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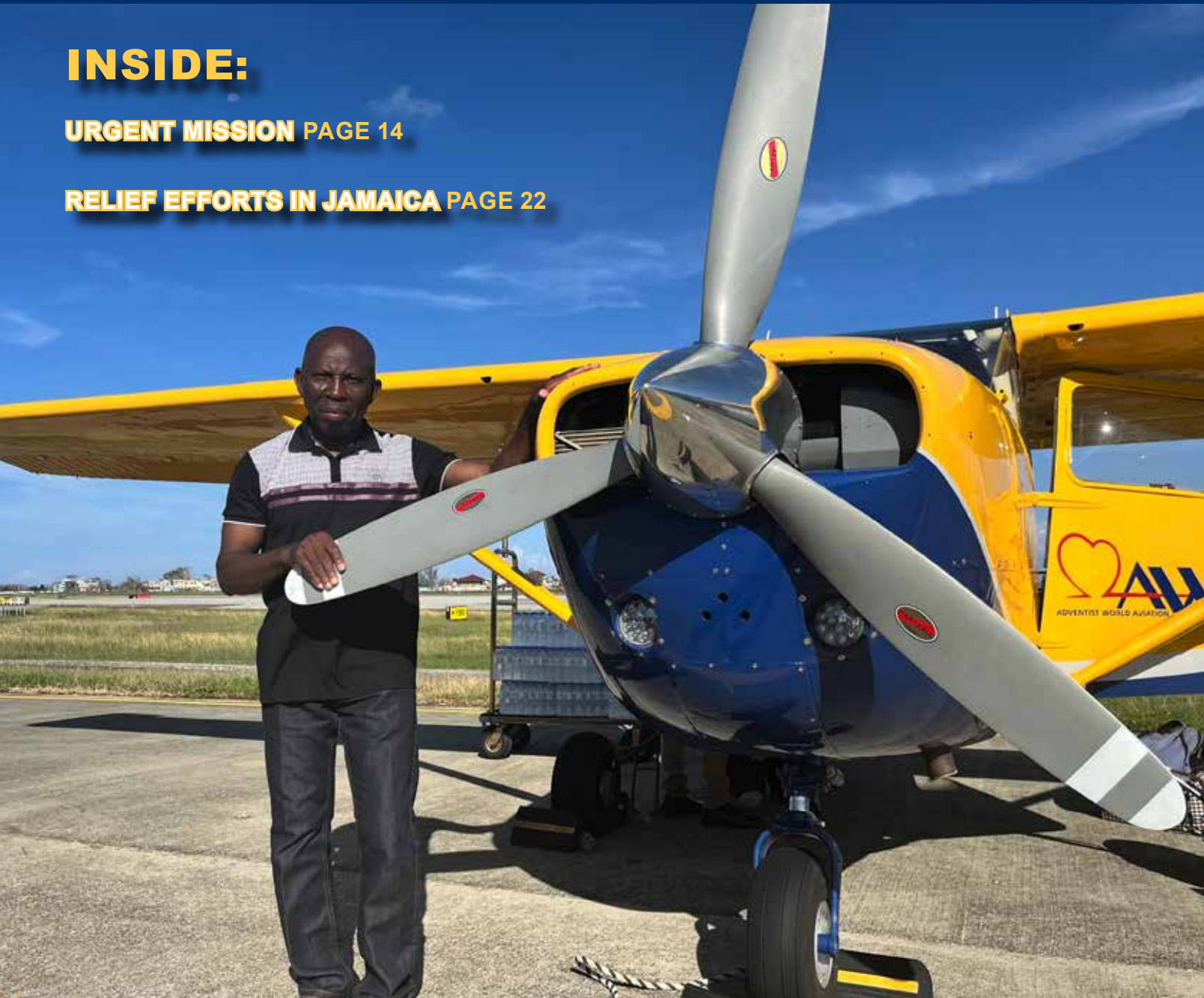
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"BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW"

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ADVENTIST WORLD AVIATION

AWA is a 501 (c)3 non-profit missionary-sending agency. Funded by private contributions, AWA enables missionaries to reach the unreached around the world.

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Your gift of any size this year will ensure support for those in great need around the world. Please donate \$20 to offset the printing and mailing costs annually. Thank you!

"Then He who sat on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.'"

