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## **PRESIDENT'S WEATHER REPORT**

### **“Standard Briefing”**

Back in the early 2000s, there was a movie called Click. The lead character (Adam Sandler) was able to mute, pause, fast forward, and even rewind parts of life. What a concept! Wouldn't it be nice to be able to “mute” the commotion of life, rewind, and do it over? Unfortunately, even with all of the amazing technology today, life still isn't that simple.

The year 2020-2021 is a time we would all like to fast-forward through. Unfortunately, the presidential election, America's divisiveness, trouble in Afghanistan and the Middle East, and the growing Covid-19 list of setbacks seem to have no end. There is more concern for the temporal things instead of the eternal things. The darkness distracts us, and we grumble.

While complaining about our past, or even our present, can be therapeutic for us, it drags us and others down. My father had a saying: “If you want to help someone out of a pit, don't jump into the pit with them, or you'll both be stuck. Rather, give them a hand up.” That old saying, “misery loves company,” is a lie. Misery wants encouragement. When you join misery, there will now be two miserable individuals, making the first twice as miserable.

We at AWA are here to encourage others. As we encourage others we fulfill our divine mission and duty to point others to the true source of hope that brightens our path for the future. This year we were encouraged in many areas that gave us an exciting outlook for 2022. Some of those areas include:

- Kyle Stevenson, our Chief of Aircraft Maintenance, has been busy at work in the hangar with annuals and avionic upgrades. As God has blessed, the ability to refurbish donated aircraft has blossomed! Volunteers like Rob Little and others have helped to make that happen as “Many hands make light work.” With a new apprenticeship program, Steven Leger has come on board and worked hard with Kyle, blessing us all.
- The Wilkersons moved to Illinois to transition into an emerging new role as Vice President (VP) of Project Development. This new position will address a growing need for a more systematic response to disasters and our mercy flight program. We believe that positioning the Wilkersons in the Midwest is divinely inspired and is strategic to our expanding mission. The Wilkersons plan to develop an AWA missionary training program and our midwest staging area for angelwing flights (humanitarian or mercy flights). As we see God leading in many ways, we know He will reveal the perfect setting for our new Midwest location!
- International travel has certainly been a challenge with the ever-changing pandemic restrictions. The slowdown we experienced, however, gave way to unrealized blessings. What seemingly was a disappointment for us and the Runne family when the door closed as travel requirements to Guyana became unattainable, became a blessing as we praised God that another door had



opened for Nicaragua. Caleb successfully applied for and was approved to receive his dual citizenship for Nicaragua. His children, Enoch and Jordana, now have an easier pathway for their dual citizenship too. Having missionaries with host country citizenships significantly expands AWA's opportunities for further developing our projects in-country. The Fix family is also very excited that they will be deploying with another family as partners in their AWA Nicaragua project. We're excited too!

- Recently, Bruce Wilkerson conducted a disaster response flight to Haiti as AWA partnered with the Gideon Response Company (GRC) and their team in Les Cayes, Haiti. Shortly after, Hurricane Ida hit southern Louisiana. Bruce and our GRC friends redeployed to Houma and Grand Isle, Louisiana, to help in these devastated areas with physical, emotional, and spiritual aid. In doing so, we have discovered a viable open door for ongoing mission work in Haiti and in disaster response missions. Both of these recent disaster areas need more aid and ongoing support. Please join us in prayer as we seek to follow God's leading.
- Jim Kincaid has been serving faithfully in Alaska over the years and has recently experienced miraculous healing. Thank you for all the intercessory prayers!
- Our Angelwing flight program continues to grow as we serve our region and look at opportunities to meet needs in an even wider geographical area. Melanie will need continued support with her cancer treatment. We are honored to be there joining her fight and praising God for her valiant recovery.

From the Amplified Bible, Romans 8:18 reads, "For I consider [from the standpoint of faith] that the sufferings of the present life are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is about to be revealed to us and in us!"

As we look back on 2020 and, soon, 2021, we praise God because He is our Creator and our provider. Knowing our needs He has led many people, such as you, to support the work He has called AWA to do. We are blessed for our many partnerships. One of those partnerships is with 3ABN, who has graciously helped to tell the story of the work AWA is doing. Many of you heard about AWA for the first time and were blessed from the experiences shared on 3ABN; having since become regular supporters that enable the work to move forward. Friends, we cannot continue to realize blessings through the work that we do without your critical support. We would not have been able to accomplish all of these important missions if not for your prayers and faithful giving. If you haven't already, prayerfully consider being a financial partner with us today. There are exciting days ahead!

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



Pastor Ric with his granddaughter, Emma

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## Flight Plan

by Rebecca Stevenson

There is a picture hanging on the wall in the office that reads “*Grow where you are planted.*” What a statement, especially for the Christian adventurer—the missionary. No matter what our area of specialization is, or what job we hold, we’re all missionaries in our own sphere of influence. And sometimes, our passion for the job we hold or the work we do in life turns into a full-time ministry. Growth is the result of life and there is much growth taking place here at Adventist World Aviation.

Thomas Hinrichs, AWA’s accountant and comptroller, recently moved to our AWA office in Smithfield, North Carolina. Previously, Thomas

worked remotely from his home office in Florida, but saw the synergy and efficiency advantages of working onsite with our AWA headquarters team. Thomas is a skilled accountant, handling AWA financial and personnel matters and much more. He provides critical infrastructure support to our AWA missionaries and support team members. He brightens our day at the office, and we’re delighted he’s a part of our team!

At the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) event this year, an international airshow where other missionary aviation organizations gather, Pastor Ric spent time talking with other organization



leaders about their apprenticeship programs. From that, he formulated a new program for AWA to get missionaries into the field quicker and fully funded. Steven Leger has come on board with AWA through the new apprenticeship program and is working with Kyle Stevenson, our Chief of Maintenance, to acquire his A&P license. Steven is also working on his pilot's license to become a mission pilot. He is passionate about life and reaching people for Christ with the talents he has and is learning. Before he came to AWA, he gained experience serving as a colporteur all around the US. We're glad for the fiery passion Steven brings to the table here at HQ!

