



A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM

In Isaiah 11:6 it says, “[...] A little child shall lead them.” In Ecclesiastes it’s disclosed that there is a time for everything. There comes a time when a child grows that they come out of infantile thinking and enter into more cognitive awareness of themselves and their actions.

As Hadahsa has grown since we’ve moved out east to Headquarters here in North Carolina, her role as a junior missionary has indeed blossomed. As her father, Kyle, has worked hard on his most recent project, AWA’s Piper Comanche, the Toku Hana, 9-year-old Hadahsa has continued to develop interest in aviation and fixing the planes. She finally went on her first business related trip, flying in the Toku Hana, up to Shenandoah Valley Academy in Virginia. This trip was to help plant seeds with the

students there about aviation related mission work. She had disliked flying up until then after her first time back in 2020 in the Mooney. However, after she decided to go with us at the last minute at 11 pm the night before we were to leave, it was her flying in the Comanche with us where she decided she liked flying. Getting involved became real and fun!

A second trip came about to venture down to Sun ‘n Fun in Lakeland, Florida. It’s an annual event and this year two of our planes were there on display; the Toku Hana being one of them. Hadahsa became a multifaceted blessing while there with us.

“Hello,” she would begin while stationed at the booth. “Would you like a Life Saver?” she’d ask, pointing to the mints we had decorated the table with. When individuals would take a single step toward the booth, she would immediately continue as she took a special brochure from the table, handing it to them. “Would you like to learn about the Toku Hana?” What an ice breaker she was!



As a natural born leader and a little missionary at heart, her ability to connect with people was in full glory. Whether it was passersby or the vendors, she immediately began networking with everyone inside the hangar where AWA's booth was located. Very quickly the other vendors learned who she was with. They fell in love with her. She'd run around gifting them with handmade items she accrued from different booths in the hangars.

When the other vendors would walk by, they'd say, "Hi," and comment on Hadahsa's sweetness or friendliness. When she'd go out walking with her father for a business walk (the goal talking to other vendors about working with our organization and our needs to acquire discounts or donations), she was not only an icebreaker but an aid in beginning conversations due to her precociousness.

When asked by some of the vendors what she was going to be when she grew up, she would reply very confidently, "I'm going to fix airplanes like my dad!"

There was a special warmth that was felt in the hangar this year among the vendors that I can't recall I've ever truly felt. A little child had led them, perhaps to be better, perhaps to inspiration, but certainly to a new glimpse of what Jesus' love and His heart looks like in action...even if they didn't realize it.

Proverbs 22:6 says that when we train up a child in the way they should go, when they are older, they will not depart from it. I can't think of a better way to build a child's foundation than cultivating a love of sharing Jesus' love to all they meet.

Until Next Time,

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