



A SPECIAL VISITOR

It's not every day that you're able to visit with the roots of something monumental. While AWA began in 1995, the idea of mission flying had been around long before. Back in late November of 2021 I took a call at the office from a retired 83-year-old missionary pastor who had spent time in Brazil on the Amazon River and other various places. I was interested to see where the conversation would go and learned that he was a pilot and an A&P, though hadn't exercised those abilities in a while. His name is Pastor Daniel Walter. He was looking to serve as a volunteer with us to help around the hangar for a month while his wife would be

visiting their grandkids. He loves his grandkids but being an aid in the hangar for AWA sounded much better to him.

When he told us we thought, *Oh boy, a whole month with many unknowns! Oh dear!* Pastor Daniel was so excited at the thought of helping he immediately booked his flight to come help in December. "Wait!" we exclaimed. With year-end fundraising and preparing for our HQ move, we decided that the best time would be February.

February 3rd Pastor "Dan" arrived. When he came to our new office, Pastor Ric was all aglow. Pastor Dan wasn't just some volunteer to spend the next month with us, Pastor Dan was the founding president of Adventist Pilots Association, the organization that precursor Adventist World Aviation. Pastor Dan taught the late Elder Robert Folkenberg to fly;

you know, Adventist World Aviation's founder. And here was Pastor Dan, with us, and ready to help for the next month—our reason for even being together as a team in the first place!

While he was with us, he helped around the hangar, digging into some of the aircraft, helping us move things from the Smithfield hangar to our new Wilson hangar, telling amazing stories of his mission experience both flying and with the Luzeiro boats, interviewing with Steven and even preaching a few times at the Wilson First Church.

When we put out the need for help, we never know how God will answer or who He may send to your aid. Pastor Dan is someone that Pastor Ric has been searching for over 8 years and when he finally connected the dots, he realized that the man on the very first issue of "Adventist Aviator" from May/June 1962, a relic newspaper Pastor Ric has, was Pastor Dan, our month long visitor and volunteer—no wonder he had such a big smile on his face when Pastor Dan arrived!

Sometimes we jump too quickly into the boat of skepticism and doubt, and sometimes we jump too quickly into the boat of FIRE! Ready, aim! But no matter our limited understanding of what's going on in life, the events that take place or how we respond, one thing will never change: God has it covered, and He never changes. He'll provide just what you need, just what you're looking for, right when you need it most.

So, thank you Pastor Daniel Walter for your help and your presence with us at AWA! You made the month of February super special! Thank you to all our supporters as you are making a difference in our lives and our work as you help to make it possible to serve the Lord and have the privilege of experiencing such adventure.

Until Next Time,

Kyle, Rebecca, and Hadahsa Stevenson



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