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PRESIDENT'S WEATHER REPORT

"If I Were the Devil"

Paul Harvey was a renowned radio broadcaster known for his unique style of storytelling. In 1965, he wrote a piece called *"If I Were the Devil,"* which has remained popular and relevant to this very day. In the piece, Harvey takes on the persona of the devil and outlines the various ways he would work to destroy society.

Harvey's words are prescient, God-inspired, and have accurate on-point messaging. He anticipated the cultural shifts that have taken place in the decades since he first wrote the piece. He talks about the importance of undermining the family unit and creating a culture of selfishness and materialism. He also highlights the dangers of censorship and the partisan over-controlling media.

Despite being written over 50 years ago, Harvey's words still resonate with many people today. They serve as a reminder of the importance of values, such as family, community, and morality. They also highlight the dangers of complacency and the need to remain vigilant in the face of societal change.

Overall, *"If I Were the Devil"* is a powerful piece of writing that continues to inspire and challenge readers. It serves as a reminder of the importance of individual responsibility and the role that each of us plays in shaping the society we live in.

If I were to guess, I would say he was inspired by God in reading Isaiah 5:20, which is a warning against those who try to twist morality and make evil seem good and good seem evil. It is a call to be careful about what we accept as truth and to ensure we're not being misled by falsehoods. The verse reminds us that darkness cannot replace light and that bitterness cannot replace sweetness. It is a powerful message that encourages us to always strive for goodness and to reject that which is evil. This verse is a reminder to stay true to our beliefs and not to be swayed by the opinions of others or by what is popular, which may try to lead us down the wrong path. We must always be vigilant in our pursuit of righteousness and never compromise our morals for the sake of convenience or popularity.

IF I WERE THE DEVIL

By Paul Harvey

If I were the Prince of Darkness, I'd want to engulf the whole world in darkness. And I'd have a third of its real estate and four-fifths of its population, but I wouldn't be happy until I had seized the ripest apple on the tree: Thee. (*you*)

So, I'd set about, however necessary, to take over the United States.

I'd subvert the churches first. I'd begin with a campaign of whispers. With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you as I whispered to Eve: "Do as you please."

To the young, I would whisper that "The Bible is a myth." I would convince them that man created God instead of the other way around. I would confide that what's bad is good, and what's good is—square. (*bad*)

*"Woe unto them
that call evil good,
and good evil; that
put darkness for
light, and light for
darkness; that put
bitter for sweet, and
sweet for bitter!"*

—Isaiah 5:20

And the old, I would teach to pray, after me, “Our Father, which art in Washington...”

And then I'd get organized.

I'd educate authors on how to make lurid literature exciting so that anything else would appear dull and uninteresting. I'd threaten TV with dirtier movies and vice-versa. I'd pedal narcotics to whom I could. I'd sell alcohol to ladies and gentlemen of distinction. I'd tranquilize the rest with pills.

If I were the devil, I'd soon have families that war with themselves, churches at war with themselves, and nations at war with themselves—until each, in its turn, was consumed.

And with promises of higher ratings, I'd have mesmerizing media fanning the flames.

If I were the devil, I would encourage schools to refine young intellects but neglect to discipline emotions—just let those run wild until, before you knew it, you'd have to have drug-sniffing dogs and metal detectors at every schoolhouse door.

Within a decade, I'd have prisons overflowing. I'd have judges promoting pornography. Soon, I could evict God from the courthouse, then from the schoolhouse, and then from the houses of Congress.

And in His churches, I would substitute psychology for religion—and deify science. I would lure priests and pastors into misusing boys and girls and church money.

If I were the devil, I'd make the symbol of Easter an egg and the symbol of Christmas a bottle.

If I were the devil, I'd take from those who have and give to those who wanted until I had killed the incentive of the ambitious. And what'll you bet I couldn't get whole states to promote gambling as the way to get rich?

I would caution against extremes—in hard work, in patriotism, in moral conduct.

I would convince the young that marriage is old-fashioned, that swinging (*multiple sexual partners*) is more fun, and that what you see on the TV is the way to be.

And thus, I could undress you in public, and I could lure you into bed with diseases for which there is no cure.

In other words, if I were the devil, I'd just keep right on doing what he's doing.

Paul Harvey: Good day.

All of us at Adventist World Aviation are committed to bringing hope to people in need. We work day and night, on weekends, to make a positive impact in the lives of those who may have been victims of society or other difficult circumstances. Our mission is to listen to God, help Him make the crooked path straight, and to help save lives as He directs.

Through our efforts, we have assisted countless individuals who needed our help. Our amazing team is dedicated to making a difference in the world, and we do everything in our power to help those struggling. Our focus is on giving the hopeless hope! The hope we offer benefits not only those we serve, but also our team members, who find great fulfillment in making a difference in the world. We believe that by working together, we can create a brighter future for all.

We are honored to be a part of Adventist World Aviation and look forward to continuing our mission of bringing hope and making a positive impact in the lives of those who need it most.

Why not partner with us? You can do so by a simple donation or call and ask how you, too, can help!

Keep looking up,

Pastor Ric Swaningson
President / CEO



Pastor Ric with his granddaughter, Emma

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ABOUT THE COVER:

N81708 is flown on a medivac flight done by our Adventist World Aviation Philippines Project (AWAF) crew with pilot Jed Bryan Nantes. It's great to be flying again and saving lives in the Philippines.



Flight Log

by Rebecca Stevenson

Throughout history, there have been individuals God has placed in certain areas, at certain times, to make sure specific jobs get done, in just the right way. He also raises movements and ministries to meet the need. AWA is no less one of those ministries, and inside our organization, there are gifted individuals that He has placed. Individuals helping to carry the torch of His ministry forward, we believe, toward His soon return. It's right around the corner, friends. Get ready!



