



BLESSINGS FOR ALL

Recently AWA had the opportunity to take in another plane donation and what a multi faceted blessing it turned out to be!

Betty's son, Steve, called the AWA office to share his mother's desire to fulfill her late husband's wish to donate his plane. Betty's husband passed away in 2013. He loved to fly. His plane - a beautiful 1967 Champion Citabria (*a plane that has a tailwheel).

While this kind of tailwheel wouldn't work so well in the mission field (though there are some models that do), it would be a great blessing to AWA pilots to help them have better rudder control and fine tune their pilot skills.

The plane was located near Lake City, Michigan, on a sky ranch. It was a grass turf airfield with houses and

hangars all around it; lining the taxiways and runways. I've never seen a community like that before, but how cool it was!

Pastor Ric, Kyle, and I drove up to receive the plane. It needed an annual check as it hadn't received maintenance in several years - since no one was flying it. The Citabria, however, was in pristine condition! With the help of Betty's son, her grandson, Pastor Ric and, of course, Kyle, the annual was done in about 5 hours. Usually it could take a couple days, but because it had been so well cared for and with a large crew, it took no time at all.

While the boys did their awesome work out in the little hangar on the airfield, I went to the adjoining house and spent time with Betty. She needed to move out of the house and was busy cleaning up the place. An unfortunate break-in and devastating vandalism had occurred. It broke all our hearts to see the damage.



Betty needed support through the overwhelming task of sorting, discarding and packing things.

Little things can make the biggest impact in a person's life. Little things can change the world as they touch hearts. I loved on Betty while Kyle and Pastor Ric uplifted Betty's son, Steve, and grandson, Daniel, with comradery and encouragement. It was a ministry they both needed as dad's and grandpa's plane was dearly special to them. Christ's love was felt that day as the plane was prepared to fly to AWA Headquarters.

Thank you for your support of AWA's work; of the ministry we do globally and here in the US.

Until next month!

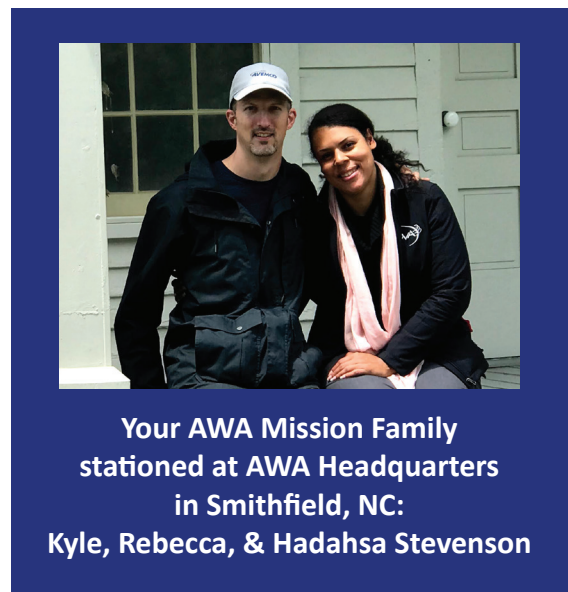
The Stevenson Family

***Editor's note:** Conventional landing gear, or tailwheel-type landing gear, is an aircraft undercarriage consisting of two main wheels forward of the center of gravity and a small wheel or skid to support the tail.

A SIDE TRIP

On the way back to North Carolina, as Kyle and I drove home, we stopped at the Adventist Historic Village. It was right on the way.

We stepped back in time into the life of the early pioneers... of the lives and ministries of those who helped shape the foundation of the Adventist church. Kyle and I were amazed at all the things we saw and learned about the efforts of those who almost 150 years ago had formed the groundwork for today's church. The experience of our time in the village brought about the greatest affirmation: this is what ministry is all about-- what AWA is all about; lifting Christ that all mankind may be drawn to Him. What a wonderful way to end a homeland mission trip!



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