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Expectations are a natural part of life. We often anticipate outcomes in relationships, careers, or personal goals and even hold expectations for how God will work in our lives. While expectations can motivate and guide us, they can also lead to disappointment when reality doesn't align with what we hoped for. The Bible offers wisdom on managing expectations in a way that brings peace and aligns with God's purpose. We at Adventist World Aviation hope nothing less than to be able to reach souls, save lives, and change communities. We can confidently say that our expectations for 2025 are achievable for several reasons. Firstly, we serve a God of miracles who never leaves us nor forsake us. Secondly, we have an army of prayer warriors among our donors. Thirdly, we have a fantastic team of missionaries serving around the globe.

Some specific plans, though, are incredibly challenging and will need a lot more from everybody.

Uganda is going through a time of growth. As we work and pray, we can't wait to have an airstrip, a Center of Influence, and an Office on the groups of Bugema Adventist University. In Guyana, we dream big as local AWA missionaries have several plans, including blessing the community through a Pathfinders Club. Canada will undoubtedly see exponential expansion as the AWA missionary presence is even more intense. New partnerships and plans exist to reach villages and save and love those in need in Canada. I have always appreciated and recognized the valuable partnership with the Ontario Conference. In the Philippines, the plans are equally ambitious as several other projects will challenge the team of missionaries serving in Palawan in addition to medical evacuations. These go from classes for mothers to distributing reading glasses to those who want to see life differently through reading. Our missionaries work hard in Central America to save lives despite political, logistical, and religious challenges. Among the many projects worldwide, we must mention the efforts near our headquarters in North Carolina and on American soil. 2024 was undoubtedly challenging for several reasons, including Hurricane Helene and the almost 150 hours flown to help those affected. We hope the same will not happen again in 2025, but we will be there wherever our services are needed. Also, in the United States, transporting cancer patients was only possible because we had your financial help and prayers. Once again, we will assist those in need wherever we are needed. Alaska is undoubtedly one of the most challenging projects, but we have some fantastic news to share. We have a family getting ready to be deployed to Alaska who will be not only flying but also servicing our aircraft in Alaska whenever needed. Reaching the villages is impossible by road; hence, flying is essential for those isolated villages. We can't wait to share more with you in the coming months.

Having shared all the plans we have and the expectations ahead of us, we are sure that challenges will arise, and in the face of these challenges, we will keep the following aspects in mind:

1. Trusting in God's Plans Over Our Expectations

One of the most well-known verses about trusting God's plans is **Jeremiah 29:11**:

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

This verse reminds us that God's plans for us are often beyond our understanding. While we may set expectations based on our limited perspective, God sees the bigger picture. Trusting in His sovereignty allows us to release control and embrace His purpose, even when it differs from our own.

2. Learning Contentment in Every Season

Unmet expectations can lead to discontentment, but the Apostle Paul teaches us to find peace regardless of our circumstances.

In **Philippians 4:11-13**, Paul writes:

"I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances... I can do all this through Him who gives me strength."

Contentment doesn't mean giving up on aspirations but learning to trust that God's provision is sufficient for each season of life.

3. Setting Expectations Based on God's Promises

Instead of setting expectations based on our wants, we should anchor them in God's promises. For example, **Romans 8:28** assures us:

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."

This doesn't mean everything will go as expected. Still, God will use every situation for our ultimate good and His glory.

4. Expecting God to Move in Faith

The Bible encourages us to approach God with faith and confidence. **Hebrews 11:1** says:

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

While we should be cautious about imposing our desires onto God, we are called to expect great things from Him in faith. This expectation is not about demanding specific outcomes but trusting in His power, goodness, and timing.

Managing expectations requires a balance between hope and surrender. By grounding our expectations in God's promises and trusting His plan, we can navigate life with peace, patience, and faith. Instead of being discouraged by unmet expectations, we can view them as opportunities to grow in our trust and reliance on God, knowing that His plans for us are always good.

May God's blessings be poured upon each of you, AWA family.

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Flight Log

by Maryelle Rodrigues

Bringing hope to the ends of the earth, in every corner of the planet, there are stories of faith, courage, and transformation written by men and women who dedicate their lives to Christian missionary work. From the most remote places to the largest cities, missionaries bring the gospel message, social support, education, health care, and hope to communities in vulnerable situations. These missionary movements rekindle in us the faith and hope that we will soon see Jesus return and end all the pain, suffering, and injustice in this world.

Human beings are unique, with peculiarities, frustrations, fears, dreams, plans, and beliefs. Charming, unique, and special people are everywhere in the world who believe in humanity and its generosity towards others.

Stories that, in fact, bring us closer to God remind us of how much Jesus loves and gave Himself for each of His Children so that all may accept His sacrifice and receive forgiveness and eternal life. It was not God's plan for so much suffering; however, God uses people who love their neighbors to alleviate their pain and help with their needs. This session shows us how the commitment of these volunteers transcends cultural, geographical, and linguistic barriers, promoting the Christian faith as well as concrete

actions of love for others. Through inspiring stories and practical examples, we will learn about the impact of this work in different regions of the world and reflect on the essential role of missions in the current global scenario.

Uganda is a unique, multicultural country with several languages and dialects and many intriguing, real, beautiful, and inspiring stories. Stories that make us reflect and give new meaning to our lives, our dreams, our plans, our priorities, and even our needs. Pastor Deyvid and his wife visited Uganda for a week. They brought with them the dream of expanding the AWA project to build an airplane runway and a center of influence that will bring hope and serve an extremely needy community where people often have nothing to eat and are forced to eat what they have: grass or bushes. They met people, their most basic needs, their stories of struggle, and their daily challenges to survive in a complex and forgotten place. Pastor Deyvid had many meetings, such as with the leadership of ADRA-Uganda, to discuss the AWA project.

In January, Pastor Deyvid visited the AWA base in Guyana and contacted Adventist leaders to discuss possible partnerships in expanding the project.

The missionary couple, Rob and Sue, founded the first Pathfinder Club in Guyana to reach more young

people and advance the Kingdom of God. The teenagers are eager to do so.

