water plant, the local folk are supplied with water by dipping it out of the nearby river. By all rights, they should be boiling the water, but most do not.

Thickening the plot, so to speak, is the existence of the “honey bucket.” In villages where the ground is not frozen, an “outhouse” is erected over a hand-dug hole, and each member of the household takes their turn. In those areas, where the ground is frozen, the answer to this need is the ubiquitous “honey bucket.” Usually found in a house entryway, closet, or in more affluent households, a dedicated room. Tending the honey bucket is not a popular chore. It rates considerably below taking out the garbage on the “least-desirable” scale.





Now, superimpose the Covid19 pandemic on many native villages where the residents are challenged to find clean, safe water, in sufficient quantities to practice proper hygiene. This introduction brings us to the realization that there is a great need that cries out for resolution. A collaborative initiative has risen to address the need of elevating hygiene, providing protective equipment, and providing household cleaning products specifically for the villages which lack safe water and sewer systems.

The pandemic has also caused the dissolution of several critical regional air carriers. So, not only must the spread of the virus be alleviated by elevated hygiene and better household cleanliness, but local villagers must have access to sufficient facial coverings, hand sanitizer, and other protective gear. In reality the few air carriers that are still in business are having a hard time making the rounds just to carry the mail.

AWA's involvement in the regional disaster response organization, NARVOAD (Volunteers Active in Disasters), has led to invitations to join the State Masscare Task Force, and other subgroups. We have offered to provide transportation for the distribution of the essential protective gear and necessary cleaning products. God has provided a mission field of 11 of the interior villages.

It is our practice to include pre-prepared shelf-stable food totes in each load if there is space available. We can then ask the local village chief to distribute the food to those who have the greatest need.

This partnership with state agencies, other non-profits, and local village contacts has a huge potential for future involvement in villages where we have never had an open door before. Jesus said, "Give ye them to eat." He fed the multitude and word spread of the miracle. Many learned of God's love, and in similar fashion, we can bring hope to the people of Alaska.

We challenge you, our supporters, to continue both prayer support and financial resources as now is the time to rise to the critical need of the hour.

**"Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others."**

—Philippians 2:4, ESV

## MEET THE AUTHOR...



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## El Amor De Un Padre ~ *The Father's Love*

by Betzaida Rivera

### ***Porque Tanto Amo Dios Al Mundo...***

¿Que es el amor? Según el diccionario, el amor es un sentimiento intenso de profundo afecto. En nuestro mundo, sabemos que el amor se puede demostrar, interpretar o sentir de muchas formas diferentes. ¿Cómo interpreta la gente el amor? Para algunos, se sienten amados al poder ver a ese ser querido o mascota especial, para otros, la capacidad de sentarse solos y leer un libro, incluso poder comprar flores para un amigo. Pero detrás de todas estas acciones, ¿cuál es el motivo? ¿Es amor? Si ese es el caso, ¿qué es el amor? ¿Es un verbo o un sustantivo?

La Biblia tiene muchas historias de amor, pero profundicemos en una historia específica, la historia de Abraham; y leámoslo desde la perspectiva del amor. En Génesis 22: 1 dice: “Aconteció después de estas cosas que Dios probó a Abraham y le dijo: “¡Abraham!”

### ***For God so loved the World...***

What is love? According to the dictionary, love is an intense feeling of deep affection. In our world, we know love can be demonstrated, interpreted, or felt, in many different ways. How do people interpret love? For some, they feel loved by being able to be with that special loved one or even a pet; for others, it's the ability to sit alone quietly reading a book, or even being able to buy flowers for a friend. But behind all of these actions, what is the motive? Is it love? If that's the case, what is love? Is it a verb or a noun?

The Bible has many love stories, but let's dive deep into one specific story - the story of Abraham; and let's read it from the perspective of love. In Genesis 22:1 it says, “Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!”

We all know that Abraham was not a sinless man, but despite his failures, in James 2:23 the Bible says, “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. And he was called the friend of God”. All of us, like Abraham, have fallen into temptation and



Ahora, todos sabemos que Abraham no era un hombre sin pecado, pero a pesar de sus fracasos, en Santiago 2:23 la Biblia dice: “Abraham creyó en Dios, y le fue contado por justicia. Y fue llamado amigo de Dios.”