One of our newest team members is Deyvid Batista, a Brazilian pastor and in-training pilot who has taken the role of interim project manager for Guyana. Our Guyana project is reviving with Deyvid and his refreshing, persistent dedication and vision for AWA's presence there in Mabaruma. As he

works to get Guyana running smoothly again, even working to bring on missionaries to serve in Guyana, his goal is also to get Brazil going after Covid slowed that endeavor. With his level of tenacity and passionate drive for the Gospel commission work, these AWA projects will eventually be that bright shining beacon for those searching have been longing for. We're getting there with Guyana. A little tender, loving care goes a long way.

The Philippines is growing. With the purchase of a new truck, Jed Nantes as chief pilot, and his wife, Sherlyn, blooming in her outreach ministry. Sherlyn is a teacher, and she is setting up an ongoing program for education on nutrition and health practices for the young people in the local community. Each Sabbath, she provides snacks and a program for the attending children. Your donations can help expand the program into the community to encourage more children to attend the Sabbath School program. This funding will help buy the food she will prepare and the supplies to make poster boards. (See bite-sized on page 16).



However, that's not all. We're building a new relationship with an Adventist hospital at the popular El Nido tourist spot. In a bit of a coincidence, back in 2020, the team visited El Nido and stayed in a modest hotel there. Since then, that same hotel was sold and purchased by the Adventist Hospital and is now serving the community. The property is close to an airport which is easy access for AWA to fly in and help with the needs of hospital patients.

While Ray and Julie Young have been in the Philippines on routine mission base work, Jed and Sherlyn have been stepping up to help and serve in a great capacity. What a blessing they have been! In the quotes below, Jed shares some of the work they have been doing, including trying to find more available airstrips for doing mission services for the locals.

"We have surveyed all the airstrips and airports of mainland Palawan and met with government and healthcare officials. Out of fourteen (14) airstrips and airports, only six (6) are in good condition for takeoff and landing; four (4) are available for us to utilize and are positive with AWA's aviation service. Only three (3) have the high potential of being served by air ambulance, considering the accessibility of hospitals. The rest are unusable due to bad conditions, and the others are privately owned. By God's grace, we accomplished the expedition; with no vehicle breakdowns, we had a lot of fun, made new friends, and were blessed to behold God's wonderful creation," he reports.

Jed went on to say, "We look forward to serving the communities here and being channels of blessing to our fellowmen. We are now on standby for Medevac flight

requests, and we ask for prayers of safety and support morally and financially as we move forward to the frontlines of the spiritual battlefield on this side of the world."

That's certainly something we can get behind and do stand behind here at AWA. The time is now for committed and dedicated service to God in the building up of His kingdom. We strive for that every day. If you haven't ever contributed before and are considering partnering with us in the worldwide work of evangelism, soul-winning, and ministry, remember that the time is now for action. The night cometh soon, friends; for some, it has already fallen upon them. Let us be vigilant and work together while we still have the light of day. *Remember John 9:4-5.*

MEET THE AUTHOR...



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Avoid That Village!

by Caleb Runne

About thirty minutes east of our mission base in La Tronquera, there is a community called Tikiamp. On several occasions, we have had the privilege to help people from there. Some of which we have written about previously. Jaser, a young boy, had a foot infection which we treated and taught his aunt Tania how to care for. Over several



weeks, that developed into a friendship with many more needy people in the community. One was a young pastor named Roberto, who also had a

serious foot infection. After we cared for his wounds, he invited us to his church, where our congregation in La Tronquera joined the believers in Tikiamp on a Sabbath morning. We had a powerful service together and made even more friendships that day. We also treated and transported several



pregnant women and even administered an intramuscular vitamin injection to an elderly gentleman once at his request.

Most of our experiences have been very positive; only one time have we felt unsafe. That particular time, we had just gone into the community to help a poor man who had been losing his sight because of making charcoal, which is quite a smoky job. Heading in the direction of a group of villagers that live on the outskirts of Tikiamp, we were stopped and asked to check a pregnant woman with lower back pain. While I was working on the patient on the truck bed, a group of young men crowded around the windows and began to ask Glenda and the kids who was inside the vehicle and whether we had medications to give them. They began to pull on the door handles to get into the truck and see for themselves. We never carry drugs, and Glenda, frightened, prayed quickly and was given the idea to offer them literature. That satisfied them, and we drove off, a little shaken. It was then that Glenda remembered the story that previous missionaries had told us about a similar experience. She checked an old email, and sure enough,



we had been advised to avoid Tikiamp for safety reasons. Turns out that their scary behavior was because they were neglected and never got any medical attention unless they used force. After that, we had many chances to help with that group close to the road and made many friendships. Praise God that the story has a happy ending!

Undeterred, we continued to work in Tikiamp and developed a friendship with a couple who had previously attended an Adventist Church but wanted to start one in their community. The wife, Rachel, had a back injury for which she planned to get surgery, but after receiving some chiropractic treatment from us, she felt much better and regained her lost ability to walk and clean her house. She begged us not to forget about her and to start a church in Tikiamp. Meanwhile, a young mother gave birth via c-section at the hospital nearest us in Waspan. Tragically, her baby died at the hospital two days later. We were called to transport the remains and were able to help provide a funeral service for the family who happened to live in Tikiamp. Later, we brought the mother home and eventually got her stitches removed. The family was deeply touched and, in gratitude, asked if we would accept a piece of their property to build a church. God does work in mysterious ways!

As we write this story, we have just enjoyed worship service this past Sabbath in Rachel's home, and we invited our friends from the community. The front porch was filled! We have committed to visiting Tikiamp every Sabbath afternoon for worship services, and Wednesday afternoons, Jordana is going to teach reading and math to the children who live too far from the school to attend. Glenda and Enoch will help while I focus on health visits. The community is enthusiastic and eager to learn. We see



that the Holy Spirit has been working ahead of us, and we feel privileged to join Him, as should you, our readers, without whom we could not be doing this work. We will keep you informed as this story develops, for the glory of our Father and Jesus Christ!

