

## Canada Mission Project Update



## A Plane!

But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For every man shall bear his own burden.

-Galatians 6:4-5

In April, Ray and I left the Philippines, and the project was in the capable hands of Jed, Sherlyn, and the team. We were not heading home to Kelowna but to another locale and task.

We departed by commercial airline to Los Angeles, then to Denver, Colorado, renting a car to drive to Greeley, Colorado, about 1 hour away from Denver.

So why did we go to Greeley, CO?

Robert Sands, a generous donor, donated his 1968 Mooney aircraft to AWA. We wanted to meet, thank him in person, and access the plane to see what condition it was in.

Robert is an interesting individual with a great wealth of knowledge. Unfortunately, he hasn't been able to work or fly for many years due to health issues.

The plane has been stored in a T-Hangar for several years, and when we opened up the doors, we saw that it had many layers of Colorado dust and dust bunnies surrounding it!

We set to work right away, sweeping and vacuuming. "Never have I ever had to vacuum the outside of an airplane!"







We spent a few days detailing the plane, talking with local aviation companies about the condition of it before deciding it was unable to fly at this time. It will need a new engine, a governor, and various other mechanical parts. Rather than truck it at this time to Wilson, NC, we decided to leave it in the hangar to come back with help, tools, and parts at a later date. This airplane will be faster and more fuel efficient once it is restored. We will primarily use it to fly sick patients to doctors' appointments and home again, and for Angel flights that benefit cancer patients that are too sick to drive for days. Flying these folks is a great joy and honor. If you would like to contribute to Mooney N9067V restoration, it would be a great blessing. It will take in the neighborhood of \$60,000+ and help many sick kids get help faster.

Rather than fly, we decided to drive to the AWA head office in Wilson, NC. There were some significant items Robert donated that could be used at the main hangar. We give a shout-out to Enterprise Rentals as they gave a significant discount for the cost of the truck rental for us to take it out of and through many States.

The drive across the USA took us four days, and took us through Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Tennessee, and finally to Wilson, North Carolina.

Our next trip will be to North Carolina Camp Meeting, Ontario Camp Meeting, and finally home to Kelowna by early June. AWA has a large overhead for each project, whether it be planes, vehicles, fuel, insurance, housing, or tractors, there is a monetary value, and everything needs repairing, maintaining, and updating.

We do all of this with the purpose of medical flights, and so the missionaries have a plane to fly, a place to sleep, and transportation while in the field.

Remember to keep AWA on your charitable donation list.

We rejoice in the opportunity to serve even though the burden is heavy.

May God bless each of you!

Ray and Julie Young