AWA has a boat that serves the riverside communities. Still, this boat was idle due to a lack of equipment and few resources, making it impossible for families to receive visits and spiritual support. Thanks to the donations received, the boat will soon be repaired, thus enabling the long-awaited reestablishment of missionary contacts in the community. We are immensely grateful for the generosity of the donors. God bless them.

In February, the missionaries at the base in the Philippines received a group of missionary doctors who served the population settled there, bringing better health and more hope to those people. Air operations there will resume soon.

AWA Canada has a 1975 Cessna 206 to serve the Indigenous communities in the Sioux Lookout, Ontario region. The past two planes did not fit the growing demands of multiple passengers and large supply loads. The Cessna was upgraded at the maintenance hangar in Oliver, BC. It was test-flown over the beautiful Okanagan Valley and off to Oshawa, Ontario, where the Northern Ontario Conference dedicated it—finally making its way to Dryden, Ontario, where it is safely hangared until needed.

The Indigenous Ministry of the Ontario Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church improves Indigenous people's lives by helping them where possible. It works towards justice, healing their wounds, and reconciliation.

They have a growing relationship with the Indigenous people of Northwest Ontario in partnership with AWA.. Our Cessna airplane distributes non-perishable food and other needed supplies to the many reserves.

The efforts to alleviate the suffering burdens of Indigenous peoples in Canada have been continued by the local Pastoral support and the church team in Sioux Lookout, who have been working hard in partnership with local Indigenous leaders to get supplies to the people by vehicle. Bad weather often makes flying to isolated Indigenous communities difficult, even during

the flying season. During the winter, when the roads freeze over, more regions can be reached by road.

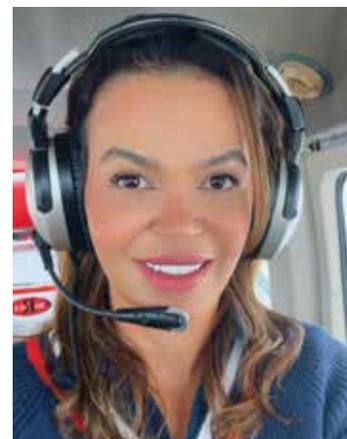
We are also working on a clean water project to provide filtered water fountains to the clinic, school, and community center in Sioux Lookout and other locations.

There is always a need to help with the burden of these costs and to keep the church's food bank stocked with clothing and personal supplies for many reserves.

Having the Cessna ready to fly, under the direction of the Ontario Conference, will be a blessing in meeting the community's needs.

The mission of bringing hope, love, and transformation worldwide is not a solitary task. Every step taken in distant lands, every life touched. Every seed of faith planted is the fruit of a great partnership: our dedication in the field and the generosity of hearts willing to pray and send support. You may not be physically with us, but your contribution takes us beyond where our strength reaches. When you donate, we go together. When you pray, we are strengthened. And when you believe together, the impossible becomes reality. Together, we can continue to spread light where there is still darkness. The mission belongs to all of us. Come be a part of this story!

MEET THE AUTHOR...



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Mission Opportunities

THE LONG-AWAITED DREAM COMES TRUE IN GOD'S TIMING

by **Tenywa Livingstone**

I was accepted as an AWA volunteer missionary almost four and a half years ago. Discussing AWA missionaries coming to Uganda for partnership was like a long dream. Over a year ago, I began receiving facilitation from AWA. My family started extending services in far different congregations and supported shepherds projects, youth ministry, and prison ministry, all facilitated by AWA's monthly remittance. However, some people still did not properly comprehend what AWA/Wings for Humanity meant.

Eventually, Pr. Deyvid told me to look for communities that needed evangelism and a church for the congregation. I had two bishops who welcomed the idea, and they promised to avail land for the airfield. One was 200km and another 400km away. I went to the Vice Chancellor to ask for a leave of duty to begin with the house-to-house, office-to-office friendship ministry and eventually conduct public evangelism. On the contrary, in our meeting, the Vice Chancellor told me that one of the university's growing international students' Sabbath schools needed support to erect a center of interest that will not only open on Sabbath but also have several activities to assist the community. So the focus changed from far place to near as the aim of the Vice Chancellor was similar to those of AWA and also promised to give land for the airstrip.

Vice Chancellor extended an invitation and promised his car for pick up and drop off at the airport and other movements in Uganda. After a short time, Pr. Deyvid sent his flight schedule. On Friday, February 28th, 2025, at around 3:00 am, the long-awaited couple, Pr. Deyvid and his wife, Mary, walked through the arrival section, where my wife, our daughter, and I were waiting. What a joy that filled our hearts that morning. We drove them to the university, where we arrived at 5:00 am.

We thank God for having them for 5 days and all the tight schedule we managed to fulfill, including meeting the vice chancellor on Friday, worshipping with the international students' Sabbath school on Sabbath, meeting the university council chairman, driving with the vice chancellor to see the proposed land for the airfield at Bugema University on Sunday, meeting ADRA Uganda director and team, meeting the Uganda Union President of the SDA church, traveling deep to the semiarid farmland on Monday, visiting Bar Aviation Chief Accounting officer and touring bar aviation airfield on Tuesday, visiting the zoo on Wednesday 5th, 2025. Eventually, we saw them off at Entebbe International Airport around 12:00 noon. The dream had come true, and this visit ignited the formation and registration of the Adventist World Aviation Mission in Uganda. May the Lord who enabled this to happen continue paving the way for full-fledged AWA operations on this continent.





High Expectations

by Julie Young

“Call unto me, and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.”

— Jeremiah 33:3

Look at each of these faces in the pictures. Can you see the earnest hope? Do they wish to have their basic needs met—clean water, clothes, food, and emotional support? In my travels to each project, I have seen this need up close and personal. I have walked into communities and the jungle doing outreach and met many people excited to have a visitor to talk to and someone willing to help.

I’m sharing these photos with you because I want you to understand the great need for what I desire for humanity: to help people fulfill their expectations for basic care.

