



## Aviation Maintenance Project Update



### BEING PRESENT

While we shared this last month about all the needs discovered at year-end with the trip to Guyana and the results of assessing what was needed with HQ's maintenance department, I didn't share what going to Guyana was like. I have to say it was a truly remarkable experience to travel to Guyana, a true 3rd world country. My first adventure was getting a tour of Georgetown. It's in Georgetown where many things are orchestrated to support our base in Mabaruma. I learned where supply shipments come in, how to ship supplies out, and meeting important contacts and suppliers.

Once the Georgetown tour was over, we were on our way to Mabaruma, which is only accessible by air or boat.

After arriving, we had to repair some very important things. I was able to help fix the water supply system to the mission house, a necessity for clean drinking and running water. Once the water was running again, I could tackle what I came to do; work on AWA's planes.

By sitting for two years, the aircraft out in the open hangar were in much need of maintenance. Unfortunately, I could not repair them to a flyable condition in the time I had. The planes suffered a bit of corrosion and physical damage, possibly from locals moving or unknowingly damaging them. These aircraft are used to provide medical support and other humanitarian aid to the remote area of Mabaruma. When you're in the field, you don't often have everything you need to fix things the way you'd like. Due to the condition of the planes, I have found we need parts, tools, and supplies to complete the repairs necessary.

The most rewarding part of the trip was witnessing our impact on local communities. The people warmly welcomed us, and it was clear how much our presence and aircraft meant to them. How the people look forward to seeing the planes return to servicing the local community in Mabaruma.

During my time in Mabaruma, I met the Regional Chairman and Executive Officer of the Barima-Waini Regional Democratic Council of Mabaruma. It was also



a fantastic experience being so warmly welcomed by the local political staff and assuring them we would be back in business soon, as well as being confirmed by them that we would continue to have their full support. The infrastructure of support for even one single project like this takes a lot of prayers and financial support for everything to run smoothly, so please know that when you give, it has a lasting impact. When you pray, it changes lives and opens doors.

**Prayer needs:**

- Returning to Guyana to successfully get the aircraft running again.
- Missionary families

**Financial needs:**

- 6 engine cylinders – \$2,000 each
- Airline tickets – \$1,800

*God bless!  
Until Next Time,*

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