



Philippines-Palawan Mission Project Update



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we leave the past year of 2023, we are excited to share that the plane in the Philippines has flown over 46 medevac flights from the airstrip in Saggangan, under the direction of Jed and Sherylnn, since May 2023.

Recently, a two-week trip was made by Kyle and Rebecca Stevenson, along with Steven Leger, to visit the base. The Pathfinder plane, N81708, needed an annual to maintain safety and mechanical readiness for each flight. The need is great for ongoing operational maintenance. Some of that maintenance is being cared for during the annual, more will have to come later, and with the plane being out in

the elements, some of the maintenance happens quicker or unnecessarily because of the effects of no shelter.

Kyle, AWA's Chief of Maintenance, and the local Filipino team, including Pilot Jed, mechanics Krian, and Marvin, set about fixing any issues the plane may have had. Even while there, a brake line went out that Kyle and Marvin mended and made new so the plane would have even better brakes. The wear and tear from the ongoing flights has taken its toll.

Currently, the plane sits out in the sun, rain, and heat with only a modest cover over the windshield while the tools are stored in a large shipping container next to it. With no

covering for the plane or for the mechanics, while work is being done, it is a challenge to work in the elements, as extreme as they can be, and to keep nature, as a whole, from wearing down the plane. We need to build a hangar with doors to make it easier to work on the plane, prevent unnecessary maintenance, and store the tools securely. Also, the hangar would keep wildlife at bay; bees and lizards love to make their home in the plane.

Lately, there has been an issue with carabao and animals grazing on the runway. This can cause damage to the runway and potential landing and take-off hazards for the plane when the pilot has to leave for a medevac flight. We will be securing the property with fencing, and continue to do daily repairs so the pilot can safely keep utilizing the runway.

While visiting the base, Rebecca worked remotely via her laptop with the Head Office in between power outages. Even away on a Project visit, there is always work that has to be overseen. While there, she had the opportunity to speak for the worship service at the local SDA community church that AWA built many years before. Afterward, they all enjoyed the local Philippine potluck. The local food is always good, from tasty noodles and veggies to sweet sticky rice, which they add cinnamon and coconut to, to the yummy sofritas, which is pasta in a creamy sauce; you do not leave hungry.

Then, the next Sabbath, the team rejoiced in sharing a Thanksgiving gratitude day of worship. Rebecca ministered in song to the congregation by singing *My Jesus, I Love Thee*. It was an opportunity to share AWA with the Seventh Day Adventist Church at Adventist Hospital Palawan.

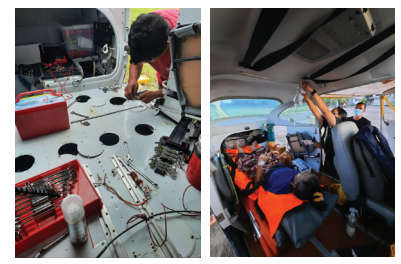
All during the trip, Steven gathered much-needed footage to continue to make video productions for AWA that you can watch on 3ABN. He accompanied Pilot Jed on a medevac flight that was requested just as the annual inspection was done. Just in time! We're glad Kyle finished the plane and that Steven was there to capture the story.

As the team here in Sagpangan flies into the New Year of 2024, we look forward to the continual medevacs for the local region. We have set the goal higher, and with God's leading, building a hangar will be accomplished. With your financial support, great things in the Philippines will be attained for everyone.


Thank you, and God Bless!

The Philippines-Palawan Mission Team


**“Therefore I say unto you,
What things soever ye desire
when ye pray, believe that ye
receive them, and ye shall
have them.” —Mark 11:24**




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