



## Aviation Maintenance Project Update



## Operational Updates

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In this season of celebrating Christ's birth, we are reminded of the blessings God gives so generously. Mary's words in Luke 1:46–49 (ESV) capture this beautifully:

*“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has looked on the humble estate of His servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name.”*

Just as Mary acknowledged God's goodness and the great things He had done for her, we too recognize the gifts He continues to give—strength, provision, and the ability to serve others. Every blessing that flows into AWA, whether through prayer, volunteer service, or financial support, is a reminder that God gives gifts to His people. These gifts enable us to carry out the mission He has entrusted to us. Service is at the heart of our mission. AWA operates with flexibility, placing

aircraft where they can make the most significant impact. Many places in the world remain so isolated that the message of Christ has not yet reached them—but aviation can. Each AWA aircraft has a long history, and if they could speak, they would tell stories of relief, hope, and joy. These stories exist only because of the compassion and generosity of our donors.

### Operational Updates

This past month has brought exciting progress across our fleet. We recently completed the annual inspection on our Piper Dakota, a privately owned aircraft that serves within our fleet. We owe a special thanks to our part-time volunteer IA, Jim Ross, whose 40+ years of technical expertise and willingness to serve made the work—and the airworthiness sign-off—possible. This high-performance, fixed-gear low-wing aircraft will soon support several upcoming Angel Wings flights. Meanwhile, the Cessna 182 that previously carried out

many of our previous Angel Wings flights has been reassigned to AWA Florida. It may be serving in that region on a permanent basis.

We have just begun a 100-hour inspection on one of the flight school's hardworking Cessna 172s, N46518. This VFR-only trainer is in constant use, and its radio display has recently become nonfunctional—leaving pilots guessing whether the correct frequency is tuned. Thanks to our donors, we now have the approval to purchase new radios, which will significantly improve safety and training.

Steady progress continues on our Cherokee 180 as well. Through donor support, we obtained and installed a replacement alternator, and we have also installed a rebuilt starter. Work on the aircraft's electrical system is underway, and we have been approved to purchase a new battery. Once the engine is running and the interior is reinstalled, we will begin focusing on the instrument panel to return the aircraft to dependable VFR service.

The Cessna 206, previously based at AWA Florida, has been permanently relocated to Jamaica. AWA's assistance after the recent hurricane was so impactful that the Jamaican community requested a permanent AWA presence. We are still working on a C-206 at AWA headquarters in Wilson. Someone is now donating a GPS unit that will most likely be installed in this 206 and hasten its return to service.

### **Our Donors and Their Impact**

The support of our donors remains one of the greatest gifts God provides to this ministry. Their generosity—expressed through prayer, encouragement, and financial support—enables us to reach people who might otherwise remain isolated and unreachable. Because of their faithfulness and generosity, our aircraft can fly into places where help is scarce, offering both practical aid and a reminder of God's care.

Angel Wings flights are a tangible expression of that care. Whether transporting someone in need of medical treatment or bringing relief in the wake of disaster, these flights create moments of hope that ripple far beyond the cockpit. A single flight can grant a family more time with a loved one, ease a burden, or bring peace to a difficult situation. In all of this, we see God working through the hands and hearts of those who give.

We are deeply grateful for our AWA donors. You make it possible to support the physical and spiritual needs of people in the most remote parts of the world. Without you, there would be no Angel Wings flights, no disaster-relief missions, and no outreach to the forgotten places of the world. Your support carries God's message farther than you can imagine.

### **A Final Word and a Request for Support**

As we look toward the work ahead, we continue to rely on God's provision—often supplied through the generosity of those who believe in this mission. Several of our aircraft are in critical stages of restoration and upgrades, and these improvements will directly expand our ability to carry out Angel Wings flights, disaster relief, and missionary support.

Our Cessna 206 hangered in Wilson is patiently waiting to return to the air. It will require new radios to ensure safe and reliable communication in remote areas. Likewise, our Cherokee 180 will soon require updated avionics and radios as we prepare it for safe VFR service. These upgrades are not luxuries—they are essential safety measures that enable us to serve with excellence and reliability. New comms for the C-206 could cost \$7,000. An essential VFR panel upgrade for the Cherokee ranges from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

If God impresses upon your heart to give toward these needs, your gift—large or small—will have a direct and immediate impact on the lives of those in need. Every donation moves these aircraft closer to full service, enabling us to bring help, hope, and the love of Christ to those who need it most.

Thank you for considering a special year-end gift. May God bless you richly for helping this ministry take flight.



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