MEET THE AUTHOR...



Caleb Runne, his wife, Glenda, and their two children, Jordana and Enoch, are Missionaries to Nicaragua.



“God Multiplied Our Efforts”

powerful testimony by Justin Bancroft

Today, AWA Wings For Humanity came to Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nations (Big Trout Lake) Ontario (population of about 2,000 people) to drop off food for families. Before the plane's arrival, knowing they were only able to get a small plane, I looked at my wife and asked her to pray that God would multiply the food to have enough for every family in need.

Upon the plane landing and loading the truck, they were hoping to make two trips, but due to the 4-hour round trip, they were only able to make one trip. By God's grace, there was still a full truckload.

After unloading the truck, I stood looking at the load, thinking, “If God multiplied food to feed the 5,000, He could surely multiply this too.” Another volunteer and I started making food boxes for each family. A variety of food was brought, such as soup noodles, beans, spaghetti, peanut butter, and apple sauce. As we ran out of boxes, we thought we would return home for a break and collect more boxes. Upon arriving home, my wife



FREE CLOTHES AND FOOD

Old School Gym
6pm-8pm

Wings for humanity is flying into the community and handing out food and clothes to families on Sunday 26th. All are welcome. If you have any questions, you can call the nursing station and ask to speak to Justin.

807-537-2262 ASK FOR JUSTIN



told me someone had called and wanted to contribute to the food donation. I hurried to the phone and called the man back.

“Hello, I saw in your Facebook post that you were doing a food donation, and I wanted to donate some food.”

I told him, “Thank you, anything would help the families in the community.” I eagerly waited until the man showed up, wondering what he was bringing. To my surprise, he had an entire truckload FULL. There was bread, pineapple, watermelon, cauliflower, apples, protein bars, potatoes, meatballs, milk, and ice cream. We hurried the food in and started adding them to the boxes. The boxes were now filled with every food group.

We were able to make boxes for the community and gave food to Meals on Wheels, which feeds the Elders who were able to come to the event. Once the time came to start handing out the food, an enormous crowd of people lined up outside the door.

At the end of the event, there was one box left over. Every family got a box. The last box was brought to the nursing station to feed patients in the emergency room.

It was amazing to witness God’s hand in this. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and just like He fed the 5,000, He multiplied what we had to feed our community. Thank you for all of your donations.

God be praised!

**And that, knowing the time, that now it is
high time to awake out of sleep: for now is
our salvation nearer than when we believed.
The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us
therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let
us put on the armour of light.**

—Romans 13:11-12

A note from Julie...

*Ray and I look forward to meeting all involved at the
2023 Camp Meeting in June at Mississauga, Ontario.*

*God bless, and thank you for your financial support and
prayers. Without you, AWA would not be able to support
this community with the Cessna 206.*

MEET THE MISSIONARIES...



**Julie Young, Canada Project Administrative Assistant, and
her husband, Ray, AWA’s Vice President of Operations and
Canada Project Manager are stationed at the AWA Canada
Headquarters in Kelowna, BC.**



A Flight!

by Elder Lloyd Douglas

We were honored to fly to Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwig (KI aka Big Trout Lake) First Nation.

We have so many people to thank; so many people came together to make this possible. We thank the Chief (Donny Morris), Council of KI (approved the project), and the community members who assisted with the distribution of the supplies. We thank Justin Bancroft, a Seventh-Day Adventist registered nurse who resides in KI with his family. Justin was the community organizer for this project. We thank Elder Denfield Borland, our pilot, who drove from Thunder Bay on Saturday night; got up early Sunday morning; drove to Dryden; flew to Sioux Lookout; helped to load the plane; flew to KI; offloaded the plane; flew to Sioux Lookout, then back to Dryden; and then drove back to Dryden on Sunday night.

We thank Sister Carmen Brown-Harper, who keeps the supplies at her home. We thank Pastor Ray Davis

for his leadership. We thank Ray Young and the entire AWA team for their ministry. We thank the members of the Sioux Lookout SDA church group for their prayers, support, and the relationships we have built in this region. We thank prior coordinators, Pastors Garth Geddes and Nick Rhone. We thank Chief Bull, former Chief Gordon Beardy, and Matthew Hoppe, who were at the Wings for Humanity Launch. We thank the Ontario Conference executive. We thank the many donors and supporters of AWA. We thank all who donated the supplies. We thank Jordan Youngman, the mechanic from Northern Youth Programs (we are renting hangar space from them, and may rent their Caravan for a bigger payload). We thank our 15-year-old communications lead, Nathan Wetelainen, for editing the video. We thank everyone for their prayers. If I missed anyone, let them know we appreciate what they did to make this possible.



Fluffy Banana Oat Muffins

by Jordana Runne

Yields 10 Muffins

These moist, sweet treats are light and fluffy—but don't be deceived. They really fill you up and are healthy as can be!

WET INGREDIENTS:

- | | | |
|-----|-------|----------------------|
| 2 | large | Ripe Bananas, mashed |
| 1/3 | cup | Honey |
| 1/2 | cup | Nut Milk |
| 1/3 | cup | Coconut Oil, melted |

DRY INGREDIENTS:

- | | | |
|-------|-------|---|
| 1 | cup | Whole Wheat Flour |
| 2 | tbsp. | flaxseed |
| 3/4 | cup | Rolled Oats |
| 1 1/2 | tsp. | Baking Powder |
| 1 | tsp. | Ground Cinnamon |
| 1/2 | tsp | Salt |
| 1/2 | cup | Optional Add-ins
(nuts, dried fruits, carob chips, etc.) |

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
2. Mix wet ingredients.
3. Mix dry ingredients.
4. Add dry to wet and combine; be careful not to overmix.
5. Grease your muffin pan and pop it in the oven for 20-30 minutes or until a fork pierced into the center comes out clean.
6. Let cool for 5-10 minutes in the tray.
7. Pop your fluffy muffins out and eat them up!