AWA has been expanding in many areas and stretching our capabilities. Recently, the Wilkersons had an amazing opportunity to move to Illinois. The mission? A divinely inspired vision that both Bruce Wilkerson and Pastor Ric shared in common. When both dreams were shared with one another in a meeting, they were both astonished. God was and is leading and making plans for His ministry. So, Bruce and Monique moved to Illinois to build a missionary training program that will prepare AWA missionaries with skill sets needed to thrive in the ever-changing mission field. In addition to missionary training, Bruce and Monique will help in the development of new projects or the expansion of existing projects. Finally, the AWA Midwest training location will also serve as a platform to expand our existing angelwing flight program (mercy flights) and better position AWA for disaster response missions. Having an AWA hub in the Midwest will position AWA to respond to more disasters over larger areas that are prone to disasters. Haiti has also become a point of interest for Bruce and AWA. Bruce recently flew to Haiti as part of a relief team that helps bring hope to the communities most severely impacted by the August 2021 earthquake. When asked about the trip, here is what he had to say:

**“This is a unique opportunity for our organizations to experience God’s leading in a new and powerful way.”**

“AWA’s ability to rapidly respond to the increasing number of catastrophes happening in growing succession in diverse places is paramount. For the first time in recent AWA history, we are conducting joint crisis response operations with other mission-minded organizations. More than just collaboration, we are integrating our AWA staff with other organizational teams. This is a unique opportunity for our organizations to experience God’s leading in a new and powerful way. AWA’s historical role in disaster response is to provide humanitarian relief flights for a medical patient or to deliver relief supplies to a nearby hard-hit area. But now we are seeing an even greater need for aviation support carrying supplies and disaster relief teams with little to no notice, flying more payload to locations to a greater distance than our current inventory of aircraft can fly.”

AWA is now looking into acquisition of larger aircraft, such as a Cessna Grand Caravan, Quest Kodiak, or Piper King Air. There are many options for sure. And as Bruce mentioned in his closing comment, “We are praying and watching for God’s leading in this endeavor.”

## MEET THE AUTHOR...



**Rebecca Stevenson is the Administrative Assistant to Pastor Ric. Her husband, Kyle, is the Chief of Maintenance. They, with their daughter, Hadahsa, are stationed at AWA Headquarters in Smithfield, NC.**





# To Know and Understand the Times

by Jim Kincaid

During the Old Testament reign of Saul, David, the anointed king-elect had to run for his life continuously due to Saul's paranoia. When the saga finally ended with the death of Saul, during his final battle with the Philistines, David was free to become king of Judah and other southern tribes.

During this period, groups of people came from other tribes with a mandate to help David gain the throne over all Israel. First Chronicles, chapter 12, lists by tribal affiliation those who supported David's accession to the throne and describes the expertise of the tribal groups. For example, in verse 32, the men of the tribe of Issachar are described as those who understood the times and knew what Israel ought to do. In these challenging times, the Lord needs a few good men and women, who know the times and know what is best for God's kingdom.

In the 46 years that my wife, Linda, and I, have ministered in Alaska, we have seen many honest-hearted people join the ranks of those who are committed to Jesus and His teachings, and are eagerly waiting and watching for His return. For the past 20-plus years we have been involved with AWA as Alaska Project managers. It has been our goal to speed the work of God with the use of aircraft. Alaska is one of the places on earth where the utility of aircraft is essential. The state road system only serves a relatively small portion of the total area.

It has been our work over the years to support the volunteers at their posts in the remote villages, to carry on the work of building maintenance, to engage in volunteer recruitment, and to be the bridge for the local village folk as volunteers come and go.

During this time, we have lived in Kotzebue in the northwest arctic for 16 years. Sometimes when one takes a backward glance at the experiences of the past the temptation is to wonder how much good has been accomplished. However,

we can take heart because we know that our loving heavenly Father oversees the harvest. He is not willing that any should perish, but that all will come to repentance. Meanwhile, we continue to focus on paying close attention to safety and the use of good judgment while flying, to keep the goals of the kingdom out front, and to share God's love with all we meet.

We've been in this for the long haul, and we appreciate those who have continued to support this ministry for the duration.



## MEET THE AUTHOR...



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





Photo Credit: Ben Lew



# Our Enhanced Mission in Turbulent Times

by Bruce Wilkerson

AWA's ability to rapidly respond to the increasing number of catastrophes happening in rapid succession in diverse places is paramount. Are these isolated events? I don't believe so. In Matthew 24:7-8 Jesus talked about the signs of the times: "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows." The Bible says that no one knows the day or hour of His return but the Father in heaven. Like a mother preparing for the birth of her child, birthing pains increase with intensity and succession as the day of her child's arrival draws near, so are signs for Christ's return. In Matthew 24, Jesus wants us to understand the type of events that will occur, so we have hope not to despair that the time is close for His return.

AWA's support to the Haiti earthquake and Hurricane Ida was truly a God-led response effort that tested AWA's faith and traditional action plans. When AWA normally responds to a humanitarian crisis, it is in concert with other relief efforts or a one-off situation that does not require a joint operation to accomplish the humanitarian relief work. Our response to the earthquake in Haiti and our follow-on response for Hurricane Ida in southern Louisiana changed everything as we saw God leading in new and exciting ways.

For the first time in recent history, AWA is conducting joint crisis response operations with other mission-minded organizations. More than just collaboration, we are integrating our AWA staff with other organizations' response teams. This is a unique opportunity for both organizations to experience God's leading in a new and powerful way. When God calls, He provides opportunities for increased faith and trust in Him. No matter the size of the calling, the work is His and so is the support needed to accomplish His work. A calling from God is not something we can accomplish on our own. If it were, God

would not or may not receive the glory and honor. As we follow Him in what is seemingly an insurmountable task, He will work in and through us to accomplish His will. When His work is done, God receives the glory and honor.

AWA was blessed to partner with the Gideon Response Company (GRC) for a joint response to the recent 7.2 magnitude earthquake in Haiti and southern Louisiana's Hurricane Ida. Both faith-based ministries are driven to provide humanitarian aid to the people they serve. AWA primarily uses the provisions of air transport to help deliver support to impoverished communities in many parts of the world, with missionary families based in those areas ministering to the full spectrum of community needs in a variety of ways. Just like AWA, GRC believes in the "Golden Hour" principle used in emergency medicine that warrants the need to transport a person to definitive medical care within an hour to save lives. That same Golden Hour principle they submit also exists for the mental and spiritual injuries that occur during a disaster. GRC's aim, therefore, is to provide more than a physical lifeline; they believe an even greater need exists to provide a spiritual life line that connects people with the master rescuer of souls—Jesus Christ. How does that happen? During a humanitarian crisis there are many physical needs, but the one thing that gives people the ability to survive and flourish during critical moments in life is hope. True hope is supplied by knowing the love of our Savior Jesus Christ whom He has poured out for *all* mankind. An encounter with a person in crisis is an opportunity for a person, led by the Holy Spirit, to minister to that person's physical, emotional, and spiritual needs and for God to be glorified!

