



Canada Mission Project Update



Ray and I brought in the New Year, 2023, by heading to Sioux Lookout, Northern Ontario.

Once again, we are on the road driving. We departed Kelowna two days after we landed in Vancouver from the Philippines, to spend some much-needed family time with our son and grandchildren.

First, we headed for Winnipeg to see Bryan and thanked him in person for all the work he does for AWA. What a total blessing he is!

Knowing we needed a hangar closer to Sioux Lookout, he reached out via his aviation network to find Northern Youth Aviation in Dryden, Ontario. We made a modest financial agreement with them to rent AWA a heated space for the Cessna 206. When the weather was reasonable in December for flying, Pilot, Denfield Borlan from Thunder Bay came and flew the Cessna 206 from Winnipeg to

Dryden. He was fortunate to safely make the flight as the weather closed in with low fog. He had to fly just above the tree tops and hydro poles. We then drove to Dryden to meet the staff in person to develop a relationship and sign the lease agreement.

The plane will be staged in their hangar, allowing the pilots closer access for when the local team needs the plane for distribution, mental health counseling and Pastoral trips in the Sioux Lookout region.

While there we attended our first Sabbath of the New Year with the Sioux Lookout SDA Church, and participated in the first communion service of the year. I was able to share the service with two ladies, a young girl who welcomed her first experience in foot washing, and then sharing prayer time with both of them. As I shared my prayer for a better year of faith, selflessness, healing, and growth, tears rolled



down my face on hearing their prayers for a commitment of a stronger walk with the Lord.

The Sioux Lookout Church Motto is: **Relevant, Reconciled, Ready.** Pastor Ray Davis, Elder Lloyd Douglas and the church are a small tight knit family. They hold true to this motto on their day-to-day walk.

The church is very active in the community. Just before Christmas, they delivered supplies to the local communities of Lake First Nation and Wabigoon Lake First Nation.

The need for financial support is greater than ever. This small community has been hit with so much hardship year after year; illness, depression, deaths, health and welfare needs, evacuations due to fire and flooding each year, and each church member is doing their part to assist the community by embracing them with comfort and support.

Whether it be driving or flying to meet the needs directed by the local Chiefs, the partnership with AWA, the Ontario Conference, Sioux Lookout SDA church, and Northern Youth Aviation is one step closer, and has all the elements

of success to fulfill “The Lord’s work here in the Hub of the North.” Please keep them in your prayers.

God be with you,

Ray and Julie Young



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