**Delight in your Fluffy
Banana Oat Muffins!**

TIPS:

- Enjoy these muffins for breakfast along with fruit and a hot drink.
- Frost them for special occasions!
- At Tronquera, we eat them with homemade ice cream (*frozen fruit in the juicer or blender*) which is really good.

MEET THE AUTHOR...



Jordana Runne is the 13-year-old daughter of Caleb and Glenda Runne. The Runne family are Missionaries to Nicaragua.



Fixing a Broken Heart

by Kyle Stevenson

Have you ever felt like you've had a broken heart? I'm sure most of us, at some point, have had that feeling. While it's not a physically broken heart, it can cause physical symptoms of a heart attack, emotional emptiness, and despair.

However, if we're talking about airplanes, the engine is the "heart" of the airplane, and when it breaks or becomes worn out, it has to be replaced or overhauled. This got me thinking a little bit about the parallel between what I do to fix a broken heart and the human condition that causes a broken heart and how to fix it.

In the aviation industry, we have scheduled engine replacement times, but sometimes things also break down due to misuse, abuse, or unseen problems internally.

Just recently, during the regular maintenance we needed to do to our Piper Colt, an annual inspection led us to find the engine itself needed to be replaced. The cylinders of the engine had failed the requirements of a compression check,

and it also had symptoms of overheating. All causes led us to the decision we needed a "heart transplant" or a complete engine change, which led us on a search for a new "heart" for our airplane.

This can be a daunting and expensive task for any operator of airplanes, as engines and parts are hard to come by and can be quite expensive. Of course, when faced with daunting tasks, we always pray and ask the Lord to provide, and 10/10 times He does, but not always in the way we expect. And this time, as usual, God came through with a surprising opportunity to purchase an engine that would be perfect for our airplane.

We managed to find a factory new engine with very little run time on it. However, there was a catch, and a big one at that. The engine had been sitting in storage for almost 40 years! Now at first, my initial thoughts were NO WAY! That engine is too old. After praying about it and reconsidering, I



realized I have no problem tearing it apart and replacing all the seals and gaskets that age. With time, I realized this was a perfect opportunity to have a good engine at a reduced price, with a little bit of work required to get back to service. So after all was said and done, we were able to remove the heart and replace it with an engine that also needed some work to mend our broken heart.

Now back to what I said in the very beginning: how does this all link up with the human condition and a broken heart? Just like in our aircraft engine, the human heart keeps us flying, and it can be subjected to a lot of abuse, misuse, neglect, and sometimes complete and total internal failure. Of course, I'm not talking about a literal heart, but a metaphorical heart.

Jesus says in John 14:1-6 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know." Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Psalms 34:18 The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit.

James 5:13 - Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray.

Psalm 73:26 - My Flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. ~Scripture from NKJV

So, as you can see—and there are many more texts in the Bible showing that God is our Master Mechanic—even though sometimes we may have times when we do need an engine replacement, He will always be a prayer away. Even if He has to do a little fixing along the way, don't ever lose hope, and just look up and pray.

There's no better time than the present to be transformed. Romans 12:2 says, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

MEET THE AUTHOR...



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Meaningful Summer Ministry

by Jim Kincaid

Some of the happiest and most memorable ministry experiences in our lives, have been when we were involved with Vacation Bible School in the villages. We tried to plan annual events around the same time every summer. Likely, we had great attendance because the children had little to do and were subsequently bored to tears. Sometimes, even when children show up because they are looking for something, anything to pique their interest, they can be impacted by what is presented.

An added positive dimension occurs when teens from more urban areas are recruited to come and help with the Vacation Bible School. That is true wherever mission trips have been carried out.

The above picture shows a team from Delta Junction and Tok ready to board the flight to Shungnak and Selawik.

The top picture on page 29 featured is of VBS teacher, Terry Phlugrad, leading the VBS lesson with Warren Downs listening in the foreground.

The middle picture shows craft time at the Selawik VBS. Various VBS helpers are pictured, but not all are identified.

The bottom picture shows a small group of children enjoying coloring during craft time in Shungnak, working on a homemade table made from a piece of OSB laid across two pews.



In my recent discussions with some residents of the village of Ambler, they noted the positive feelings they had from the Bible story lessons they received at VBS more than 40 years ago when Linda and I carried on VBS in their village. There's no better time than in the moment to make a difference with the Gospel. And though over 40 years ago, it was that we planted seeds through VBS, the impact of the Gospel has remained long-lasting in their minds because it first touched their hearts.

We wish to thank our faithful supporters who don't get tired of offering prayer and funding for the ongoing mission.



**Cast thy bread upon the
waters: for thou shalt find it
after many days.**

—Ecclesiastes 11:1

**He that believeth on Me
hath everlasting life.
I AM that bread of life.**

—John 6:47, 48



MEET THE AUTHOR...



**Jim Kincaid, and
his wife, Linda,
are your
AWA
Missionaries
stationed at
AWA's Alaska
Mission Base**



Bite-Sized Donations

Bite sized donations help the respective projects operate more efficiently and makes the work easier for the missionaries. You may contribute for the entire amount or join others in meeting the needed funds. Any amount towards the acquisition of needed items is greatly appreciated.