This is AWA's enhanced mission in turbulent times: to partner with like-minded organizations to minister to others and to be the hands and feet of Jesus wherever He may lead. To provide physical, emotional, and spiritual nourishment for hungry souls.





Photo Credit: Ben Lew

# Love in Louisiana

by Bruce Wilkerson

What does a pilot like to do most with his or her spare time? When asked, most pilots would say, “Fly!” Well, that is exactly what happened as soon as I was dispatched as the AWA representative to join the Gideon Rescue Company (GRC) for their response to Hurricane Ida. When I volunteered to assist, I never thought that answering the call to serve would mean an unexpected adventure!

Our Ida response started in Orlando, Florida, where Lance (GRC team member) and I had a God moment with Dennis, our Haitian taxi driver. We shared stories of our week in Les Cayes, Haiti, and how God was leading despite the disaster. Through our conversation we learned that Dennis is also a local pastor. When we shared spiritual GLOW tracts with him, he was excited about the message and said he would share the tracts with his family and church that next Sunday.

Coincidentally, a GRC volunteer pilot was in Orlando for a jiu-jitsu tournament and had time available. He volunteered to fly the team in his single-engine turboprop Pilatus (PC-12) to Houma, Louisiana. Upon landing, the pilot and his crew and our GRC-AWA response team immediately began helping the Apex Jet Center manager

clean and straighten the storm-damaged hangar, where tools and equipment were scattered all over and parts of his roof were missing. We shared with the manager that we were a faith-based disaster response team, and we were there to help. Immediately he offered the entire hangar and washroom facilities to us as our base of operations.

Many fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters were arriving and departing in response to the catastrophe of Hurricane Ida. Most were general aviation aircraft, but some were Army Blackhawks (UH-60) and others were the larger Chinooks (CH-47). During one of the sorties, an entourage of officials arrived with reporters and the Commander for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Lieutenant General Scott Spellmon. As this 3-star general was interviewed by reporters about the wide-spread hurricane damages and the breached levees on Grand Isle, Brock, the GRC team leader and I were impressed that we needed to have a moment with this senior leader about our willingness to help, not just physically, but spiritually and emotionally. We said a short prayer and looked for a window of opportunity. The door opened so I shared with the general how our faith-based team responded to Haiti two days earlier and that





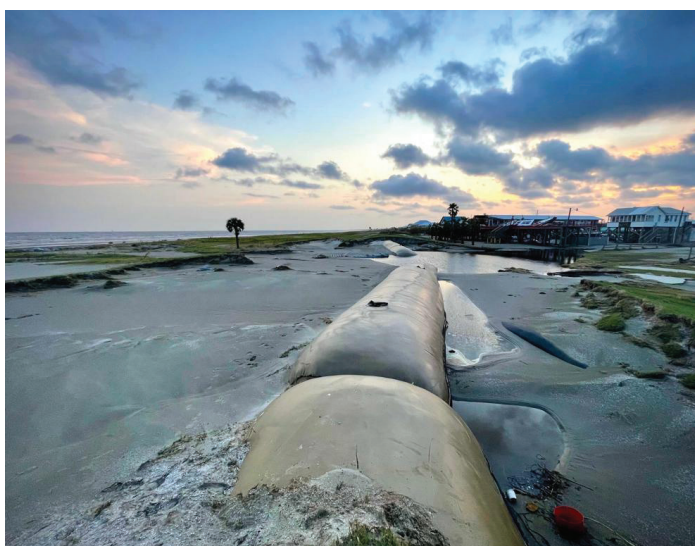
we were trying to make our way to Grand Isle to help with the response there too. General Spellmon is a believer and thanked us for what we were doing. I handed the general a couple of inspirational tracts and asked him to share them with someone who needs hope. He smiled and said he would! God's timing is always perfect, and He has His believers in more places than we know.

Lance and I volunteered as the advance reconnaissance team into Grand Isle along with FEMA's Task Force 1. We were inserted into Grand Isle, courtesy of the Army CH47 Chinook sitting on the tarmac in Houma. As we flew over the devastated region there were many unknowns, but we knew that God would provide opportunities to witness and glorify Him. The Army landed next to a water-soaked field and off-loaded Lance and me to find our way to the Grand Isle Fire Station. As we negotiated the marsh, it looked like we had a three-mile trek to rendezvous with our contact at the firehouse. When Lance and I started our hike, it was hard to miss the impact of Hurricane Ida and the destruction that remained. Turning the next corner in the middle of nowhere was a fire station truck extracting

water for the station! They immediately offered us a ride to the station. Once again God provided for our needs. As Lance and I became acquainted with the Grand Isle Firehouse team, we quickly realized this was the mission where God had called us to serve.

The next evening, five additional GRC team members arrived with two trucks filled with drinking water, food, and critical supplies needed to support Grand Isle's first responders' disaster recovery efforts. The GRC-AWA team then began fixing the homes of the firefighters and other community first responders' homes. The firehouse team were genuinely touched that they and their own devastated homes would be looked after while they paid attention to the needs of the community. There are many stories to share of how God led and revealed Himself despite the destruction and loss in Grand Isle, but telling them all would fill the entire magazine.

God continued to reveal brief encounters or provide a moment in time to share Him with others through disaster response. Another humbling experience ensued. As I was waiting at the gate for my flight back to North Carolina, I overheard the couple across from me overwhelmed with sorrow for the loss of their second granddaughter, an infant, that night. I felt compelled to share with them my experiences in Haiti and Hurricane Ida, where I saw clearly that, amidst the destruction and suffering, God offers hope and love. After we prayed and shed tears together, I gave them a GLOW tract on what God's Word says about death and dying. As I boarded my flight, I could not help but think that despite all the devastation the world is experiencing, we have this hope in Jesus Christ and His soon return. To God be the glory!







# Hope for Haiti

by Bruce Wilkerson

On July 7, the President of Haiti, Jovenel Moïse, was assassinated in his home. This country was already struggling with escalating gang violence, food insecurity, and numerous socio-economic challenges. The assassination only further destabilized this struggling country. Faster forward to five weeks later, on August 14, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck the Tiburon Peninsula of Haiti, approximately 77 miles west of the Haitian capital, Port-au-Prince. With devastation, violence, and poverty on the rise, Haitian hope is in short supply. God is calling.

