



## Thankfulness

*“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”*

*~Philippians 4:6-7 NKJV*

It’s hard to believe there is less than a month and a half left this year before we see 2025. So much has happened, and we’ve only shared a fraction. But apart from natural disasters, events taking us all over the US, and growth happening in the field, we want to take a moment and reflect before planning for the future.

Last year, we spent our first Thanksgiving out of the country in the Philippines. We were with our American AWA family and our Filipino AWA family. Despite no large meal, we all sat around to enjoy—it was just another day. The meal fixed that day was sprinkled with

nostalgia. I added green beans. I was really thankful for the green beans!

Unconventional as the day was, it was still a day to be thankful for. In contrast to this year, we’ll be here in the US like usual, at home and with our doors open to those we’ve made our family. However, that doesn’t mean the Philippines isn’t on the horizon. On the first of the year, another trip to the Philippines will commence; N81708 will need another annual done. Its airworthiness will expire at midnight, December 31st, so January will be the time Kyle will have to make the dynamic trek back to Palawan. This is a need, and parts are needed like a nose wheel shimmy.

***Will you help us with the funding to go to the Philippines and keep our Pathfinder plane flying? Maintenance budget goal: \$10,000***

Flying in January will be cheaper than flying around

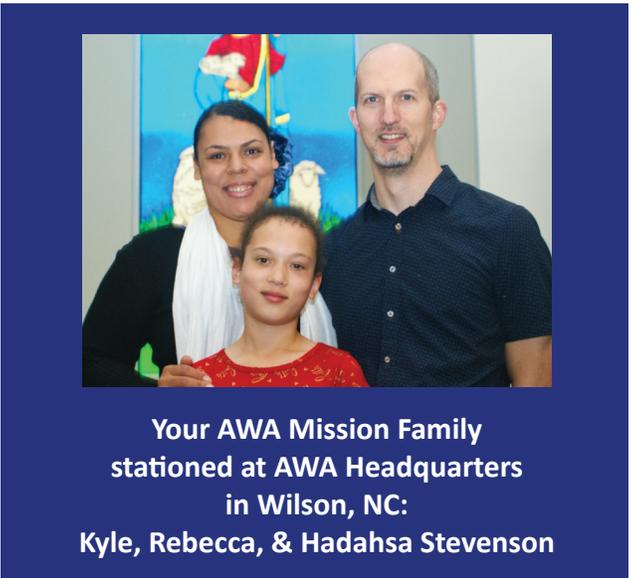


the last two major holidays of the year. Kyle timed the annual last year so that it could be extended to the end of December and annulled in January away from high travel times, which are expensive. This is a more cost-effective strategy; we appreciate it being 100% donor-funded.

So once the plane has had its annual done, N81708 can continue doing mission flights to help those in need. The tractor there at the base needs work as the tires need to be replaced, which Kyle will be working to remedy while he's there. That need is a challenge because of the type of tires the tractor uses. Shipping things from the US can be difficult upon receiving them at the other end with customs, so with some of AWA's connections, we can have things shipped in from another location to receive what we need.

This will be an exciting trip as Kyle will have some help going with him as a small crew. Our new Chief Pilot, Jarrett Moss, who has flown Angelwings flights for us and helped with our disaster response efforts for the Helene victims, will be going to help polish a new pilot flying for us in the Philippines, and Jeff Steininger, a long-time AWA friend and board member—very mechanically inclined—will accompany Kyle on this trip. The route has changed since the last time we flew to the Philippines. There are no more direct flights from JFK, but this is a blessing in disguise. Instead of a 17-hour leg, the longest leg may only be about 11 hours as there's a layover in Tokyo.

As Kyle plans everything to prepare for this two-week-long trip, please keep us in your prayers and consider donating to our maintenance budget. Thank you for being so supportive and for sharing this journey with us! We are blessed and thankful to have you on our team.



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