PHILIPPINES

Children's Uplift Program

(spiritual & lifestyle ministry): \$250 - \$500

Aircraft Battery: \$500 • Barrel of Aviation Gas: \$500

10 Barrels of Aviation Gas (1 month supply): \$5000

Security Fencing: \$35,000 • Hanger: \$100,000

\$250-500 • \$500 • \$500
\$5K • \$35K • \$100K



GUYANA

Car Battery: \$400

Car Tires \$500

6 Cylinders: \$14,000

Propellor: \$15,000

\$400 • \$500
\$14,000
\$15,000



GLOBAL MISSIONARY NEED

Server for storing photos of all the exciting work our missionary teams do so we can have it in a safe place to be used in our publications: \$1,000

\$1,000

CANADA - (NORTHERN ONTARIO PROJECT)



Hanger Rent in Oliver, BC: \$1,100

Hanger Rent in Ontario: \$500

Avionics Upgrade: \$14,500

\$1,100 • \$500
\$14,500



MAINTENANCE

IA (Inspector Authority) 2-year subscription: \$912

Monthly Maintenance Tracking Software: \$100/month, \$1200/year

Engine Monitor: \$600 • Engine Cylinder: \$1,700

Aircraft Elevator: \$7,000

\$912 • \$100/\$1,200 • \$600 • \$1,700 • \$7,000

DISASTER RESPONSE / MOBILE MEDIA

Laptop: \$4,500

\$4,500



NICARAGUA

Table Saw: \$475

Thank you for helping us get a pump for our well!

\$475



2023 Focus On The Future

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New Year, New Mission, New Challenges

by Jed Nantes

On January 1, 2023, I traveled to Manila from my hometown in Mindanao to renew my pilot medical at the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) and process the domestic flight permit for Adventist World Aviation. Halfway into the flight, the captain announced that we could not proceed to Manila because a severe power outage downed the air navigation system, resulting in the loss of radio communication, radar, and internet, so our flight was diverted to Mactan-Cebu.

Hours after that, the Philippine airspace was clear of air traffic. It was my first time experiencing and witnessing this kind of situation. It's in the Air Passenger Bill of Rights, the right to compensation

and amenities if the cancellation was due to a force majeure, so all passengers were provided by the airline with transportation, food, and accommodation. Although the airline provided the amenities, the challenge was, of course, waiting because not just our flight was affected, but other flights within a particular timeline were affected, too. Therefore, many passengers needed to be taken care of in transportation, food, and accommodation. Imagine; it took me ten hours from disembarking from the airplane to hotel check-in because of sequencing a considerable number of passengers. I was stuck in Mactan-Cebu for two nights before I got a confirmed flight to Manila.



A day after I arrived in Manila, I processed my medical, and thankfully I finished the physical examination in 2 days. I got the certificate after a week, and within that week, my friend handed me AWA's documents for the permit, and I submitted those to the Flight Operations Department of CAAP.

I thought it would only take two days for the permit to be released because it is only one page, but the CAAP employee told me the process would take seven to ten working days because not only AWA needs domestic flight permit, but a lot of foreign registered aircraft are also requesting for this kind of permit, meaning waiting again. I'm not too fond of it when I wait, especially processing something at government agencies.

On the tenth day, I went to CAAP for a follow-up, and unfortunately, the permit was not released due to a minor concern. I complied with their request, and they told me to return after two days.

On the twelfth day, I went back and was so disappointed that still the permit was not released, so I told the CAAP employee that I would wait at their office until five in the afternoon, hoping it would be released.

I prayed to God to maintain my composure, and before the clock struck five, the guy handed me the permit. I was so happy and grateful because, despite the long wait, God has been with me, reminding and teaching me about patience, which is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, through these waiting challenges.

The waiting experience in Mactan-Cebu taught me not just to appreciate and value the big things in life but also the small things. Behind the waiting, I was so blessed and privileged to ride a nice van, stay in a luxurious hotel, and eat sumptuous meals provided by the airline. The feeling of triumph and success is sweet and sweeter if long delayed and gotten through many struggles and defeats. We will value more the things we have been waiting for. Great things take time; if something is easily attained, we take it for granted.

Oh, how valuable the heavenly things above are to live an eternal life and be with God forever after living a lifetime here in this world full of cares and burdens. The worth of these is beyond measure. Jesus is soon to come back; hold fast till He comes.

MEET THE AUTHOR...



Jed Nantes, and his wife, Sherlyn, are your AWA Missionaries stationed at AWA's Palawan, Philippines Mission Base



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Time to Go, PART 1

by Julie Young

“Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for You are my praise.”

—Jeremiah 17:14

The time has come for the Cessna 182 of Adventist World Aviation Philippines Project (AWAF) to officially take flight. The belief and faith throughout the years has remained strong, and without the groundwork laid by many past AWA team members, this project would not be here.

Now that permits and requests have been filed, and permissions granted by the local aviation officials, a dedication was organized for the plane and the new Toyota Hilux. The truck was purchased from ongoing donations throughout the years. It is greatly needed and appreciated. Thank you to those who donated.

On March 29th, the dedication message was given by Pastor Daniel A. Malabad, SS/PM Director, North Philippine Union Conference. A small group gathered around the plane and truck, laying our hands on both for an official prayer of protection over God's assets.

Pilot, Jed Nantes, flew the Vice Mayor, Councilor, AWA board members, and those interested in an aerial flight of the municipality of Aborlan so that they could experience what a medical flight in the region would feel like and get an overview of the region they represent.

I was given the opportunity to witness the true beauty of the Philippines and surrounding islands.

Following the dedication, a nice meal was prepared allowing guests the opportunity to socialize. A gift was given to Pastor Malabad, VM Marvin, and SB Alex for attending the event.



We want to thank those who attended the dedication, notably:

Vice Mayor of Aborlan, Marvin Madeja, is responsible for presiding over the sangguniang bayan (municipal council) and signing warrants for expenditures appropriated for its operation. He appoints officials and employees of the sangguniang bayan.

Sangguniang Bayan (Municipal Council) member of Aborlan, he is responsible for priorities, authorizing the issuance of permits or licenses, enacting ordinances levying taxes, fees, and charges, regulating activities related to the use of land, buildings, and structures within the municipality, and approving ordinances ensuring the efficient and effective delivery of basic services and facilities.

Both gentlemen have given their assurance and community support to AWAf for a successful future.