A few days after the earthquake struck Haiti, a small team from the Gideon Response Company (GRC) were mobilized and poised in Florida, ready to deploy into Haiti. Transportation plans changed. Jessica, a GRC responder, called Adventist World Aviation (AWA) at Johnston Regional Airport (KJNX). Thinking perhaps AWA was already responding to Haiti, they could assist the GRC team too. As an AWA missionary, I listened to the needs and plans of GRC. I could hear that still small voice whispering, “Go and help.”

God selected the perfect AWA pilot for the mission. Bob Hugel had flown his 4-seater single-engine Piper Comanche (PA-24) to the Bahamas many times before. He was able and willing though apprehensive. There were many unknowns with the devastation in Haiti, making it difficult to get information for proper flight planning. However, Bob’s faithful response to the need for Hope in Haiti would indeed be a blessing and positively impact lives. A few days later, we landed with two GRC team members in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. We were inserted by helicopter to Les Cayes, on the southern peninsula of Haiti, where we began responding to the needs at the Ofatma Hospital and the surrounding catastrophe-stricken communities.

The devastation and destruction were shocking and complicated an already impoverished area. The Ofatma Hospital had suffered severe structural damages. The kitchen behind the hospital was converted into a surgical suite, a tent, the pre-op, and the post-op and ward were established in the corridors. The surgeons during our time there was a Jewish





team responding from Mexico. This was supplemented by GRC nurses, other NGO responders, and local Haitian doctors. Medications such as anesthesia and antibiotics were in short supply though frequently none were available. There were many orthopedic cases from the collapsed structures, broken bones, and wound and crush injuries - some requiring amputation with little to no anesthesia or antibiotics. Sterilization was a significant problem, as was the risk of infection and its devastating results. Despite all of this destruction and sadness, the team saw God at work and instilled hope where little existed.

One man the team tended to in the makeshift ward was recovering from wounds he received during the earthquake. As we examined his wounds, we knew he was in pain. With medication shortages, our team introduced him to hydrotherapy as one of the natural methods for pain relief and to help break the infection cycle. After he finished the hot and cold foot baths, he remarked how much better he felt.

There are many incredible stories, but one that stands out at Ofatma Hospital is an 8-year-old boy named David. He was in the hospital every day, hanging around our team and other NGO responders. David had no apparent injuries and was not much different than any other 8-year-old boy. He was full of energy and loved to play and zip around the hospital. He attached himself particularly to Lance, one of the GRC team members. They became friends, and every day when the team arrived at the hospital for a day of physical and spiritual labor, David would run out to greet the bus and give Lance a big hug. One day he saw the team eating a piece of bread (lunch), and he looked longingly at the bread. David was hungry! Unbeknownst to us, he hadn't eaten in days. When we collectively shared food with him, he devoured the food with a big smile. What an unforgettable and humbling experience!

Our faith-based response team helped in a variety of ways with both clinical and non-clinical tasks. The work was plenty, but the laborers were few. The goal? To be the

hands and feet of Jesus. That meant, as the team ministered to the physical needs, God opened doors for us to minister to the emotional and spiritual needs. There were countless stories of sadness, but hope arrived, even as we prayed with the hopeless. We shared inspirational scripture and God's promises that resulted in the blessing of seeing God at work.



## MEET THE AUTHOR...



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# Striving for the Eternal

by Josh Fix

Trouble and confusion are in no short supply these days, but I believe that God is calling us to rise above the turmoil and experiences of these last days and prepare for the great day of God Almighty. Jesus tells us that when we see these things coming on the earth, we should look up, for our redemption draweth nigh (see Luke 21:28). How often do we do this in a serious way? How often do we really look at our lives and let God guide us to align ourselves with His eternal interests?

I'm not talking about losing our good sense, but there is a worldly wisdom that is contrary to godly wisdom. A lot of times it takes real faith to do things God's way, which is walking by the Spirit, contrary to what our flesh or our carnal viewpoint says is a good idea. Jesus had something to share on that subject. "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works" (Matthew 16:24-27).

Ellen White also shared, "We should individually aim for a higher and holier standard. The mind will surely become dwarfed if it is continually occupied with earthly things. But if trained to dwell upon heavenly, eternal themes, it will be expanded, elevated, and strengthened. The mind should take hold of things unseen and meditate thereon; then things of eternal interest will be so exalted above the earthly, that temporal affairs will sink into insignificance in comparison" (*Review and Herald*, December 23, 1884).

At Adventist World Aviation we strive to put the eternal first in all that we do. A prime example of that just happened to some dear friends of ours, the Runne family. They were in route to Guyana to be the project missionaries when a week before their departure there arose an issue that prevented them from entering the country. Wow! A week before! They fasted, prayed, and counseled with friends and the message was plain: Go to Nicaragua instead! We are so excited because Dr. Caleb, Glenda, and their children, Jordana and Enoch, will be a great addition to our Nicaragua Project. Caleb and Glenda both speak Spanish, the national language. An even a greater blessing is that Caleb can have dual citizenship, since his mother is originally from Nicaragua.

"Often our plans fail that God's plans for us may succeed."

May all of us be in step with the Spirit and be moving toward the day when this mortal shall put on immortality.



## MEET THE AUTHORS...



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

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# The Final Countdown to Take-Off

by Julie Young

Ken and Ronda White donated this 1957 Cessna 172 aircraft many years ago. It has been stationed in the Town of Lillooet, British Columbia, on the municipal aerodrome on the east side of the Fraser River. Having the plane so far away from where we live in Kelowna has made it difficult to maintain, let alone fly it out of the area closer to the AWA Canada hangar in Oliver, BC.

We have driven down to Lillooet many times in the past two years to repair this plane for takeoff.

Unfortunately, each time we planned that this would be the day to take off, either the mechanics or forest fires or seasonal weather prevented us from doing so.

On October 3rd this year we felt the timing had all come together. Leaving our home at 5:00 am, we first drove to Oliver to the AWA hangar to pick up aviation tools, and then headed to the Coquihalla highway through Merrit and on into Lillooet. Unfortunately, when we arrived, there was a local car club having drag races on the runway!

So we waited and enjoyed the races, waiting for the final countdown when the races would be over. Finally, at 5 pm with the right conditions of a beautiful sunset, calm winds, and nerves of steel, Raymond decided it was time to fly. We



said a prayer for the blessing of a safe flight out over the mountains and off he went to Oliver. After a two-hour flight, he safely landed.

I, on the other hand, had the long five-hour drive back to Oliver to pick him up and we both returned safely to Kelowna around midnight. In total, our day, from start to end, was 19 hours.

