



Looking Ahead

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As a new year begins, it is natural for us to pause and reflect on where we've been, what God has done, and where He may be leading us next. January offers us a fresh start and renewed purpose. Let's focus our hearts and efforts on what matters most. As we step into this new year together, we are grateful for God's faithfulness and for the people He uses to carry out His work.

Scripture reminds us that every good work begins with God's initiative. Paul writes in Philippians 1:6 (ESV), "And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." That promise gives us confidence as we look ahead. The work entrusted to Adventist World Aviation does not depend on human effort alone—it is sustained by God's provision and guided by His purpose.

At the same time, God often chooses to work through

willing hands and faithful supporters. As we start this year, we are reminded that service is at the heart of AWA's mission. Aviation allows us to reach people and places that would otherwise remain isolated. Aircraft are not just tools or machines, but when placed in service to others, they become instruments of compassion. Every flight, every inspection, and every upgrade contributes to that greater calling.

Operational Updates

Our flight school's Cessna 172s continue to see heavy use, and keeping them safe and reliable remains a priority. Thanks to donor support, we are currently shopping for replacement radios for the Cessna 172, N46518, as the existing radio display is unreadable, making it impossible to select the correct frequency. We are considering new and used radios within a specific budget.

Both of the flight school's Cessna 172s, N46518 and

N75586, require new batteries. Recently, some training flights had to be canceled because they couldn't begin on time due to the cold weather killing the batteries. Both aircraft utilize Concorde-sealed batteries, with a combined cost of approximately \$1,000. Reliable batteries may seem like a small detail, but they are essential for safe starts, dependable electrical power, and uninterrupted training operations. These are slightly more expensive than traditional lead-acid batteries but last significantly longer before needing replacement.

The Piper Cherokee 180 has also seen encouraging progress. A new alternator and starter have now been installed, a significant step in bringing this aircraft back to service. These major components were made possible through the generosity of our donors, and we are deeply thankful for their support. The next immediate need for this aircraft is a new Concorde XC battery, with an estimated cost of \$500.

Eventually, the Cherokee 180 will require a complete avionics installation, including two Nav/Comm radios, a transponder, and GPS navigation equipment. These upgrades will be essential for safe and reliable operations, and we will be depending on donor support to make them possible.

One of the most significant projects currently underway is the restoration of a Cessna 206 that will ultimately be stationed with AWA Alaska. This aircraft has already undergone a partial inspection as part of its return-to-service process. A new fuel pump has been acquired and is ready for installation. Soon, the instrument panel will receive a new upgrade.

We are especially thankful for the recent donation of a Garmin 650 GPS unit for this aircraft. This generous gift will greatly enhance navigation and situational awareness in Alaska's demanding operating environment. Once the GPS installation is complete, our attention will turn to the communications system. The existing radios are ancient and have proven unreliable—during previous testing, they failed dramatically, producing smoke and confirming the urgent need for replacement.

In addition to aircraft-specific needs, we are deeply grateful for a recent gift that will benefit *every* project

moving forward. A donor has generously provided a substantial collection of new tools for the hangar, including a borescope with a controllable camera tip, state-of-the-art digital torque wrenches, multimeters, and high-quality Snap-on wrenches and pliers. This was an extraordinarily generous gift, and it directly improves the quality, safety, and efficiency of all maintenance work performed at AWA. These tools will advance AWA's mission for years to come.

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As we look toward the year ahead, several aircraft remain at critical stages of restoration and upgrade. These improvements are not luxuries—they are essential safety measures that enable us to serve with reliability and excellence. If God places it on your heart to give toward these needs—whether batteries, radios, avionics, or future maintenance requirements—please know that your gift, large or small, has a direct and immediate impact.

Our work would not be possible without the faithful support of our donors. Your prayers, encouragement, and financial gifts allow AWA to maintain aircraft safely and operate in regions where access is limited and help is often scarce. Whether transporting someone to medical care, assisting communities after disasters, or supporting missionaries in remote areas, each flight carries hope. Your partnership allows Adventist World Aviation to bring help, hope, and the love of Christ to those who need it most. We are deeply grateful for your continued support and prayers as we step forward into the work God has prepared for us. Thank you for beginning this new year with us.



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