Todos nosotros, como Abraham, hemos caído en la tentación y hemos pecado contra Dios, pero la devoción no se basa en el pecado sino en el amor.

Regresemos a Génesis 22: 1 donde dice que Dios probó a Abraham.

¿Alguna vez has experimentado que tu amor sea puesto a prueba? En este versículo leemos que Dios puso a prueba el amor de Abraham. Cuando Dios lo llamó para explicar cuál era la prueba, la respuesta de Abraham fue ¡Aquí estoy!

La prueba de Abraham no fue dada solo para que podamos entender su fidelidad a Dios, tiene un significado mucho más profundo. Dios sabe que la mayoría de nosotros somos aprendices visuales y sabía que a través de la prueba de Abraham, podríamos visualizar y comprender un significado diferente de la palabra Amor.

Quiero que veamos el gran amor que el Padre nos tiene. Antes de ser crucificado, Jesús oró en Mateo 26:39 “Padre mío, si es posible, pase de mí esta copa”. Ahora, imagínese en una situación de vida o muerte en la que su hijo estaba involucrado y usted era la única persona que podía evitar que muriera.

Uno puede intentar imaginar cómo se habrá sentido nuestro Padre Celestial al saber que iba a enviar a Su hijo a la tierra para enfrentar el ridículo, la humillación y, en última instancia, la muerte; y sin embargo, lo hizo. Estaba dispuesto a pasar por todo el sufrimiento y el dolor solo para poder tenernos a Su lado. ¡A través de estas acciones se nos muestra que el amor es un verbo!

**“Porque tanto AMÓ Dios al mundo  
que DIO a su Hijo Unigénito.”**

— Juan 3:16

sinned against God, but devotion is not on sin but on love.

Let's go back to Genesis 22: 1 where it says God tested Abraham. Have you ever experienced your love being put to the test? In these verses we read that God put Abraham's love to the test. When God called him to explain what the test was, Abraham's reply was, “Here I am!”

Abraham's test was not given just so that we can understand his faithfulness to God, it has a much deeper meaning. God knows most of us are visual learners and He knew that through Abraham's test, we would be able to visualize and understand a different meaning for the word love.

I want us to see the great love that the Father has for us. Before being crucified, Jesus prayed in Matthew 26:39 “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me.” Now imagine yourself in a life or death situation where your child was involved and you were the only person who could prevent them from dying. One can try to imagine how our Heavenly Father must have felt knowing He was going to send His Son down to earth to face ridicule, humiliation, and ultimately death; and yet, He did. He was willing to go through all of the suffering and pain just to be able to have us by His side.

Through these actions we are shown that love is a verb!

**“For God so LOVED the world that He  
GAVE His only begotten son.”**

—John 3:16

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## MEET THE AUTHOR...



Jose Aponte, and his wife, Betzy, and their children, are your AWA Missionaries-in-Training soon to be stationed at AWA's Mission Base in Nicaragua



# Oven-Fresh Spinner Bread

by Jordana Runne

## INGREDIENTS:

- 3 cups whole wheat flour
- 2 tsp. yeast
- 1 tsp. salt
- ½ tbsp. honey
- 2 tbsp. oil
- 1 ½ warm water or plant-based milk

## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Mix all the dry ingredients in the food processor.
2. Then add honey and oil.
3. Add a cup of water or milk. Slowly pour the rest in if needed.
4. Pulse away! This saves you time, energy, and cleanup. The mixture should form a ball.
5. Put the dough in a clean plastic bag, and wrap it with a dishcloth. Put it on a warm place for about 45 minutes. When you check your bread again, it should be twice its size.

6. Knead the dough. Put the dough into a well oiled bread pan. Follow step 5 again, for 25 minutes.
7. Pop it in the oven at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes.

## TIPS:

- This soft bread is yummy with butter and honey, although one person can eat it all this way, before anyone else gets a bite!
- It is also great with as a side with soup or stew.
- Have fun experimenting with flavors such as adding herbs to the dough, as well!





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***Enjoy your oven-fresh  
Spinner Bread!***

**“O taste and see that the Lord  
is good: blessed is the man that  
trusteth in him.”**

—Psalm 34:8

### MEET THE AUTHOR...



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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 tools and equipment.

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**“Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;  
Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able  
to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort  
wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.”**

*—2 Corinthians 1:3, 4*

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