



“Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

—2 Corinthians 5:17

WAITING ON THE LORD

It is with great sadness that our dear friend, mentor, pilot and aviation engineer, Eldon Bauer passed away on Friday, Remembrance Day, November 11, 2022. Many times, we shared photos of us working together. He was also a valued missionary for the SDA church while stationed in Africa.



Our lives here at AWA Canada will never be the same and we cherish each day we spent with him working together in Oliver and flying the local valley. Ironically the picture featured is of the last one I took of him and was the last flight Ray flew with him. He rests now, waiting on the Lord’s return.

“MALIGAYANG PAGBATI”

SEASONS GREETINGS FROM THE PHILIPPINES

Currently we are in the Philippines with the Hamombe family, and we have EXCITING NEWS. The plane is ready to fly, the fuel has arrived, the pilot is on standby!

Pumelela will be training with a local pilot to give him the 10 hours of training before he can take patients on medical flights to the main hospital in Puerto Princesa, a 30-minute flight versus the 1.5-hour drive by ambulance.

When we first arrived, everything was a bit worse for wear as upkeep was kept to a minimum during the last two years during Covid restrictions. During our three months, we spent time readying the plane, mowing the runway, cleaning the homes and property.

Ray had his work cut out for him, thankfully he has a knack for repairs on just about anything and we have a great team here to assist. Krian, an aviation mechanic from Davao joined us to assist in giving the plane its annual. Betchie, our project manager assistant and her husband Bill were a great help with cleaning, mowing the runway grass and daily chores.



The other focus was on the second house. It needed serious cleaning, repairs, new floor tiling, painting and the surrounding yard needed landscaping. Pumelela and Tali and Daniel worked long hours making it ready to move into.

A highlight of our stay was taking part in the 2022 Search Seminar. Each evening the Hamombes picked up 20-25 kids and drove to the meetings in Aborlan and the Sagpangan SDA Church saw 10 individuals baptized. AWA gave them each a small gift and a hymnal to welcome them all into the church family.

You may wonder what I do when we're at a project. Well, I'm the media person behind all the photos in the magazine and newsletters we write. I'm everywhere capturing the shots and staying behind the scenes, cleaning, cooking and mentoring the new missionaries.

When we leave the Hamombe family will continue on in the Philippines, with the goal of flying as many emergency patients as possible who need special care beyond the local hospital. Their work in the

local community will hopefully strengthen the congregation.

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Looking forward to 2023, Ray and Julie Young



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