Ray and I prefer to stay quietly in the background managing, fixing, and flying the fleet of airplanes that have been generously donated to AWA. We would rather put the focus on the missionaries who do the deliveries and medical flights in Sioux Lookout, Nicaragua, Guyana, Philippines, Alaska, and the USA, but occasionally we share the talents that God has given us in a variety of other ways. We are counting down to finally taking off at any given moment to once again go where we are needed.

As we near the holiday season we want to share our thanks and blessings with all our partners in our missionary journey. Without your offerings, all our hard work would have been in vain or could not happen at all. So, thank you!

## 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.**





# Children Are A Gift of the Lord

## Nothing Stopping VBS

by Edgar Espinosa

For several years AWA has planned to offer Vacation Bible School (VBS) to the Sagpangan kids. Last year's obstacle was the Covid-19 restrictions. This year, it's funding. Jehovah Jireh! We had a New Mexico couple who felt impressed to sponsor the VBS.

We planned to begin VBS on August 20. However, three days before, a police patrol car drove through the village announcing on their megaphone that due to Covid-19 restrictions, kids were not allowed out of their homes. The police officer warned that violators of these protocols would be fined 1,500 Pesos (that's about 1 1/2 week's wages). We didn't know what to do. The Lord inspired me to go to our village captain to ask for special permission. He brushed us off and told us to go to the Covid-19 Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) to speak with the chief, Dr. Salazar. Pastor Jovel, our local pastor, helped me write a letter in our defense.

Armed with my letter, I quickly made my way to the IATF agency, only to find that Dr. Salazar was out of town. On the morning of August 20, the permit was still not available, but VBS was to start at 2pm. We kept on praying. My phone rang. It was Pastor Jovel. He had received the letter of permission!

Preparing a VBS is no simple task. We had six stations (a different room for each) used for learning songs, storytelling, Bible lessons, craft activities, and a food station. Every section was a surprise for the children, and they were all excited as they

progressed from station to station. The children especially ran to the food station and happily came back for refills! All kids get hungry, but for the poor, the hunger is deeper and more constant.

VBS was a marathon of nine days preparing food, crafts, visual aids, games, materials and learning new songs. God not only gave us the materials to host the VBS, but also the energy and the help to keep on going! The Bible verse "All things work together for good that loves the Lord" came to life for us in those nine days.



In the closing ceremony, we invited the village captain to attend, along with the children's parents. None of the parents go to our church, so in reaching the children, we hope to reach the parents. Fifty-four students received their certificates! We ask for your prayers that the seed of knowing Jesus will grow in every child who attended VBS, as well as their parents.

No matter the obstacles that come our way, we give thanks in everything, for God is greater than any difficulties in this world. Please continue to support our AWA ministry in the Philippines. Thank you and God bless.





## Teaching Children in the Way They Should Go

by Betchie Albaracin

My family has a heart for seeing children smile, so we planned a feeding event for the poor native children in my hometown of Napsan. Some of the children choose to work by making charcoal instead of going to school, in order to help earn a living for their family. Thanks to the generous sponsorship from AWA, Sitel, Cebu Pacific, and many family members and friends, the feeding event became a reality.

One Sabbath afternoon, my family and I went house to house inviting 50 children to attend the feeding event, which included games and prizes. As we visited each home, we prayed for the families and their homes. On the day of the event, many smiles abounded. We played games like sack race, kadang-kadang and calamansi relay, with prizes of school supplies. We gave out rice and gently used clothes, and played “pick and get” giveaways. We also taught them personal hygiene practices such as bathing and brushing to help give them confidence in knowing that despite their poverty, they can be acceptable. Throughout the feeding event we taught the importance of God’s Word as we shared relational Bible stories.

With prayer, I know that with every inspired goal, our Lord will provide a pathway for its success. In Galatians 6:9 it says, “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” As we see sadness all around, let us not give up showing kindness and instilling hope in others.



## MEET THE AUTHORS...



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



# Bite-Sized Donations

A sincere thank you to all who support our Bite Sized Projects. When you support one of these bite sized projects, the much-needed funds are immediately sent to the project.

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## \$1000

### DISASTER RESPONSE AND REDUCING RISK



In the aftermath of an earthquake, hurricane, flood or any devastating event, thousands are often displaced and require basic needs. When our humanitarian response teams are in the field, their desire is to carry the Garmin inReach satellite communicators to always be connected.

AWA teams — and all those who provide aid and relief in disaster areas — encounter many logistical challenges due to problems with the loss of critical infrastructure systems. When power is out and cellular and Internet networks are down or operating intermittently at best, having a reliable means to navigate and communicate is essential. Humanitarian workers respond to unknown areas and encounter many dangers to include flooding, damaged structures and unstable support systems in isolated area complicates reaching the people who need help and puts response teams at risk. When teams can communicate and navigate effectively, that risk is reduced. Our recent response to the Haiti earthquake and Hurricane Ida underscored the need for effective satellite communication support. Our operation center needs to know that teams have arrived safely and can continue response efforts. We will use Garmin inReach devices to track teams in the field, and the teams will use the devices to report arrivals, delays, and additional support requirements. We are seeking any support towards our goal of raising **\$1000** for a Garmin inReach Explorer and a Garmin inReach Mini.

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### NICARAGUA

The mission truck is a work horse. It is a means of transportation for medivacs, purchasing supplies and conducting outreach among many other uses. The AC has been recharged but has a small leak and blower needed. To replace the blower, the project requests **\$295**. The body has suffered as well. The project requests **\$700** to keep the truck looking reputable. To keep the truck fully insured, the project requests **\$1500** to cover it for a full year. Finally, the mission truck is parked on the conference and school property in Puerto Cabezas while AWA missionaries are away. Unfortunately, it has been getting vandalized even with an onsite guard. The project requests **\$1200** to build a concrete floor, siding, roof and electrical to build an addition onto the current wooden.



**\$295 • \$700**  
**\$1500 • \$1200**

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### GUYANA



**\$30**  
**\$170**

The water tank base at the mission outpost broke and needs to be repaired. This tank is shared with all the homes at the airstrip most especially during the dry season. The project requests **\$30** to replace the boards or **\$170** to change it into a concrete base.



## CANADA

### \$4,000

The Canada mission project is in dire need of a missionary mechanic. While waiting on a Saint to answer this calling, the project needs an AME (Canadian aircraft mechanic) to maintain the aircraft. The project requests **\$4,000** for a month, **\$12,000** for a quarter or **\$48,000** for a year to hire a qualified Canadian mechanic.