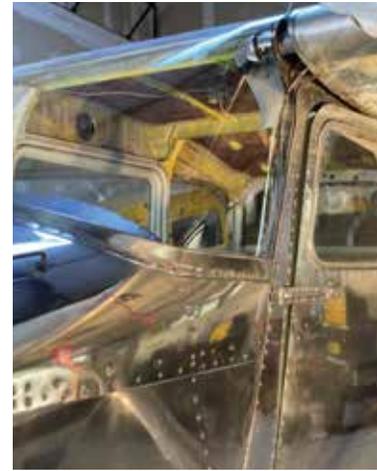
Most of us want safe and nurturing care that gives us a sense of security, provided by parents and caregivers who

are attentive, patient, and respectful of our individuality as human beings.

Basic care of a healthy meal, clothing, hygiene, and proper medical attention. Physical care of a clean space to live and rest at night, praise and support, and respect for culture and customs, no matter what country we live in or where we are from.

But have they, the ones pictured here, like so many others,?? received the basics?

Many don’t have a roof over their heads, just a platform with wooden walls and a thatched roof or tarp. Their meals consist of rice and beans. Their care may come from only one parent because the dad or mom is in jail or, worse, has died, and an older sibling is raising them alone. Their clothes are worn and in need of replacement. I know you



have heard this before, as I have shared this in past articles in the Airways magazines.

It breaks my heart to witness such hardship when we go to each project to do outreach, fly crucial medical flights, and deliver supplies. This is why I persist in outreach and sharing my stories, confident that it will sink in that we need to help those with life challenges.

Will you contribute to making that happen for those we seek to help and give a better life?

As the saying goes, “An apple a day keeps the doctor away,” well, a dollar or more a day keeps poverty away.

PLANE (PLAIN) EXPECTATIONS

In plain terms, donations are the lifeblood of AWA. To deliver goods and supplies using the plane for the Northern Ontario Project, our focus is on regular maintenance necessary for flight safety and efficiency.

The Northern Ontario Cessna 206 utilized in Sioux Lookout Ontario needs ongoing upgrades:

- Long-range fuel tip tanks installed for longer flights into the Northern communities.
- Repairs done to the tail stabilizer from damage over the years • Auto Pilot • S Transponder • Modern Instruments

Goal: \$100,000

The AWA Canada Cessna’s stationed in Oliver, BC, need deployment upgrades.

- The blue & white 150 needs an upgrade to its exterior paint.
- The yellow & blue 150 needs final assembly and wiring.
- The silver 172 needs interior carpet, seating, and an engine overhaul.

Combined Goal \$100,000.

These maintenance costs are not excessive; they are the cost of upgrading the planes to modern standards for continued humanitarian work.

“Commit to the LORD whatever you do; He will establish your plans.” Proverbs 16:3

When I came on as a volunteer in 2018, AWA Canada had over 250 recurring donors; sadly, we are down to 81. Thank you for taking the time to read through my appeal and pray about how your heart would like to once again help with each of our endeavours in Canada. To donate, please visit flyawa.org, and donate to the Northern Ontario Project. *Thank you, friends!*

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UNIVERSITY STUDENTS LOCKED DOWN BY COVID-19 EVOLVED INTO A SABBATH SCHOOL

by Tenywa Livingstone

I discussed this with Elder Francis Niyomugabo, who oversees international students' Sabbath school at Bugema University. He narrated how this congregation germinated from a difficult situation.

In March 2020, the government of Uganda declared an immediate lockdown due to the COVID-19 virus.

Many students could not travel back home for various reasons, especially the lack of transport fares. The lockdown was expected to last a few weeks but lasted almost a year. These students were from Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania, Kenya, South Sudan, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Botswana, Angola, and South Africa but were confined in their hostels.

Communities were banned from meeting, including church services. Students stayed in their hostels; some stayed in one built by someone in Seattle, US, so the hostel is called Seattle. With the related fear about the virus from social media, Adventist and non-Adventist students engaged in prayer and bible study in the Seattle hostel. On the second Sabbath of the lockdown, 8 students congregated within the hostel corridor. On the third Sabbath, the number of worshippers grew to 13; on the fourth Sabbath, over twenty students gathered for prayers in the corridor, and the number continued to increase, including even the local non-Adventist community.

When the lockdown was over, the government limited congregations to a maximum of 200 worshippers. These international students felt more comfortable remaining and congregating every Sabbath in the courtyard of their Seattle hostel than joining the main church of mostly elders, so the number of worshippers shot to over 200.

One day, the mother church sent Elder Anyona to see what was going on at this student's congregation, and he delivered the message that more chairs were needed for the worshippers.

The government declared a second lockdown because of another variant of COVID-19, and this strengthened social cohesion in this Sabbath school and the

community. The hostel courtyard is currently congested with more than 200 students and some community members. The university's main church has contributed 95 plastic chairs so far, and the members have bought 47 chairs as they borrow more chairs every Sabbath from restaurants that don't work on Sabbath. During the COVID-19 lockdown, 6 students accepted Jesus as their personal savior. After the lockdown, one pastor from Kenya married a lady who converted from a catholic background, and the couple is now serving in Kenya.

After divine worship, this congregation comes together for lunch, called swallows. Some drunkards from the community join them for lunch and then move on. What is interesting is that some of these drunkards have adjusted their lifestyles and show signs of slowly loving the SDA teachings. After the meal, some Bible games are conducted, and some members go for community visitations.

Challenges faced

This Sabbath school lacks a conducive place for worship to accommodate the growing numbers and a provision for a room for the young ones, even from the community. Secondly, the local community that does not understand English needs some interpretation, which will be possible when there is room for them. The University administration has contributed some iron sheets and a piece of land for church construction. Still, we are praying for a helping hand to enable the church construction as a center of influence for university students and the local community.

If possible, AWA will visit Uganda and Bugema University this year. In that case, it would open a door for partnership, and the Bugema administration is promising to provide land for an AWA airfield and offices.

When this is realized, AWA will have a base at Bugema University and join hands with the local church to share the good news with non-entered regions in and around Uganda. We pray that whoever is touched by hope and progress may contribute to this eternal cause.

