



### *Called to Mission*

*“In their hearts humans plan their course,  
but the Lord establishes their steps.”*

— Proverbs 16:9

From a very young age, a thought about mission that I once heard found a deep echo in my life. The thought goes like this: if you do not live to serve, you are not fit to live. In other words, our life while we await the return of Christ is not a life of inactivity, idleness, or the pursuit of comfort as our supreme goal, but rather a life of selfless service to those in need. For each person, that service will take different forms. For some, the calling is to be teachers; for others, doctors; others, architects; others, administrators; or even pastors.

In my case, I sensed the call to mission while I was still a teenager. Initially, it came with the desire and vision of serving as a missionary pilot. Although no one in my family was involved in aviation, I felt that this was the direction God had invited me to serve.

I pursued knowledge and began my aviation training with that goal in mind, to serve as a mission pilot. However, along the way, the Lord had different plans for me.

Different challenges arose that required me to set this project aside for a time. It became necessary to give attention to other aspects of life. Before I realized it, I was no longer involved with aviation. I even began to question whether I had truly been called to it.

It was then that God, in His great love, directed me to the publishing ministry to work as a literature evangelist. There, I had the opportunity to serve others in their journey toward a healthier life and a closer relationship with God for a little more than ten years. In that ministry, the Lord taught me what it truly means to be a missionary. He taught me that mission is not tied to the title one holds. Any profession, any occupation can become a mission field when the objective is clear: to serve and to lead others to Christ.

While serving through the publishing ministry, the Lord gave me the privilege of becoming involved with Indigenous communities in Canada. Guiding the story in a way only He can, the pieces began to connect. Looking back, I can see how all the lessons He allowed me to learn, even those not directly related to aviation, make and continue to make complete sense.

Today, I serve Indigenous communities in Ontario together with AWA. How wonderful God is, a childhood calling finding its fulfillment after many years and many turns in life, or at least almost completely fulfilled.

In addition to serving the communities in the North, I am currently studying theology to better prepare to serve as a pastor. However, pilot training is crucial to ensure all the necessary tools are available in one place. For now, volunteer pilots support our activities. Still, I have resumed my flight training, so we will always have someone available when needed, since I live and serve in the field full-time.

Therefore, I invite you to help achieve this objective. Please pray that this training may be completed as soon as possible, but also for your financial support, since flight training can be costly. Every contribution is welcome and makes a significant difference.

May God bless you and your family as you prayerfully consider becoming a partner in this project of my formation as a mission pilot.

—Fabricio Leite



#### CANADA PROJECT NEEDS:

- Private Pilot License (PPL) – approximately CAD 20,000 (\$14,712.91)
- Commercial Pilot License (CPL) – approximately CAD 40,000 (\$29,422.00)
- IFR Rating - approximately CAD 10,000 (\$7,355.50)



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