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AWAf Pilot, Jed Nantes, his wife Sherlyn, and his team members: Pilot, Kenneth Digamon, Mechanic, Marvin Pavillar, and Pilot, Jason Manlunas.

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Thank you to each one of you who have supported AWA through all these years and so many more to come,





Time to Go, PART 2

by Julie Young

The month of April has been a productive one. The blessing and dedication of the Cessna 182 has now taken place. Now the team is doing the needed survey trips to see what other airports are available for medical support. These include outlying communities on the island of Palawan and islands beyond. As word gets out that we are operating, the hope is other communities will want help. This is equally as important as servicing the region where the base is located in Sapangan.

With Ray driving the Toyota Hilux, Jed, Sherlynn, and I set out to meet with communities as far as 6

hours north of the base. Our goal was to find the runways off the beaten track that haven't been used or kept up to aviation standards for many years. Most of these runways were used in the past as pick-up points for live fish export to other areas off the island and are now neglected. They are some distance from the local hospital or health unit. Can you imagine being a critical patient and taking an ambulance over winding roads and rough gravel patches for 6 hours to reach the hospital? Even though the ambulance has to use those same roads for a short distance to get to the runaway, at least having a waiting plane shortens that distance.



At each community, Jed and Sherlynn, knowing the local language, first met with available community Barangay Mayors and Municipal Mayors, showing them a letter of intent and explaining about AWA, asking for their stamp of approval to access the airport/region they represented. We then met with the local hospital staff, sharing about AWA and the services we offer.



If we were permitted by the Municipal office, we then drove to the local airports to assess if we could land there. Some of the runways were not maintained. We saw Carabao, rocks, and large trees that were deemed not usable



for landing. Some were hidden gems, so well maintained but abandoned for years. Each runway had promise, and we could see the need for an air service versus a long drive to the main hospital in Puerto Princesa.

On our last stop in San Vicente, the Mayor and staff were very Adventist-friendly. They guided us to the hospital and airport and arranged a wonderful lunch for us. The location of the hospital to the airport is close, which makes it convenient for emergency pick-ups and a quick flight to the main hospital in Puerto Princesa, approximately 45 minutes by air versus the 6-hour drive by ambulance.



ANOTHER EXPEDITION...

On the next expedition, Jed, Marvin, and I flew to Rizal Airport, meeting with the assistant to the Mayor Felix Goyonan, staff from the Rural Health Unit; Dr. Romeo, RN Jean, RN Anne, and RN April from Nutrition and Dietary Services.

Below from the local news is the story written by 103.1 Brigada News FM-Palawan and posted to social media (translated into English)

“LOOK AIR YELLOW BIRD OR AIR AMBULANCE IN RIZAL CITY, ALREADY CONDUCTED FLIGHT TEST”

“Conducted a flight test yesterday, April 18, 2023, in Rizal Town, Palawan the “Yellow Bird” or Air Ambulance operated by Adventist World Aviation or AWA.

According to MIO - Municipality of Dr. Jose P. Rizal, Palawan, “Yellow bird” may be used if there are patients who need to be transferred or taken to hospitals in Puerto Princesa City via airline.

This air ambulance is based in the town of Aborlan Palawan, Together with the Contractual Doctor, Dr. Romeo Dela Vega Jr., a Representative of Dr. Jose Rizal District Hospital, RHU Personnel, and Mr. Felix Goyonan of the Mayor’s Office for such a flight test.

Meanwhile, according to the office of Mayor Norman S. Ong, just fixing the Memorandum of Agreement in relation to this.

We have made positive connections on these expeditions, and now that permission has been granted in most communities for us to land for emergency calls, **“THE TIME HAS COME.”** God will take care of the rest, and we are humbly following His direction.

“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.”

—Philippians 2:3-5



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Reaching the Lost

by Pastor Deyvid Batista

The last three years have been challenging for the church in many ways in all parts of the world. The Adventist World Aviation/Wings for Humanity Centre of Influence in Mabaruma, Guyana, was no different. There were several efforts, prayers, and hard work for evangelistic results to be achieved, results that almost disappeared throughout the pandemic. Now, however, having the opportunity to be present again in Mabaruma, since the borders are completely open, the work ahead will be intense and has already started. Visiting each of the 25 members who stopped attending the Centre of Influence for whatever reason was extremely challenging but rewarding. There are many plans to rescue those who stopped attending the Centre of Influence, but the main intention is not simply to have them back but to see them grow spiritually. Furthermore, the AWA/

H4H Centre of Influence in Mabaruma is certainly ready to reach out to the community even more intensely and effectively. That includes some special projects such as breakfast, community lunches, health expos, and discipleship seminars.

Something very positive and productive about my recent visit was meeting with both the local pastor and the president of the Guyanese Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists. Their commitment to helping members develop, grow, and retain is evident. One of the highlights of these meetings was that an identification plaque/sign will be attached to the front of the Centre of Influence, which is also the missionaries' house. The plaque will bear the SDA Church name and the AWA/W4H, so everybody coming into Marabuma by plane will notice our presence.



Obviously, as always, funds are needed and welcome in projects like the one in Mabaruma, which is no different as the demand for resources is always great.

The next plan includes reaching out to the local community, specifically those living near the Centre of Influence, with the Health message. That will happen through monthly health expos. This way, one Sabbath a month will be dedicated exclusively to taking the health message through a health check in partnership with local health workers, courses on stopping smoking as well as alcohol and healthy eating, obviously taking into account the available resources of those who live in the region.

Great are the plans to positively influence and transform the perspective of those who come into contact with us, but more than that, save souls for the kingdom of heaven.

As with all evangelistic initiatives, your prayers, as well as donations, are more than welcome.

...He named it Ebenezer (which means “the stone of help”), for he said, “Up to this point the LORD has helped us!”