NEW YEAR PLAN

by Pr. Tenywa Livingstone

It is a pleasure to begin looking into 2025 with a missionary strategic focus.

This is a result of the facilitation sent to Uganda that enabled us to get involved in several evangelistic activities.

This year, 2025, the Uganda project will begin specific activities that will make AWA more visible on the ground and strengthen evangelistic engagements. We plan to partner with local organizations, including ADRA, and agree on evangelistic activities according to priority.

To begin with, one of the engagements is to work with the local church and do some groundwork for community bible study to strengthen the members. This will enable us to get new believers and set up a congregation with a shelter where they can worship. The same shelter will work as a social center of influence to spur local development innovations by the community members themselves. AWA will give a hand and necessary guidance. Among the activities planned are counseling and guidance programs, safe motherhood and nutrition sensitization, basic community computer programs, and HIV/AIDS programs because this is still a challenge among youths in the community.

We plan to have an office for the religious leader, who will be responsible for the spiritual nurture of members. We also plan to have an office for AWA, which will be a base for planning and coordinating AWA activities in Uganda.

We have already located a group of international students at Bugema University who worship under a temporary shelter at their hostel. We have talked to the local pastor and the University administration about the above plan, and there has been a positive response.

The Bugema University administrator has promised to allocate land to construct the center of influence. Administrative discussions are ongoing to meet the policy requirements.

Once the policy requirements are achieved, we plan to negotiate about where to have a stretch of land for an airfield where an aircraft can land and take off to airlift humanitarian services to hazard-hit areas. The Bugema University administration is also discussing this.

We plan to share responsibility in this partnership with the local organization, including budget and implementation strategies. We also plan to have a local finance mobilization strategy at the regional level, ensuring the sustainability of any activities that have begun.

All of the above will be affected when AWA missionaries come to Uganda in 2025 for face-to-face discussions, meetings, and joint strategies. The implementation will effectively flow as agreements are legally signed, especially with the local church administrators.

Appeal: We pray that by God's grace and providence, more support will be mobilized for the AWA Uganda project to be effected, and the gospel in this area will be strengthened.

Yours,

Pr. Tenywa Livingstone

AWA missionary (Uganda project)







NICARAGUAN “GALLO PINTO”

Gallo Pinto is a rice-and-bean dish that appears on almost every Nicaraguan table about every day and maybe even twice a day! The name means “painted rooster” (though no rooster is involved!) It may refer to how the rice and beans look like patterns on a chicken! Whatever the case, it’s a big part of Nicaraguan culture, that’s for sure!

INGREDIENTS:

1 package (14-16 oz) of small dried red beans, such as Central American red beans (not kidney beans). 3 cups of cooked beans needed for recipe

2 1/2 cups red bean cooking liquid

2 cups uncooked brown rice

1/3 cup olive oil

1/2 onion finely chopped

3 tsp Himalayan or Marine salt divided

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Pick through beans to remove any debris, and rinse well with water.
2. Place beans in a large pot, add enough water to cover by 3-4 inches and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low or medium-low to keep at a slow boil.
3. Boil gently, partially covered, for about 1 1/2 hours or until beans are tender but firm al dente. Check after 1 hour to ensure too much water hasn't evaporated. Add more if needed. Add 2 teaspoons salt during the last 30 minutes of cooking time. Once cooked, set the pot aside at room temperature and keep the beans in their cooking liquid until ready for use.
4. Heat the olive oil over medium heat in a wide saucepan with about 2” sides.
5. Add chopped onion and sauté for 2-3 minutes, until slightly softened.
6. Measure out 3 cups of cooked beans, removing from bean liquid with a slotted spoon. Add to oil and onion.
7. Immediately add 2 1/2 cups of bean cooking liquid, 2 cups uncooked rice, and 1 teaspoon salt. Bring to a quick boil, then reduce heat to low. Cover and cook on low for 30-40 minutes or until rice is cooked.

Enjoy!

Written by the daughter of the missionaries in Central America

Heavenly Expectations

by Dr. Deyvid Batista, ThD

Imagine a farmer who plants various seeds in his field. He checks on them each morning, expecting each seed to sprout immediately. However, days pass, and he sees no visible signs of growth. Frustrated, he wonders if he made a mistake by planting them.

However, the farmer does not realize what's happening beneath the soil. While he sees only dirt on the surface, the seeds are germinating, roots are developing, and life is beginning to form, hidden from view. He goes to bed each evening, trusting that his seeds are working toward their purpose.

In this parable, Jesus teaches us about the nature of God's kingdom and our expectations. Just as the farmer must wait patiently for the harvest, we too often have expectations of how God should work in our lives. We may want immediate results—a job, healing, answers to our prayers—but God operates on a different timeline.

As believers journey through life, the anticipation of heaven serves as a beacon of hope and a source of profound comfort. The Scriptures provide glimpses into this eternal dwelling, shaping our expectations and deepening our longing for the divine presence.

The Bible speaks of a transformative renewal of all things. In Revelation 21:1, the apostle John shares his vision: “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.” This passage suggests a complete re-creation, a fresh design that surpasses our current understanding. The term “new” here implies something unprecedented and glorious, new in time and new in nature.

One of the most comforting promises about heaven is the eradication of pain and suffering. Revelation 21:4 assures us: “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” In this new existence, earthly life's trials and tribulations will no longer

be replaced by eternal joy and peace. This promise goes beyond our most amazing hopes for the future.

