



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

“Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and sustain me with a willing spirit.”

—Psalm 51:12

When I ponder upon a willing spirit and a new year, we look for guidance from the Holy Spirit as we take steps to renew each project and ask for commitment of new team members in the Philippines, Nicaragua, and Guyana.

We departed the island of Palawan, Philippines late December after serving the community for three months; rejuvenating the homes, the plane and property.

The highlight of our stay was flying the Cessna for the first time. After a much needed annual, Ray and Jed Nantes, a local pilot, flew the Cessna around the southern portion of the island.

Jed helped instruct on where to land at potential airports where the medical flights will serve the small vast outlying islands here. These small communities are not often given the medical care they deserve as they are remote from the mainland and hospitals.

We reestablished the runway, mowing acres of grass. A bit of excitement happened when we set a controlled burn to control the grass growing near the runway. The fire was lit at dusk when it was damp and the sound of the flames from the fire was impressive.

The local children came out to help control the fire. Being fire safety conscious they “helped” by hitting the flames with tree branches. They were only wearing flip flops, and out of concern they might burn their hands and feet, we had to stop them. We didn’t want them to be one of our first medical flights.

We filled our spirits by worshiping at local churches and seeing the joy of baptisms in this Adventist community. We distributed clothing, teddy bears, and gave financial support for



a rice program for 150 families. We met with the community leaders to discuss with them our plan of how we will better serve them by having an active runway and plane. And so we leave the Philippines in the hands of the Hamombes, the new missionaries in training to watch over the assets with TLC until we return.

For the Northern Ontario Project we flew nearly 40 hours. Remember our trip across Canada? The Cessna 206 has now been relocated from Winnipeg, Manitoba to a rental hangar in Dryden, Ontario closer to Sioux Lookout. Our partnership with the Ontario Conference, Pastor Mansfield Edwards, Elder Lloyd Douglas, Pastor Ray Davis, Pilot Denfield Borland and community leaders, ensures that the necessary goods that have already been transported by truck to the region will be distributed this year.

As 2023 starts our needs are even greater for the Philippines and Northern Ontario.

We appeal to your generosity as time is short and we are diligently working in the field to show your love and mercy to the people we minister to.

God is a miracle worker and if He wants each project to continue on in the future, our spirit is willing to be used, and I know yours is too.

God be with you,

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