



His Airplane Serving His Mission

“To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under Heaven.” (NKJV)

—Ecclesiastes 3:1

If there is one thing I could point to as a not-so-positive result of the routine use of technology, it is the immediacy it creates. We have become accustomed to search results in fractions of a second, orders placed online in minutes and delivered to our homes within a few days or even a few hours, and problems that can be solved with just a few clicks. These are things that lead us to grow accustomed to the speed and fluidity of life, which, on the one hand, are undoubtedly a blessing, but on the other hand, make waiting for longer processes more difficult or even stressful.

Recently, I went through a moment like that on the mission field. Like many machines, airplanes require regular inspections to remain in good working order and ensure maximum safety during operations. Our Cessna 206 was approaching its annual inspection, one of the most important ones, and every detail was being

arranged to make that moment as smooth as possible. The airplane had already been repaired after a recent incident a few months ago and was ready to fly again. We had a mechanic available to perform the inspection. Still, we had a problem; we did not have a pilot to fly the aircraft to the maintenance shop. To make matters worse, there was a deadline to complete this process, because in a few weeks, I would not be available to bring the pilot to the aircraft, and the inspection deadline would expire. If that happened before the airplane was delivered to the mechanic, it would delay and complicate our operations.

Without a doubt, I presented this situation to the Lord in prayer. I shared with Him that the options were not looking very promising. I did what was within my reach, but it still was not enough. Every pilot I spoke with either had a full schedule or lacked experience with this specific aircraft, making it very difficult to find someone who could complete this task. At that moment, I was reminded of how important it is for me

to continue pursuing my pilot training so that we will not face situations like this again. Meanwhile, time was running out.

Despite the pressure of the limited time remaining, as I placed the situation in God's hands, I felt peace knowing that ultimately it was in His control, because this is His airplane serving His mission.

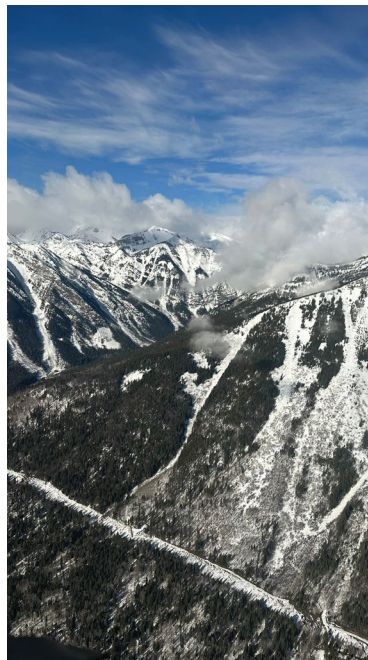
With less than a week before the deadline, I found a pilot willing and available to make the two-day trip to the maintenance shop. On the way to our destination, we encountered a weather-related delay while attempting to cross the Rocky Mountains in Alberta and BC, as strong winds and low visibility forced us to wait for better conditions. Thank God, it did not take long, and before our time ran out, the airplane was delivered to the shop in perfect condition.

Our timing is different from God's. At times, we expect immediate results because we are used to everything around us happening so quickly. Still, in situations like this, we are reminded that the Lord knows every detail and is never late. In His mission, things happen in His time, and they always turn out exactly as He intends, better than we could have imagined.

Please continue supporting our efforts through your prayers, your involvement where possible, and through resources that help advance this work.

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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