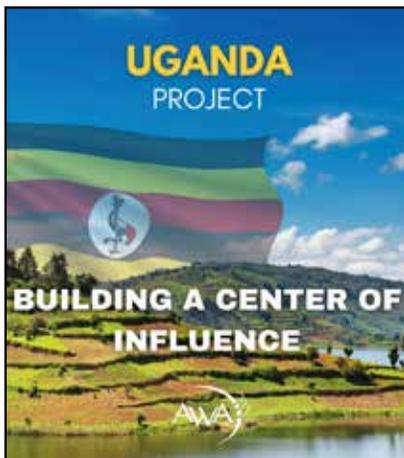
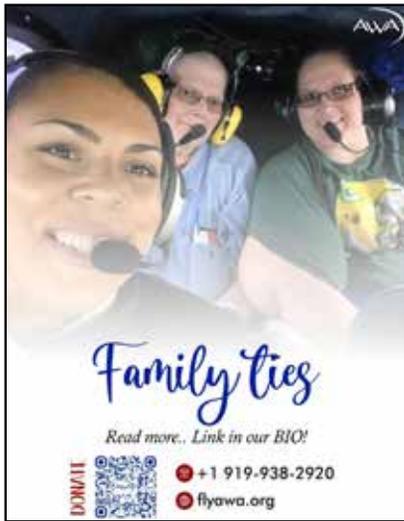
Central to the expectation of heaven is the promise of dwelling in the immediate presence of God. Revelation 21:3 proclaims: “And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.’” This intimate communion with the Creator fulfills the deepest longings of the human soul.

Heaven is depicted as a realm of unparalleled splendor. The New Jerusalem, described in Revelation 21:2, is adorned “as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.” The city's brilliance is likened to “a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal” (Revelation 21:11). Such descriptions inspire awe and wonder, inviting believers to envision a beauty beyond earthly comparison.

In heaven, believers anticipate fellowship with God and with one another. The communal aspect of worship is highlighted in Revelation 7:9, where a great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language stands before the throne, praising God together. Moreover, serving God in heaven suggests purposeful and fulfilling activity, as Revelation 22:3 states: “His servants will serve Him.”

Understanding these promises shapes how we live today. The apostle Paul encourages believers in Colossians 3:1-2: “Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.” By focusing on the eternal, we find strength and perspective to navigate the challenges of this life.

In conclusion, the biblical portrayal of heaven offers a future of expectations, hope, joy, and fulfillment. May our hearts be encouraged as we meditate on these truths and live with a renewed sense of purpose and anticipation for the glorious eternity that awaits.



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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



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GUYANA

FROM ROB AND SUE:

We are organizing an evangelistic and health initiative. Help us purchase the following:

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Health:

Printer

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Bulbs / Lights

Cost of overall needs - \$5,000

Portable PA system

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)

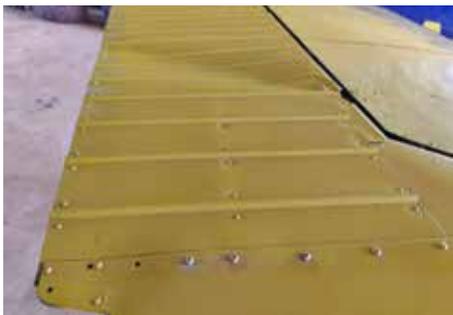
This project has many funding needs:

Funds to build a hangar • Annual maintenance costs

Hangar rent in Oliver, BC: **\$1400.00**

An aircraft GPS /avionics for flying in the Northern Ontario region: **\$14,500**

\$1,400 • \$14,500



MAINTENANCE

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

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Extra insurance for the plane: **\$1,100**

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Hope

by Josh Fix

Have you ever felt a little lost in life, wondering what your purpose is? Maybe you've felt envy after hearing a failure-to-success story. Perhaps you've been discouraged because you feel like you've missed your calling at some point, and there's no way to correct course now. Possibly, your life is a tangled mess, and you don't even know where to start getting back on track.

If so, you're not the only one. You're not the first, and you won't be the last. Also, these feelings don't indicate being lost or abandoned by God. How can I know this? Or, more importantly, how can you know this? By looking at history. Let's take a look at some biblical examples. The first one that comes to mind is Moses. He was born to a simple life, but through a bit of a gamble on his mother's part in putting him on the Nile river in a little basket boat, he made his way into the heart of Egyptian royalty and had a good shot at the throne of Egypt. But due to a misstep—killing an Egyptian taskmaster—he had to flee to Midian, seemingly ruining his chances of leading his people out of slavery. I'm sure he thought long and hard about the could have, would have, and should have. According to the Bible, we know that by the time God spoke to him at the burning bush,

Moses had lost significant self-confidence. That can be debilitating—unless you replace it with faith in God's power. Moses took a little convincing, but when he was locked in on trusting God, God did amazing things in and through Moses.

Another example is Elijah. He was at a high point in his ministry after the events on Mount Carmel, where the fire came down from heaven and proved who the true God was and that Elijah was working for Him. But then, right after that, he turned tail and ran away from Queen Jezebel after she threatened his life. He ran for his life, traveling more than 100 miles on foot. God sent angels to tenderly care for him, providing food and water at one point. He gets to where he's going, and God wants to talk. God tenderly says, "What doest thou here, Elijah?" Showing that this expedition was not part of the plan. We don't have time to go through the conversation here. But God paints a path for Elijah to follow; Elijah obeys and is ultimately taken into heaven by a fiery chariot without seeing death. How's that for a turnaround?

Sometimes, the apparent derailments in our lives aren't even our choice. Take, for example, Joseph being

sold as a slave. He didn't choose this path but gave the situation to God, served God in everything he did, and lived the best rags-to-riches story I've ever heard.

Time would fail me if I tried to list all the Bible stories I've read about people whose lives were turned around after they placed their faith in God. I could talk about Jonah, Mary Magdalen, Daniel, Ruth, David, Peter, and Paul. The list is endless—people who struggled due to their mistakes or simply because they lived in a fallen world—yet God rescued them.

God is in the business of extending help to those who have none. We should all have a testimony of how God has delivered us in some form or fashion. Maybe it's not in as dramatic a fashion as the stories mentioned above. Perhaps it's just God giving you hope for tomorrow. Maybe it's God giving you that patience that is usually lacking in your character. It may be just finding your car keys. God is the God of big things as well as little

things. But no matter what your life situation might look like right now or even if you are martyred for your faith tomorrow, we can still look forward to living in the presence of our Savior for eternity, dwelling safely in the mansions He has prepared for us. It lies with us to have faith in God that He will give us a happy ending to our story, follow Him with our choices, and share the hope He has ignited in our hearts.