— 1 Samuel 7:12

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Caminando con Dios

Walking with God

by Josh and Yosi Fix

“En el mundo tendréis aflicción” (Juan 16:33). ¿No es eso cierto? Lo sabemos porque todos lo hemos experimentado. Todos los que conoces lo han experimentado. Todos tenemos senderos por los que hemos pasado que nos moldean para bien o para mal dependiendo de cómo los atravesemos. Tal vez estés pasando por dificultades en este momento. Estás confundido sobre qué hacer. Estás ansioso por lo que depara el futuro. Te sientes insuficiente para hacer frente a las responsabilidades que te ha traído la vida. Se sientes solo y sin ayuda disponible e incluso si alguien quisiera ayudarte, estaría más allá de su capacidad para ayudarte de manera significativa.

Creo que podemos relacionarnos con al menos algo de lo que acabo de mencionar. Ahora, quédate conmigo por un minuto y pensemos. ¿Qué pasaría si tuvieras una solución real a estos problemas? Algo que te daría paz, soluciones, te haría una mejor persona y te ayudaría a vivir la vida con todo. Si tuviera esta solución, ¿no le gustaría compartirla con otros? ¿Familia, amigos, incluso tus enemigos? Porque si tuvieras enemigos, es posible que solo estén actuando de la manera en que lo hacen porque no usan dicha solución, ¿verdad?

Lo que tenemos que hacer es vencer la tribulación. Lo que Jesús dice después de advertirnos sobre la tribulación es “Tened buen ánimo; He vencido al mundo”. Ahora, ¿cómo hizo eso y cómo se supone que nos animará? Miremos esto. Jesús es nuestro ejemplo (1 Juan 2:6) así que veamos en Su vida lo que podemos tomar y aplicar a la nuestra. Volviendo a Juan 16, vayamos al versículo 32. “He aquí, la hora viene, sí, ya ha venido, en que seréis esparcidos cada uno por su lado, y me dejaréis solo; y sin embargo, no estoy solo, porque el Padre está conmigo.” (Juan 16:32). Jesús aquí habla de la tribulación que pronto va a enfrentar y menciona que aunque le corten el apoyo terrenal, no estará solo. El Padre estará con Él.

“In the world ye shall have tribulation” (John 16:33). Now, isn't that the truth? We know it is because we've all experienced it. Everyone you meet has experienced it. We all have trials that we've gone through that shape us for the better or maybe the worse, depending on how we go through them. Maybe you're going through difficulty right now. You're confused as to what to do. You're anxious as to what the future holds. You feel insufficient to deal with the responsibilities that life has brought you. You feel alone and with no real help available, and even if someone wanted to help you, it would be beyond their capability to assist you in a meaningful way.

I believe we can relate to at least some of what I just mentioned. Now stay with me for a minute, and please engage your mind. What if you had a real solution to these issues? Something that would give you peace, and solutions, make you a better person, and get you through life as a whole. If you had this solution, wouldn't you want to share it with others? Family, friends, even your enemies? Because if you had enemies, they might only be acting the way they do because they don't use the said solution, right?

What we need to do is overcome tribulation. What Jesus says after he warns about the tribulation is, “be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.” How did He do that, and how is that supposed to cheer us up? Let's look into this. Jesus is our example (1 John 2:6), so let's see in His life what we can take and apply to ours. Going back to John 16, let's go to verse 32. “Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.” (John 16:32). Jesus here talks about the tribulation that He is soon going to face, and He mentions that even though earthly support is cut off, He will not be alone. The Father will be with Him.

Nosotros tenemos esa misma oportunidad. En Juan 14:23 leemos: “El que me ama, mis palabras guardará; y mi Padre le amará, y vendremos a El, y haremos morada con El”. Dios quiere más que nada ser parte de nuestras vidas. Él quiere ser un Padre para nosotros. Piensa en los grandes hombres y mujeres de la Biblia. Querían estar con Dios. Enoc caminó con Dios (Génesis 5:22), Abraham fue llamado “amigo de Dios” (Santiago 2:23), María se sentó a los pies de Jesús (Lucas 10:39).

Lo que necesitamos desesperadamente es tener una relación con Dios. Te recomiendo encarecidamente un libro llamado “El Camino a Cristo”, especialmente el capítulo 11 llamado “¿Puede el Hombre Comunicarse con la Divinidad?”. Déjame compartirte una breve selección de ese capítulo. “A fin de tener vida y energía espirituales debemos tener verdadero intercambio con nuestro Padre celestial. Nuestra mente puede ser atraída hacia El; podemos meditar en sus obras, sus misericordias, sus bendiciones; pero esto no es, en el sentido pleno de la palabra, estar en comunión con El. Para ponernos en comunión con Dios debemos tener algo que decirle tocante a nuestra vida real.” CC 93.1

Permítanme compartir algo que me fue compartido recientemente. Si te encuentras con un amigo tuyo con el que te has unido mucho, ¿te cuesta hablar con él durante más de 5 minutos? ¿Te sientas en silencio? ¿O si pasan el día juntos no hablan de lo que está pasando en sus vidas? Para algunos de nosotros, estas relaciones pueden ser difíciles, pero es lo que Dios quiere tener con nosotros. ¡Él quiere ser nuestro amigo! Quiere escuchar todo lo que tenemos en mente y lo que sucede en nuestras vidas.

Aquí hay un ejercicio para hacer hoy. Pon un temporizador por 20 minutos. Ponte cómodo. Prepárate como lo harías si estuvieras hablando con un amigo. Tal vez ir a dar un paseo. No te preocupes por mantener los ojos cerrados, especialmente si estás caminando. Además, ora en voz alta. Durante este tiempo abstente de hacer cualquier petición o agradecerle por algo. No es que esta deba ser tu práctica común, sino que practica hablar con Dios como tu amigo más cercano.