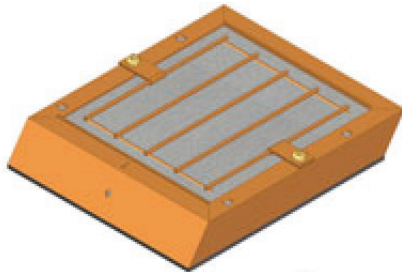
### \$480

## PHILIPPINES

A laptop computer is desperately needed for our Project Manager Assistant who is currently using an antiquated system for preparing reports and processing administrative actions. The system significantly limits her ability to accomplish the work. Her ministry is very mobile in nature and not sedentary thus her need for the efficiency, effectiveness, and mobility of a laptop computer. Our project is seeking any support towards the purchase of a laptop computer. Our prayer is to raise **\$480** which will cover the laptop and a protective case.

## MAINTENANCE

While these items are small, they are used often, and are very necessary. Thank you for remembering the maintenance department in your giving!



### Air Filters

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### Grease

### \$18



### Nose Strut Seal Kits

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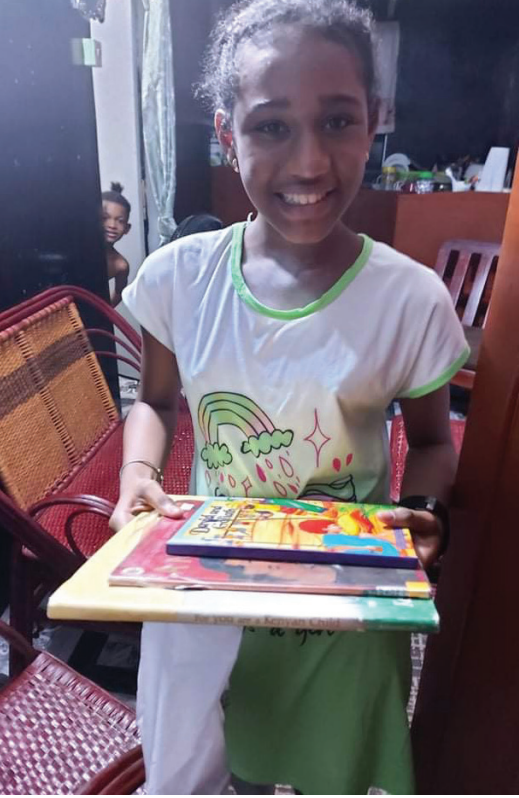
### \$40-\$140 each



### Wheel Bearings

### \$120 per wheel





## Whatever You Did for One of the Least of These

by Monique Wilkerson

One 70-gallon and three 55-gallon blue plastic barrels, one suitcase, one large box, and one small box arrived at Port of Georgetown, situated on the north coast of Guyana along the East Bank of the Demerara River. They came from the US and UK, reaching the seaport within one week of each other. Unfortunately, additional travel restrictions prevented the AWA missionaries, the Runnes and Wilkersons, from traveling to Guyana. However, God had a plan already worked out. He provided an opportunity for our Guyanese team members to be missionaries to their fellow Guyanese people, continuing the mission by passing the baton. As a result, relief and assistance were provided to many impoverished communities.

**Georgetown.** When indigenous people of the interior must be transported to the capital of Georgetown, whether by boat or airplane, for more advanced medical care at the Georgetown Public Hospital, frequently they depart their villages with nothing more than the clothes they are wearing. Subsequently, when they get better, they are housed at the Amerindian Residence until the government can provide them transportation back home. Frequently this can take weeks.

Sonita, our compassionate, trusted team member in Georgetown, conducted several “sharing out” events at two locations. First, she visited the Georgetown Hospital Maternity Ward and shared shirts, toothbrushes, toilet paper, and tissue papers to needy mothers. She then visited the Amerindian Residence and shared clothes and shoes with 57 men, women, and children awaiting transportation back home to their interior jungle villages.

**Mabaruma.** Kim Williams, a long ago AWA sponsored student, now a primary school teacher in Mabaruma, shared small toys, books, and pencils with her students. Kim shares her appreciation for the heartfelt kindness of AWA supporters and sponsors for taking the time to put a smile on each one of her student’s faces. Seeing the children’s happy faces makes her happy too. Sometimes, because of a lack of parental guidance, some of the students feel lost. A little bit of care from far away folks makes them feel special, even for just one day.

**Hobo Hill.** Sister Veron with her daughter Mandy and Sister Evelin with her granddaughter Delicia shared dry goods with the members of the Worship Center and





their families. Beans, rice, cooking oil, canned goods, among other goodies, were transferred, providing encouragement and support to the community where our airbase is located.

**Barabina.** Sister Lesa and her daughters Nelisa and Maleya shared shirts and dry goods to the Barabina village families. These “sharing outs” were unexpected this time of year, let alone from their village neighbors. This has brought much happiness to some who are experiencing a lack of hope with increasing social restrictions.

**Baramita.** Brother Eddie, who works at one of Baramita’s mining communities, and his wife, Dwan “shared out” toys and books to many children in the village of Baramita. Many young mothers are present beginning at the age of 12. Just children themselves, they are having children. The toys shared were enjoyed by the young mothers as much as their children. Such a joyous occasion for many who received your gifts of love and kindness!

**Then the King will say to those on His right hand, come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry, and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.**

—Matthew 25:34-36



## MEET THE AUTHOR...



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# Just In Time

by Kyle Stevenson

With various planes inside and outside of the hangar that need attention and only one of me to do the job, how will all these aircraft be taken care of? Several of the planes need annuals done, others need little to lengthy upgrades or repairs, and several still need refurbishments or finishing touches. It's always nice being able to cross a finished plane off the list. It is a bit of a daunting task when there is only one person doing everything. Who could help? God has a way of not only making ways when there seems to be no way, but also He has a way to provide relief at just the right time.

During the summer, an apprenticeship program was formally put together by Pastor Ric after he spoke with numerous missionary aviation groups at the Experimental Aircraft Association AirVenture in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. God has blessed AWA with a unique business model proven by many other mission aviation institutions to be sustainable for the long-term. This allows AWA to train missionary candidates below cost for both flight and maintenance, therefore removing debt from the equation. Upon completing the training portion of the program, our missionary candidates will have their Airframe and



Powerplant (A&P) certificate with around three years of production maintenance experience, their commercial pilots license with 400-500 hours of experience, and a small stipend through their partnership development efforts. The program is designed exclusively for those called to full-time missionary aviation service after their training is completed.