My family and I want to do this for Alaska's people. Many people there are without hope and are ending their own lives because of it. For many, tomorrow holds no hope, and they can't see through tonight's darkness. We want to share the hope that can be found in Jesus and inspire them with the hope of His soon coming so they can experience the peace that passes understanding. Pray for us as we follow Christ's example of mingling, showing goodwill to people, and inviting them to follow the Good Master.



Esperanza

by Yoshiday Fix

¿Alguna vez te has sentido un poco perdido en la vida preguntándote cuál es tu propósito? Tal vez hayas tenido la sensación de envidia después de escuchar una historia de fracaso a éxito. Tal vez te hayas desanimado porque sientes que en algún momento has perdido tu llamado y que no hay forma de corregir el rumbo ahora. Tal vez tu vida es un lío enredado que ni siquiera sabes por dónde empezar para volver a encaminarte.

Si es así, no eres el único. No eres el primero y no serás el último. Además, estos sentimientos no son una indicación de estar perdido o abandonado por Dios. ¿Cómo puedo saber esto? O más importante aún, ¿cómo puedes saberlo tú? Mirando la historia. Echemos un vistazo a algunos ejemplos bíblicos. El primero que me viene a la mente es Moisés. Nació en una vida sencilla, pero a través de un pequeño riesgo por parte de su madre al ponerlo en el río Nilo en un pequeño bote de canasta, se abrió camino hasta el corazón de la realeza egipcia y tuvo buenas

posibilidades de llegar al trono de Egipto. Pero debido a un paso en falso (matar a un capataz egipcio) tuvo que huir a Madián, arruinando aparentemente sus posibilidades de sacar a su pueblo de la esclavitud. Estoy seguro de que pensó mucho en lo que podría haber hecho, lo que hubiera hecho y lo que debería haber hecho. Sin embargo, sabemos según la Biblia que cuando Dios le habló en la zarza ardiente, Moisés había perdido una cantidad significativa de confianza en sí mismo. Eso en sí mismo puede ser debilitante, a menos que, por supuesto, lo reemplaces con fe en el poder de Dios. Moisés necesitó un poco de persuasión, pero cuando se concentró en confiar en Dios, Dios hizo cosas asombrosas en él y a través de él. Otro ejemplo es Elías. Estaba en un punto culminante de su ministerio después de los eventos en el monte Carmelo, donde el fuego descendió del cielo y demostró quién era el verdadero Dios y que Elías estaba trabajando para Él. Pero luego, justo después de eso, dio media vuelta y huyó de la reina Jezabel después

de que ella amenazara su vida. Corrió para salvar su vida, recorriendo más de 100 millas a pie. Dios envió ángeles para cuidarlo con ternura, proporcionándole comida y agua en un momento dado. Llega a donde quiere ir y Dios quiere hablar. Dios le dice con amor: “¿Qué haces aquí, Elías?”, mostrando que esta expedición no era parte del plan. No tenemos tiempo para repasar la conversación aquí. Pero Dios le traza un camino a Elías para que lo siga, Elías obedece y finalmente es llevado al cielo en un carro de fuego sin ver la muerte. ¿Qué te parece ese cambio de rumbo?

A veces, los aparentes descarrilamientos en nuestras vidas ni siquiera son por elección nuestra. Tomemos como ejemplo a José, que fue vendido como esclavo. Él no eligió este camino, sino que le entregó la situación a Dios y le sirvió en todo lo que hizo y vivió la mejor historia de pobreza a riqueza que he escuchado.

Me faltaría tiempo si intentara enumerar todas las historias que he leído en la Biblia sobre personas que han cambiado sus vidas después de poner su fe en Dios.

Podría hablar de Jonás, María Magdalena, Daniel, Rut, David, Pedro y Pablo. La lista es interminable: personas que lucharon, ya sea por sus propios errores o simplemente porque vivían en un mundo caído, pero Dios las rescató.

Dios se dedica a extender ayuda a quienes no la tienen. Todos deberíamos tener un testimonio de cómo Dios nos ha liberado de alguna forma. Tal vez no sea de una manera tan dramática como las historias mencionadas anteriormente. Tal vez sea simplemente que Dios te da esperanza para el mañana. Tal vez sea que Dios te da esa paciencia que parece faltar en tu carácter. Tal vez sea simplemente encontrar las llaves de tu auto. Dios es el Dios de las cosas grandes y de las pequeñas. Pero no importa cómo sea tu situación de vida en este momento o incluso si eres martirizado por tu fe mañana, aún podemos esperar vivir en la presencia de nuestro Salvador por la eternidad, morando seguros en las mansiones que Él ha preparado para nosotros. Sin embargo, depende de nosotros tener fe en que Dios nos dará un final feliz a nuestra historia y seguirlo con nuestras decisiones

y compartir la esperanza que Él ha encendido en nuestros corazones.

Esto es lo que mi familia y yo queremos hacer por la gente de Alaska. Mucha gente allí no tiene esperanza y está poniendo fin a su propia vida por esta razón. Para muchos, el mañana no les ofrece ninguna esperanza y no pueden ver a través de la oscuridad de esta noche. Queremos compartir la esperanza que se puede encontrar en Jesús e inspirarlos con la esperanza de su pronto regreso para que puedan experimentar la paz que sobrepasa todo entendimiento. Oren por nosotros mientras buscamos seguir el ejemplo de Cristo de relacionarnos y mostrar buena voluntad a las personas y luego invitarlas a seguir al Buen Maestro.





Dreaming Big

By Caleb and Glenda

In our wildest dreams, we never expected God to send us to the Miskito people of Central America. Still, once with them, we could see how the Holy Spirit was leading our family to share God's love and hope in ways unique to the gifts He has given us. Only now, as we initiate 2025, has God begun to unfold His plans for us to minister to those in the cities, hundreds of kilometers inland from where we had started. While we continue to support outreach efforts by training and equipping local missionaries to the Miskito communities, especially those isolated along the Coco River, personally, we have been physically relocated with a new vision for a new people group.