Este es solo un paso para vencer en esta vida, pero creo que es uno de los primeros que das en tu viaje para conocer a Dios y uno que debes hacer varias veces durante el día. Al hacer esto, ve si Dios no te revela otras cosas que puedes hacer para caminar con Él de una manera más cercana y significativa.

We have that same opportunity. In John 14:23, we read, “If a man loves me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.” God wants more than anything to be a part of our lives. He wants to be a Father to us. Think of the great men and women of the Bible. They wanted to be with God. Enoch walked with God (Genesis 5:22), Abraham was called “the friend of God” (James 2:23), and Mary sat at the feet of Jesus (Luke 10:39).

What we need desperately is to have a relationship with God. I strongly recommend a book called “Steps to Christ”, especially chapter 11 called “The Privilege of Prayer”. I’ll share a short selection from that chapter. “In order to have spiritual life and energy, we must have an actual relationship with our heavenly Father. Our minds may be drawn out toward Him; we may meditate upon His works, His mercies, His blessings; but this is not, in the fullest sense, communing with Him. In order to commune with God, we must have something to say to Him concerning our actual life.” SC 93.1.

Let me share something that was shared with me recently. If you get with a friend of yours that you’ve bonded with, do you struggle to talk for more than 5 minutes? Do you sit in silence? Or if you spend the day together, do you not talk about what’s going on in your life? For some of us, these relationships might be hard to come by, but it’s what God wants to have with us. He wants to be our companion! He wants to hear all about what’s on our minds and what’s happening in our lives.

Here’s an exercise to do. Set a timer for 20 minutes. Get comfortable. Get set up like you would if you were talking to a friend. Maybe go for a walk. Don’t worry about keeping your eyes closed, especially if you’re walking. Also, pray out loud. During this time, refrain from asking for anything or thanking Him for anything. Not that this should be your common practice, but to practice talking to God as your closest friend.

This is just one step in overcoming this life, but I believe it’s one of the first you make in your journey to know God, and one you should do numerous times throughout the day. As you do this, see if God doesn’t reveal other things that you can do to walk with Him in a closer, more meaningful way.

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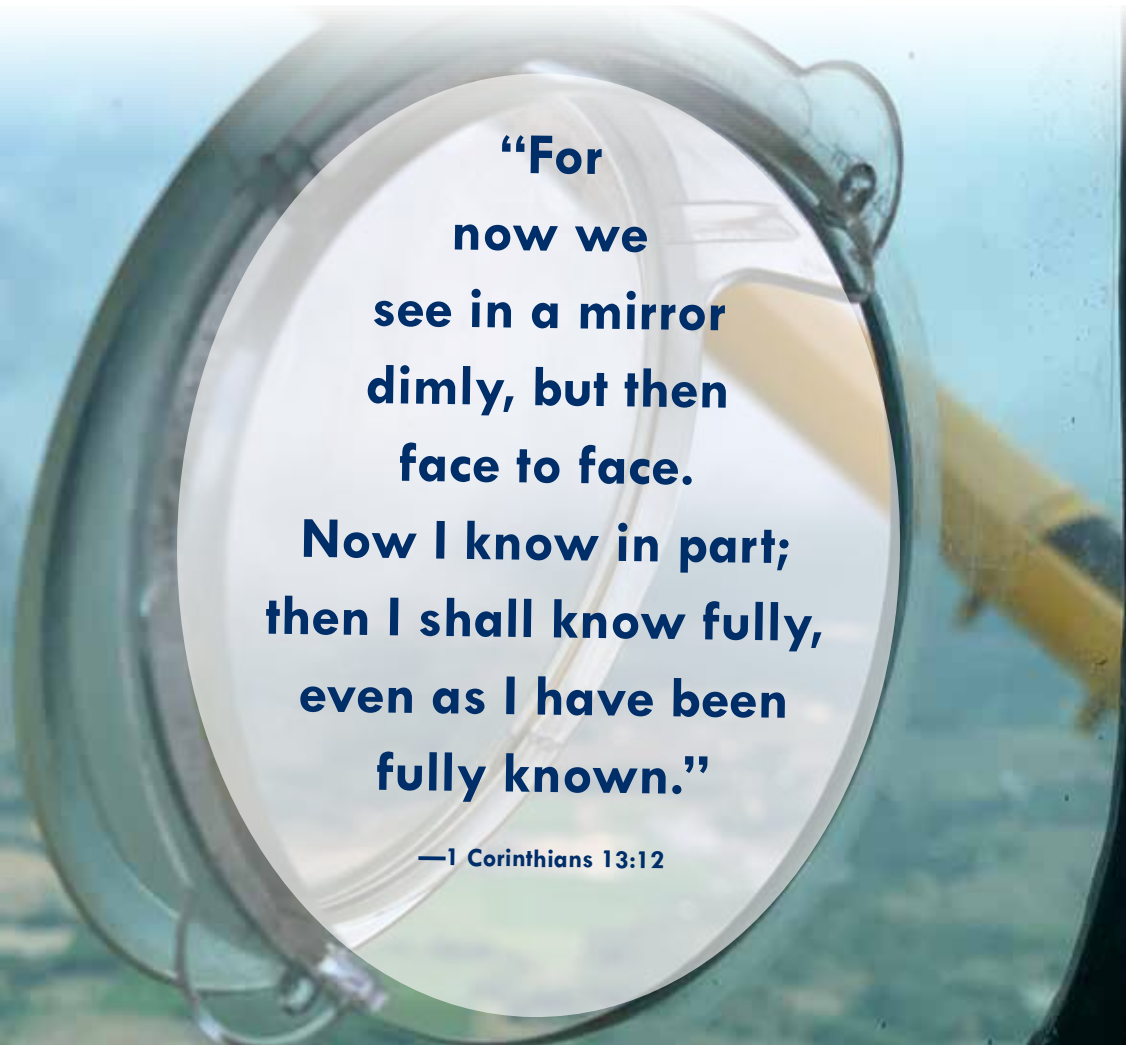


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