—Revelation 21:5

Those words have echoed powerfully throughout our work this past year at Adventist World Aviation. In every flight, every mission field, every village reached, and every life touched, we see God actively making all things new.

Across the globe, AWA has remained committed to reaching the unreached—serving both the physical and spiritual needs of communities often cut off by geography and hardship.

In Central America, our presence has never been more substantial. Our teams continue to invest in the Miskito communities through:

- Bible studies and spiritual care
- Discipleship and baptisms
- Agricultural programs that provide food sustainability
- Community development and health outreach

Lives are being transformed not only by what we deliver, but by the hope of the Gospel.

In Africa, the vision of establishing a Center of Influence at Bugema is advancing. The Uganda Project is laying the groundwork for a church, AWA offices, and a base of operations that will expand our ability to reach remote communities. We are witnessing God open doors and provide partners who believe in this mission of aviation evangelism.

One of the most remarkable stories of this year comes from Jamaica.

Earlier this year, AWA deployed a Cessna 206 aircraft to Jamaica for what was intended to be a one-week mission trip to support humanitarian flights and outreach. The impact was immediate and profound.

Through daily operations, the aircraft began transporting food supplies, supporting ministry work, and strengthening connections between

churches and communities. The need was undeniable. The service opportunities multiplied quickly.

What began as a short-term assignment became a long-term calling.

Today, that same aircraft is now permanently stationed in Jamaica, serving as a lifeline for ministry operations. It continues to deliver food, transport workers, and open doors for evangelism and service throughout the island.

We have seen firsthand how God can take what was planned as temporary and transform it into something enduring—because His plans are always greater than ours.

God Is Making All Things New

From Central America to Uganda, from the Caribbean to North America, the mission of AWA continues to grow—not because of our strength, but because of God’s faithfulness.

Each takeoff represents hope.

Each landing represents service.

Each mission represents transformation.

Revelation 21:5 is not only a future promise—it is a present reality in the mission field. God is renewing lives, restoring communities, and preparing hearts for His soon return.

As we look ahead, we invite you to continue partnering with us—through prayer, support, and advocacy. There are still many remote villages to reach, many lives to touch, and many skies to cross.

Together, through aviation and the everlasting Gospel, we will continue to see God fulfill His promise:

“Behold, I make all things new.”

With gratitude and faith,

Deyvid Batista

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COVER: Pastor Glen Samuels standing next to the plane now stationed in Jamaica.

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Dr. Deyvid Batista
President of AWA/H4H



Flight Log

by Maryelle Rodrigues

When the wheels of our aircraft touched the ground in Jamaica, my heart was already heavy — and I had not yet seen the full extent of the tragedy. I was there with Adventist World Aviation, not as a tourist, not as a visitor, but as someone called to serve. And nothing could have prepared me for what my eyes were about to witness.

Hurricane Melissa had passed days earlier, yet its presence was still felt in the air. A strange silence hovered over the island, as if the land itself were in mourning. From above, as we flew over the hardest-hit areas, I saw what were once vibrant communities reduced to patches of debris. Roofs torn away, homes shattered into fragments, roads buried in mud and wreckage.

But nothing impacted me more than seeing Black River. Black River... completely devastated. The sea did not simply rise — it invaded with fury. The fierce waves accompanying the hurricane swept everything away. Fruit trees that had sustained entire families were gone. Vegetable crops had disappeared as if they had never been planted. The land was stripped bare, wounded.

When we landed with the aircraft loaded with food and water, I felt a mixture of urgency and helplessness. Our mission sounded simple in theory: transport supplies. But in reality, we were carrying hope.

And then I saw the children. They stood along the road, small hands lifted toward the sky — not in play, but in desperation. Hands asking for food. Hands asking for water. Hands pleading for help. Some were not even crying. They were just looking at us. A look I will never forget.

Entire families had nowhere to go. Homes had vanished. Only faint marks on the ground remained, like open scars. People wandered aimlessly, searching for anything — anything at all that had survived. A document. A photograph. A fragment of memory.

In that moment, I understood, with a depth I had never felt before, that our lives are fragile. Extremely fragile. The Bible says, “Man is like a breath; his days are like a passing shadow.” (Psalm 144:4). There, in the middle of destruction, those words stopped being just a verse — they became reality before my eyes.

