



## STEWARDSHIP

**“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” — 1 Peter 4:10**

While on a personal break this past March, I visited a community in the Philippines with my son and his wife, and I realized something about myself: I serve 24/7.

While on one of many evening walks, we ended up in a small community. As usual, new faces attract the younger kids first, and a young boy gravitated towards me. In perfect English, he asked, “What’s your name, and where are you from?”

I answered and asked him his name, and then I did what I always do when I meet kids...share a hand bump ending in an all-fingers-out explosion. It’s a young-person game, and I have found it is the first and best way to interact with kids when doing outreach work.

He shyly ran off and must have told his friends about our interaction because suddenly, more boys and girls emerged out of the evening shadows, surrounding me,

shyly waiting their turn. Everyone wanted to participate in the game. “Where are you from? What’s your name?” each child wanting to share in a fun fist bump. This went on for a good while, attracting more kids!

It brought such joy to my heart. This small interaction, sharing joy, is the best way to overcome shyness and make new friends! It always ends in smiles and giggles.

I hope the kids had fun with memories that will last longer than that evening!

The eventual goal is to have the parents come out and say hello, leading to further community interactions.

This is my way of being a steward and serving positively, whether on a mission visit, with whom I’m with, or on personal time. I still serve.

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Northern Ontario Sioux Lookout

Recently, I looked up [AdventistOntario.org](http://AdventistOntario.org)\* to see what was written on their website.

I like to visit other SDA information sites to gain

insight into others' writing.

“The Indigenous Ministry of the Ontario Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is a ministry that works towards helping where we can, to make the lives of the Indigenous people better. We work towards justice for them, healing of their wounds and reconciliation.

We have a growing relationship with the Indigenous people of Northwest Ontario in partnership with Adventist World Aviation. Our Cessna airplane serves to distribute non-perishable food and other needed supplies to the many reserves.

Currently, we are working on a clean water project which will provide filtered water fountains to the clinic, school and community Centre in Sioux Lookout and other locations.”

We solicit your support for this needed ministry.

I was impressed with what they wrote. I am grateful to partner with the Indigenous Ministries directed by Elder Mansfield Edwards of the Ontario Conference.

Here's to onward and upward as I travel throughout the provinces this summer, attending British Columbia and Alberta camp meetings in July.

I plan on being a Steward, using my resources, talents, and time to serve God, support His work, and help others.

If you care to stop by the AWA table, perhaps stand beside me, and share your time with me, I will be delighted to meet you and share in a hand bump “explosion”.

\*AdventistOntario.org



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**Julie Young**  
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A photograph of a woman, Julie Young, standing behind a table covered with a blue cloth. The table has the AWA logo on it. Behind her is a banner that reads "ADVENTIST WORLD AVIATION MISSIONARY PROGRAM" and "TO SERVE IN THE GREAT NORTHWESTERN AREA FLYAWA.ORG". The table is set up in what appears to be an indoor event space.