



FOCUS 2025

“But if we hope for that we see not, then do we,
with patience, wait for it.”

Romans 8:25

**‘Twas the night before the postal strike,
When all through the house,
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The mailbox was empty and waiting with care,
In hopes that a donation soon would be there;**

AWA Canada struggled through the postal strike. The monthly newsletters are written with the belief that you will be inspired. The mailbox is checked for donation envelopes with great faith.

Sadly, when I opened the mailbox days before the strike, I had great expectations of donation envelopes, all in anticipation of the “holiday” spirit of giving. But I found the box empty. Yes, empty. Throughout the month-long strike, I waited to see an uptake in **online giving** on the **flyawa.org** website. Still, very little support came through in December.

Now that the strike is over, I pray the box will overflow with blessings in 2025 to meet our continued Canadian needs for the Northern Ontario Project and plane maintenance.

As you know, the primary focus has always been a love of aviation and mission work. So, in the spirit of sharing, I want to let you in on current events in my life:

I am back in Kelowna, BC. I needed to come home for health reasons so that I could access the Canadian medical system.

The Northern Ontario Cessna 206 is in a hangar in Dryden, Ontario. As the weather permits, we await the call to fly the plane into the northern region to continue providing supplies, distributing food, and sending in teams to maintain positive relationships with the Indigenous communities and their elders. AWA looks forward to working with Mansfield Edwards of the Ontario Conference and his hopes for how the Cessna 206 will best serve Sioux Lookout.

Also, in the new year, the focus will be driving to the hangar in Oliver, BC, to continue the maintenance of the three planes hangared there. They were put on the back burner while we travelled and worked in the USA. These planes all need attention after sitting idle. The 172 from Lillooet needs the engine gone over, an updated ELT installed, and the tail beacon and communication wires rewired. The 150 is waiting to be annualized. The yellow and blue 150 still needs extensive restoration, costing up to \$20,000.

Our expectations have been set high as the planes are prepared for action, ready to fly in the Canadian skies, and deployed wherever needed.

God has a master plan, and I believe everything happens for a reason.

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How can you help the Northern Ontario Project with the maintenance of the planes?

Head to flyawa.org, click donate, select Canadian funds, and choose the Northern Ontario Project. OR where needed, follow the prompts.

Or call 919-464-6805, and I will assist you.