Faced with the overwhelming situation in Jamaica, we could not simply leave after a few emergency deliveries. The pain was too great. The need was too constant. That is why Adventist World Aviation decided to leave one of our best aircraft on the island and officially open a new humanitarian project in Montego Bay.

It was not a decision made lightly. It was a response to the cries we heard along the roads, in isolated communities, in the eyes of mothers who did not know how they would feed their children the next day. We understood that rebuilding would not happen in weeks. It would take months — perhaps years. And being present would make all the difference.

From Montego Bay, we can reach remote regions quickly, transporting food, water, medicine, and medical teams. We will be a bridge between those who want to help and those who desperately need help. We will continue to be the answer to prayers that still rise to heaven every single day.

Jesus said, “I was hungry, and you gave Me food; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink.” (Matthew 25:35). That day, those words echoed in every delivery, in every exhausted smile, in every tear.

But now, this new challenge is not ours alone. It belongs to all of us. Aircraft maintenance, fuel, logistics, and field teams — all of this requires ongoing resources. And here I make a sincere and heartfelt appeal.

If you are already a donor, thank you from the bottom of my heart. You are already part of this story. You are already part of the hope that lands on improvised airstrips carrying life.

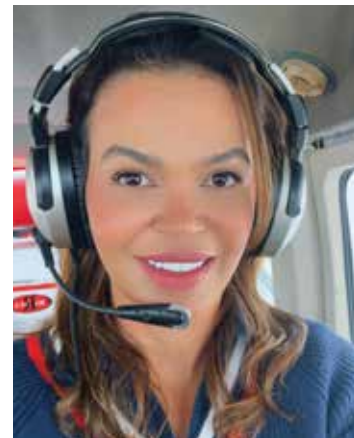
But if you are not yet a donor, I ask you: join us. Jamaica still needs help. The children are still lifting their hands. Families are still waiting for relief. And we have chosen to stay. Every contribution becomes fuel that crosses mountains. Water that quenches thirst. Food that sustains a family for days. Presence where many cannot reach.

I learned there that we cannot control the winds, but we can choose to be sheltered in the storm. Our lives are fragile. Today we have — tomorrow we may not. That is why we must invest in what is eternal. We must give importance to what truly matters: human lives.

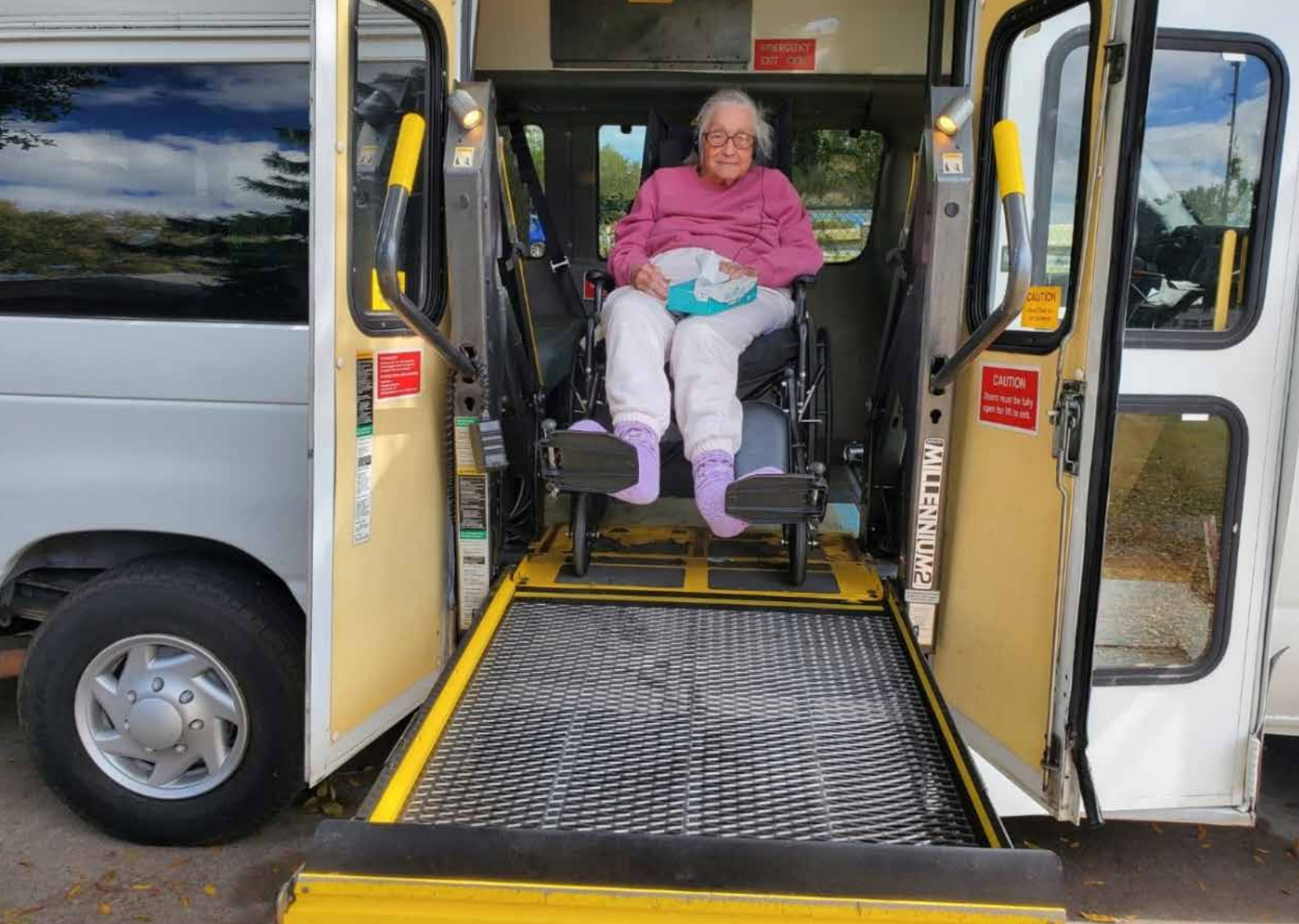
Be part of this new chapter. Be part of this project in Montego Bay. Be part of the hope that continues to fly. Because when everything seems lost, we can still be the answer to someone’s prayer. And that changes everything.