With a working model put together, Steven Leger would become the “pilot” candidate for the program. Steven has come on board as the first apprentice for the program. What perfect timing God has for all things! Steven was a great answer to prayer. He’s been a real blessing to work with and the camaraderie is great! Steven is a very good student and I’ve been enjoying teaching him. He’s been enjoying himself too!

While this is a new program, all seems to be going well and it has brought such blessing to everyone. Steven is growing and I know I’m growing. It’s nice to be able to work alongside friends for the common cause of making a difference for God’s Kingdom. Steven is looking forward to serving in the field and this program will get him there. He’s got his hands deep in the work and cares about the little details.

We will soon start working on the avionics in the Piper Comanche, or better known as the Toku-Hana; our flagship for angelwing flights. It will be the recipient of some upgraded avionics. We will also be working on the Guyana Cessna 206 that we brought back from Thunderbird Academy in Arizona. It will need a full refurbishment and once we get it restored, it will be back in service once again. Both of these projects will need the dedicated support of you, our faithful supporters, to help get the work done. Without parts and supplies, we won’t be able to accomplish our goal.

All this needed work will be a great experience for Steven, and will help him to be the best mechanic he can be. Dedication. Perseverance. Adaptability. He’s got it all and that’s what it will take in this new program. Prayerfully consider supporting Steven in his training as a monthly support team member today. We’ll lift him to success together!

## MEET THE AUTHOR...



**Kyle Stevenson is the AWA Chief of Maintenance. He and his wife, Rebecca, Administrative Assistant to Pastor Ric, and their daughter, Hadahsa, are stationed at AWA Headquarters in Smithfield, NC.**





## Sin Vergüenzo

¿Te has sentido alguna vez avergonzado? Yo sí, generalmente por cosas de mi pasado, cosas por las que he pedido perdón, pero desearía no haberlas hecho nunca. Adán y Eva se sintieron avergonzados cuando Dios los llamó en el Edén, después de haber comido del fruto prohibido. En Génesis 3:8, relata cómo se escondieron de su amoroso Creador porque se sintieron expuestos en su vergüenza. Cuando Dios bajó del cielo para visitarlos, los sacó de su “escondite” a través de preguntas, pero no veo que la Biblia mencione que Dios se haya avergonzado de ellos.

¿Has considerado alguna vez que Jesús sintió vergüenza? Cuando Jesús fue clavado en la cruz, desnudo y expuesto, Su amor por ti y por mí lo mantuvo allí, no a los clavos. Experimentó toda la vergüenza, de todos los pecados, de todas las personas de la historia de este mundo para siempre. Pablo nos dice en Hebreos 12:3 que Jesús despreció la vergüenza. Pablo también dice

## Unashamed

by Caleb Runne

Have you ever felt ashamed? I know I have felt ashamed, often for things long in my past. Things that I may have asked forgiveness for, yet I wish I had never done. Adam and Eve felt ashamed in Eden, after they had eaten the forbidden fruit and God was calling out to them. Genesis 3:8 relates how they hid from their loving Creator because they felt exposed in their shame. When God found them, He drew them out with questions, yet as I read it, the Bible does not indicate that God was ashamed of them.

Have you ever considered that Jesus felt shame? When Jesus was nailed to the cross, naked and exposed, His love for you and me held Him there, not the nails. He experienced all of the shame of all of the sins of all of people in all of the world for all of time. Paul tells us in Hebrews 12:3 that Jesus despised the shame. Paul also says in Hebrews 6:6 that when we knowingly sin, it is as if we are putting Jesus back on the cross, again exposing Him to open shame.



en Hebreos 6:6 que cuando pecamos a sabiendas, es como si estuviéramos poniendo a Jesús de nuevo en la cruz, exponiéndolo nuevamente a la vergüenza.

¿Te gusta cómo se siente estar avergonzado? Sé que es una pregunta ridícula. La vergüenza puede ser insoportable, pero solo sentimos la nuestra. En un momento, Jesús sintió el peso de toda la vergüenza que cada persona había experimentado en toda la historia y se le partió el corazón. En Marcos 8: 31-38 leemos.

Jesús desprecia la vergüenza, por lo que podemos asumir que el Padre también desprecia la vergüenza. Lógicamente, el Espíritu Santo desprecia la vergüenza. He llegado a la conclusión de que cuando me siento avergonzado por mi pecado, no estoy recibiendo un mensaje de Dios, sino que estoy siendo atacado por Satanás. Sí, el Espíritu Santo me convencerá de mi pecado, pero solo para llevarme al arrepentimiento y la reconciliación. Arrepentido, mis pecados son borrados y arrojados tan lejos como está el oriente del occidente, olvidados por Dios. Jesús ya pagó el precio en la cruz por mi pecado y la vergüenza que este trae. ¡Esto es el evangelio de paz! Este es un regalo que todos debemos tener la oportunidad de aceptar. Oro para que usted y yo no sintamos vergüenza en la segunda venida de Cristo, habiendo aprovechado cada oportunidad para compartir con certeza las palabras de Jesús con aquellos que necesitan desesperadamente escucharlas.

**“Esforzaos y cobrad ánimo; no temáis, ni tengáis miedo de ellos, porque Jehová tu Dios es el que va contigo; no te dejará, ni te desampará..”**

— Deuteronomio 31:6

Do you like how it feels to be ashamed? I know that is a ridiculous question. Shame can be unbearable, yet we only feel our own. In a moment Jesus felt the weight of all the shame ever experienced by every person in all history, and His heart broke. Read Mark 8:31-38.

Jesus despises shame, so we can also assume that the Father also despises shame. Logically, the Holy Spirit despises shame. I have come to the conclusion that when I feel ashamed for my sin, I am not getting a message from God, but rather being attacked by Satan. Yes, the Holy Spirit will convict me of my sin, but only in order to bring me to repentance and reconciliation. Having repented, my sins are blotted out and cast as far as the east is from the west, forgotten by God. Jesus has already paid the price on the cross for my sin and shame. This is the Gospel of Peace! This Gift is one that all need to have the opportunity to accept. I pray that you and I will be unashamed at Christ's return, having used every opportunity to confidently share Jesus' words with those who desperately need to hear them.

### MEET THE AUTHOR...



**Caleb Runne, his wife, Glenda, and their two children, Jordana and Enoch, are Missionaries-in-Training for Nicaragua.**





# Planned Giving — *More Than Just A Bequest*

## ***Treasures in Heaven***

AWA is blessed to have many of its partners believe in Matthew 6:19-21 where it states, “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Bequeathing assets to a charity in your will is the most common form of planned giving. However, there are other forms of legacy giving that provide substantial benefits to both the donor and the charity.