The strategy, as we have been given to understand, involves opening a clinic to attract people suffering from physical illnesses. As we care for their health needs, we

can educate them on how their Creator designed them to experience an abundant life. Connecting people's temporal needs to their Creator also connects them to the supply source for their eternal needs. I can use my gifts as a chiropractor. Glenda is exercising her budding gifts to educate people about natural remedies and lifestyle changes. We pray with our patients in the office after their care and supply them with educational materials on health and spiritual truth, and God is blessing our efforts. The office is rapidly becoming popular, as there is a great need for it, and people are finding genuine relief from their illnesses.

As we began to market our clinic, Glenda was handing out flyers to the pedestrians in the streets. We also put banners in strategic traffic areas that announced our opening and ensured we were listed on Google Maps.

We learned of a Christian radio station and decided to advertise with them. However, we were surprised when they asked us if we would consider creating a weekly, hour-long program to educate listeners. I immediately began to sweat nervously, but I couldn't say "No" directly despite my fear because, long ago, I promised God that if He asked me to do anything, I would accept. Glenda seemed more comfortable with the idea, but was this God asking?

One day, we did a half-hour interview on the radio that lasted almost an hour. The idea was to introduce the office, but listeners called in and asked questions during the live interview. We had a great time answering their questions and explaining physiology. Still, we always returned people's attention to their Creator's design and our body's original user manual, the Bible. That hour seemed like only a few minutes! After that experience, we were convinced that, in the near future, a radio program designed to answer people's health questions from the creation viewpoint will be added to our outreach strategy.

Through friends and acquaintances, we have also been invited to multiple churches to share specific health topics with their congregations. Unfortunately, in the past, the health message, as shared here in Central America, was received as more of a bludgeon than a blessing. Many have rejected the message of health offered in Genesis chapters 1 and 2; they look at those who share this message with distrust or disdain. However, we are given more grace because Glenda and I are foreigners. The response to our talks has been positive. It has allowed us to make alliances with others who feel moved by the Holy Spirit to spread the gospel using the health message. We see God developing a team of medical missionaries.

This brings us to the most ambitious goal for the new year. We need to have a training venue to capacitate medical missionaries-in-training. God has already gifted us a beautiful property with 60 acres of land and a river running through it. We live on the property in a

tiny one-room house with the bare essentials. The vision we see and wish to share with our supporters is a home that will provide for our basic needs and double as a training center for preparing inspired people to return to their congregations with life-saving knowledge. We and our team would teach courses on long weekends, an intense immersion. This knowledge will include vital health principles and how to connect those principles to the gospel, a winning combination for enlarging God's kingdom. A budding team to undergo this vision is already in development.

We hope you are as excited as we are about how God is moving our ministry. By God's providence and your continued support, we strive to better prepare those of Central America for Christ's soon return. We know this is a big dream, please feel welcome to contact us with any interest, questions, etc.

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**Caleb and his wife, Glenda,
are your AWA Mission Family serving
at the Central America Project**



Faith in Action: Missionary Project in Guyana 2025

by Rob and Sue

Faith in Action: Missionary Project in Guyana 2025

As we begin 2025, we are grateful for God's guidance and protection throughout 2024. Reflecting on the past year, we witnessed His providence in every challenge we faced and every blessing we received. We encountered difficulties such as extreme drought and water shortages, mechanical problems with the Jeep used to serve and visit communities, health issues, and an incident where Sue suffered a spider bite resulting in a leg wound. Despite these, God strengthened us and provided what we needed to continue bringing hope and healing to the remote communities of this beautiful region.

A Year of Gratitude

In 2024, we witnessed God's love for those in need. Thanks to your prayers and donations, we could respond to urgent medical needs, build relationships with communities, and spread the message of Christ's love. Despite obstacles, logistical challenges, and limited resources, God sustained us, enabling us to fulfill His calling in this missionary field.

Looking Forward to 2025

As we enter this New Year, our hearts are filled with hope and determination. God has great plans for the Missionary Project in Guyana in 2025. To realize them, we count on your support. Each contribution is essential for this project to continue impacting lives in this remote jungle region of Guyana. Our main objectives include:

- **Return of Aeromedical Evacuation Operations:** After a long period without flights due to the absence of a permanent missionary pilot and prolonged aircraft inactivity, we begin this year with the firm goal of resuming air missions as quickly as possible. I am about to complete my flight training in Brazil and obtain my pilot's license. We plan to perform all necessary maintenance to ensure the aircraft is fully operational. These steps are critical to continue serving communities safely and efficiently, bringing vital aid and hope to those in need.
- **Community Development Projects: Water for Hubo Hill:** A much-needed artesian well with a pump, filtration,

and purification system will be drilled in Hubo Hill, Mabaruma, providing clean and accessible water for the local community even during dry seasons.

• **Service and Support to Remote Riverine Communities:** Acquiring an accelerator control for the boat will allow us to reach remote riverine communities more efficiently, expanding our capacity to offer spiritual and material support. It will also facilitate visits for health care, including emergency situations, in isolated areas.

• **Strengthening Our Center of Influence:** Making the Wings for Humanity Center of Influence a more pleasant and comfortable place. Among the initiatives is thermal insulation for the roof, which will significantly reduce the heat caused by the zinc roof, providing a more comfortable environment for community activities. Health materials like a digital blood pressure monitor, glucose meter, pulse oximeter, thermometer, and scale will allow more effective health monitoring during visits and care to guide the community on health care. We also plan to acquire a TV for educational and evangelistic presentations, a valuable tool for learning and inspiration. Lastly, school materials for reinforcement and academic encouragement will help children and young people develop and reach their potential, offering educational support and promoting intellectual and social growth.

• **Intensifying Evangelism:** “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.” Motivated by this truth, we will organize a Mission Trip from Brazil to Guyana. During this mission, volunteers will dedicate part of their vacation to impact the city of Mabaruma through evangelism and humanitarian actions. We plan to set up an evangelism tent to offer Bible studies, conduct youth programs, and hold community worship services. Our goal is to share the hope found in Christ and empower the local community with messages of faith, love, and spiritual transformation.