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Maryelle Rodrigues
Administrative Assistant



Safe Transportation MEETING NEEDS IN FLORIDA

by Jeannie Babin

One of the biggest things AWA has always tried to do is help people in need and bring them to God. One way we do that is by transporting people with medical needs. Through the donation of a handicap accessible van in December of 2025, we can do that for some people in Orlando, FL.

We received a handicap-accessible 2009 E350 van with an electric wheelchair lift from a medical transport company, Faithful Mobility LLC, when they no longer deemed the van useful to them. The biggest issue was that the lift did not work at the time. It also had a brake issue where the caliper was sticking, the starter or battery was bad, and the gear shift would not always pull out of park.

We had a volunteer come and repair all the broken items and do some other maintenance.

The van was first used just days after it was acquired. A 90-year-old lady needed to be transported to the emergency room at the local hospital. She was unaware she was in the van due to her medical condition. She arrived at the hospital where she had been taken in the past. The emergency staff was relieved they did not have to manually lift her out of a vehicle, as had been done in the past. This aided her rapid entry into the ER and protected her legs and arms from being skinned during her transfer. Her skin is thinner than paper!

Once she was out of the hospital, AWA volunteers offered her a ride to church. She commented that this was her first time in the van. Still, she liked it better than riding in the other vehicle, as she could stay in her wheelchair and avoid being hurt as she was lifted into it. We corrected her and told her she had been in the van before, but wouldn't remember the ride to the ER!

The van is now being used to transfer a couple of ladies in their 90s to and from doctors' appointments and also to and from church. We hope to equip the van with a second set of wheelchair safety tie-downs so we can transport another wheelchair-bound lady to church who doesn't have her own transportation.

By having this van, AWA volunteers can help people who cannot afford a handicap van get safe transportation to appointments and church. When we are finished using the van, AWA will be able to sell it and use the money to benefit a different project.

Even though the van has had many of the issues fixed, there are still some things we need help with. The A/C needs to be fixed for \$1,000 before the summer heat hits. We want to get the second set of safety tie downs. This would also need the shoulder and lap belt combination for wheelchairs. The cost of those is also \$1,000.

If you feel called to support the transportation of these ladies, please send a donation to our website or call our office. If you can't donate money, please pray for our team of volunteers as they help these ladies get to where they need to go safely. Thank you so much for your support; it makes a difference.