If you are 70 ½ years or older and have an IRA, you may be facing required annual withdrawals from that account. If you don't rely on these distributions, you may want to consider giving up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA directly to a charitable organization. No income tax is levied on the withdrawal as long as it is made directly to a charity. An *IRA Charitable Rollover Gift* satisfies all or part of your minimum required distribution for the year and reduces your taxable income. They do not qualify for a charitable deduction; however, no income taxes will be paid on transfers up to \$100,000 if they are paid directly to a charity. Also, this gift is not subject to the percentage deduction limits on charitable gifts.

A lesser-known form of planned giving is known as a *Bargain Sale*. How it works: You sell AWA your property for a price that is less than its fair market value and you receive cash from the sale. You can then take a charitable deduction for the value of the gift which is the difference between the fair market value of the property less the sale price. While you may owe some tax on the sale of the proceeds, the charitable deduction from the gift could offset some, most, or all of your capital gains taxes associated with the sale.

By far the most flexible form of planned giving is a *Beneficiary Designation Gift*. A beneficiary designation gift is a simple and affordable way to make a gift to support AWA. You can designate AWA as a beneficiary of a retirement, investment or bank account, or even your life insurance policy. When you pass away, your account or insurance policy will be paid or transferred to AWA, and your estate will receive a tax charitable deduction. Even after you designate AWA as the beneficiary of the account, you retain full use of it. You can take distributions or withdrawals from your retirement, investment, or bank account. And if you change your mind in the future for any reason you can reassign the beneficiary at any time.

Some choose a life of service where they can impact lives, blessing others with their time, talents and resources in whatever ways God leads them. If you could talk to them posthumously you will likely find that most admit they were the ones that received the blessing by giving to others. The act of giving takes the focus from oneself and places the focus on the needs of others. Will you also consider being a legacy donor with AWA?

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## **MEET THE AUTHOR...**



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As with any gift with tax implications, we recommend consulting a tax professional before making a decision to make a legacy gift.





# THANK YOU!!!

**During these unprecedented times, AWA would like to acknowledge our partners who contribute monthly, support specific projects, donate in-kind or through their time, skills, and talents, and who give in memory or in honor of loved ones**

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# Berry Pineapple Crumble

by Jordana Runne

**This recipe is fun to make, and is pretty easy!**

**My good friend made this for us several times and I really liked it. This crumble is totally guilt-free but doesn't taste like it!**

## INGREDIENTS:

In a Pyrex\*, put:

- 4 cups assorted berries (fresh or frozen)
- 1 can crushed pineapple or 2 cups fresh
- $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon cinnamon
- $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon allspice
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Drizzle of honey (*the amount can vary according to the fruit you are using*)

Then, in food processor, put:

- 12 Dates, pitted
- $1 \frac{1}{2}$  cups oats
- $1 \frac{1}{2}$  cups walnuts
- dash of salt

## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Mix berries and the pineapple, and set the juice aside.
3. Add the spices, salt, and honey.





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4. Set the fruit mixture aside.
5. Pulse the remaining ingredients until you get a coarsely chopped consistency.
6. Spread the nut and oat mixture on top of the berries and pop the crumble in the oven.

### TIPS:

- This crumble is perfect fall and winter comfort food!
- Use it for the holidays.
- This is yummy for breakfast—cold or hot—all year long, omit the spices if you wish.

**Enjoy your  
berry yummy  
crumble!**

\*Glassware sizes vary. You can double the recipe if you are using a large Pyrex or vice versa.

### MEET THE AUTHOR...



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# Young Eagles Flying High

by Rebecca Stevenson

One of the coolest things about being a missionary is getting to live in the middle of an adventure. You never know what kind of a blessing, experience, or opportunity God is going to put before you. That's what makes it so grand! God loves giving good gifts to His children—Hallelujah!

At the end of the last summer, Adventist World Aviation (AWA) had the delightful pleasure to make friends with a local Baptist church. To make a long story short: Pastor Ric needed some driveway construction done and the person that was contracted for the job- Derrick, was one of the leaders of Berry's Grove Baptist Church. As Pastor Ric was talking to him, Derrick started learning about The AWA and all the amazing work our team does globally. He got excited! He took it back to his pastor, Pastor Craig, and after presenting the idea, Pastor Craig agreed for AWA to come and share their activities with the local church.

He invited AWA to come to his church on August 29th and do a presentation. Afterwards, we were allowed to minister to the children with a special program called Young Eagle Flights since Pastor Ric is a field representative for the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Young Eagle program. At AWA we use this program to show kids "a better way of aiming high," as Pastor Ric calls it. It gives them a potential career idea and also a seed that can grow in them as future missionary pilots for God.

The same morning, we flew out from the church and landed at the Person County airport in Timberlake, North Carolina. What a fun time we were in for that day! Kyle was a blessing at the church with his audio visual (AV) expertise as the church's main AV guy was absent. I was able to minister twice to the congregation as I sang special praises to God for His glory. Pastor Ric took the floor and preached an amazing sermon on grace and where it all started. Was it at the cross? It turned out that it really started in the garden of Eden as soon as the sin entered the world. The congregation was listening intently as if they were eager to eat of the Word of God. God's word certainly is a nourishing meal for our heart and soul.

After the service, we had a quick lunch at the Berry's Grove Baptist Church gymnasium then off to the airport, which was only a few minutes away. Oh, the kids were so excited and some even joined the group at the last minute! The Young Eagle program was extended to those who were between the ages of 8 to 17 and therefore we had kids in all the age groups--14 of them did the Young Eagle flights and about 4 or so more flew under the age of 8, just to have fun. Those in the Young Eagle program got a certificate, and a logbook with an officially recorded Young Eagle first flight. They could go online with the code on the back of the certificate and register with the EAA in case they chose to further their interest and pursue a flight training to become pilots.

These kids were so excited to fly and they were so patient in waiting their turns at the little airport office. Pastor Ric shared with them the principles of flying as he took them outside, and segregated them in groups of 3 by 3. Then he'd take them up around the patter of the airfield. The parents were also excited for their kids, and even the parents of the youngest ones, were able to go with them.

At the end of the day, everyone was sky high. What a glorious joy that day brought! Perhaps we will be going back again to take part in more blessings. Our Heavenly Father is such an amazing gift giver!

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