How You Can Help

To achieve these goals and continue impacting lives in Guyana, we rely on the support of people and organizations that share our vision of service. Your participation is essential for each of these goals to become a reality. Some of the primary needs are:

• **Materials for Aviation Maintenance:** Our aircraft are essential for medical evacuation operations and community services. Spare parts, tools, and regular maintenance are necessary for flight safety and efficiency.

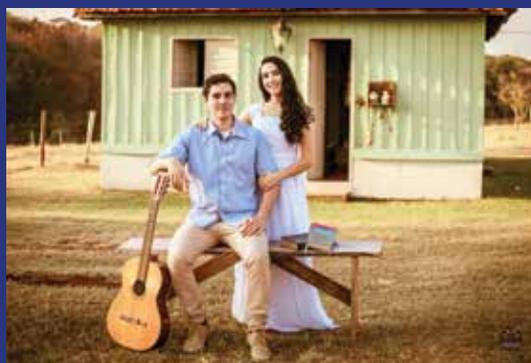
• **Resources for the Clean Water Project:** Drilling an artesian well in Hubo Hill is urgent. Resources for drilling equipment, water filtration, and purification systems are crucial to realizing this vision and providing clean water to the entire community.

• **Evangelism Materials:** These resources, from Bibles to educational materials and multimedia tools, are crucial for our evangelism and spiritual strengthening initiatives.

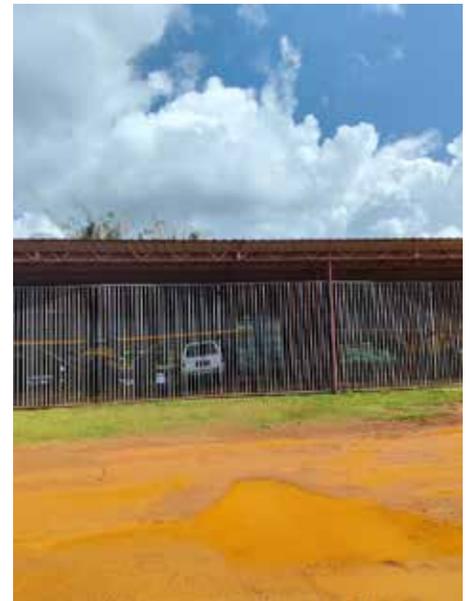
Join Our Mission

We invite you to join us in another year of dedication to missionary service in Guyana. Your financial support, prayers, and encouragement are vital for us to continue impacting lives in this region. Together, we can be the hands and feet of Christ, bringing hope, healing, and transformation to the most needy communities.

With faith and determination, 2025 will be a year of significant advances. As the Bible promises, “He who began a good work in us will carry it on to completion.” (Philippians 1:6). Thank you for being part of this missionary journey. May God richly bless you as we work together to share His love and light with the world.



**Your AWA Missionaries
at the AWA Guyana Mission Project:
Rob & Suellen**





Donors Visited the AWA Base

by Sir Ronie Fiedacan

It was a memorable day for AWA Foundation Philippines, particularly on March 8-10, 2025, when a group of visitors from different parts of the United States of America visited our Air Base here at Brgy. Sagpangan, Aborlan Palawan, Philippines.

The team is a generous supporter and donor of AWA. They call their group Team ELNORA from Texas. Dr. Schubert Sapien, a professional medical dentist, heads the team, which has a total of about 42 people. After a short glimpse of the base and the Pathfinder plane, they went directly to the Brgy. Hall, as this is the venue for a two-day medical/dental mission.

The team is composed of four medical doctors, not including the local doctors who also volunteered to join. They also have four dentists on the team; the rest are nurses, other medical professionals, and pastors. A total of 389 medical and 187 dental patients were given medical checkups and provided with free medicines.

There is also an optical team that provides reading glasses to the community.

The kids with the team sing songs to entertain local kids. Another team provided school supplies to the nearby elementary school.

Also, the evangelistic presentation started on the evening of March 10, 2025, and culminated on March 15, 2025. Hopefully, they will follow Jesus, and the Bible's truth will be presented to them. The staff of AWA Philippines was also busy assisting the doctors during the mission and evangelism. Please include the patients served and the evangelistic crusade attendees in your prayers.

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Sir Ronie Fiedacan

AWA Foundation Philippines



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Annual Inspection

by Mark Cabural

Hi, I'm Mark, an AWA Philippines Aircraft mechanic. We did an annual inspection on our Pathfinder Plane to maintain the airworthiness of our aircraft and make it always ready for service. On our first day, we replaced our aircraft's ELT (Emergency Locator Transmitter) batteries and did an engine run-up. The next day, we did a compression check on the cylinders of N81708 to see if adjustments, repairs, or replacements should be made. We have also cleaned and swapped the spark plugs and checked them with a gaping tool and a feeler gauge. On the third day, we did an aircraft interior and airframe inspection and some rigging with the flight controls. On the fourth day, we continued the interior inspection. After that, we tested the ELT to see if it would work since it is essential, especially in worst-case scenarios. We also checked the brake system and applied corrosion prevention liquid on the fasteners in the aircraft's interior.

We only finished the annual inspection in about 14

hours and 30 minutes. It was raining hard after the day we finished our annual inspection. Luckily, after a week of heavy rains that flooded some areas near our base, the post-annual inspection check flight was the cherry on top of our inspection. Capt. Jarret Moss made our Pathfinder Plane soar through the skies again. He was happy to do it, and for us Aircraft mechanics, together with Sir Kyle, our chief mechanic, it was a delight to watch N81708 flying in good condition. Even though for almost a year, it was not flown, it was constantly exposed to extreme heat in the daytime and showered with heavy rains.

It was a lovely privilege to work with the two leading men of our flight operations, who ensure our pilots and planes are always on the go. Also, Mrs. Stevenson, who helped us with our annual inspection by having a good conversation and filming us while we were at work, somehow wiped our exhaustion from the sun's heat and made our work time stress-free.



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