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Jeannie Babin serves as AWA's Head of Publications, overseeing the stories, articles, and updates that connect supporters around the world with the ministry's mission. She and her husband, Nick Babin, live in Lincoln, Nebraska.





New Beginnings

by Fabricio Leite

There are moments in life when we realize that God works not only through extraordinary events but through new beginnings. These beginnings do not always coincide with dates marked on the calendar. We look back, evaluate what was done, what could have been done better, celebrate quiet victories, and acknowledge the challenges we faced. In the mission field, this dynamic becomes even more intense. Every trip, every project, every community visited brings stories of perseverance, but also signs of fatigue, limitations, and frustrations. Even so, there is a hope that sustains the heart: God continues to

make all things new.

This becomes evident when we see a seed planted months ago begin to sprout unexpectedly. Sometimes we return to a seemingly resistant community and find more open hearts. Other times, a project that appeared small reveals an impact far greater than we imagined.

To give you an idea, in Northern Ontario, unfortunately, it is not uncommon to encounter people whose lives, or their families' lives, were deeply affected by past actions committed against them. Many of these actions were carried out by



individuals supposedly serving God. We see this especially among the Indigenous population. Wounded hearts, tears shed often out of sight of others, and a quiet feeling that if this is the God so frequently spoken about, perhaps they want nothing to do with Him.

Thankfully, the Bible tells us that the Word of God is sharper than the sharpest sword, able to divide joints and marrow. Its power is so profound that anyone who has genuinely encountered God does not remain the same. This assurance, which should fill our minds and be part of the Christian's life twenty-four hours a day, when we truly embrace it and carry it with us, can be perceived by others. Thank God, it can be perceived by others. The face that once seemed heavy now smiles. The child who once appeared sad is transformed upon seeing the love of Jesus shared in their life. A merely nominal knowledge of Christ has its limits, but the sharing of His love does not. That is unlimited.

This is what we have sought to do and to live out in the communities where we are present and those we visit: to show that God has both the power and the desire to renew all things, especially hearts that

once wept, believing there was no hope for a better life, but that today are coming to know the Christ who promises true transformation.

I trust that you have also sought to live in this way. I hope you will continue to be a strong supporter of the communities we serve in Northern Ontario, as well as of efforts to reach more people for Christ.

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Fabricio Leite
is your AWA Missionary,
serving as a Bible Worker in Sioux Lookout, B. C.



God Cares, He Always Goes Before Us

by Pastor Tenywa Livingstone

I had several pressing issues at work because I had been sick throughout the first academic semester, and several assignments were hanging in the balance. I also had several domestic responsibilities hanging, as well as religious responsibilities, especially from the camp meeting I had just completed four months ago. There were many expectations from the camp meeting members. I was excited that 30 souls were baptized after years of waiting to be immersed in the SDA church. Others were threatening to divorce because of the domestic violence among church members. They kept calling me for solutions, but since they were far away, it raised some concerns in my mind.

I had a mild headache, so I thought it would go away if I treated it. On the 31st of December at around noon, I had a serious headache on the left front part of my head. I went to my bed after taking some painkillers. I thought I would recover, but it worsened. I tried talking to my family or anybody around, but I could not communicate because my speech was blocked.

My wife proposed we go to the hospital immediately. Still, my brain had stopped functioning properly, so I refused. I thought that I would be better in a few minutes, but she called the ambulance to take me to the hospital. When we reached the hospital, they checked my blood, but there was no malaria, typhoid, etc. (the blood was

clear of those). They referred us to the national referral hospital for a CT scan. The reports were received at midnight and were negative. After some days, I started getting seizures, my face was getting deformed east to west, accompanied by a serious headache. We were referred to the mental referral hospital (Butabika) the following day. The reports were okay, and at that time, I was between life and death because I could not eat or drink, but still, God was there. They referred us to a military hospital where I was admitted and given treatment.

God was good because He had prepared doctors to take care of me. My face began to return to its position. After 5 days, I began talking, walking, and regaining my memory. This continued to show that God is caring. God cares more than we think because the whole Bugema community was concerned both SDA and non-SDA members that we preached to. Some doctors had proposed that I get my skull operated on because the scans had identified an inflammation in the brain, and some other doctors advised us not to, due to the risks, by God's guidance.

Then I was discharged and have been reporting from home to the hospital ever since. In every situation, God is really ahead of us, and people have continued to glorify Him for my recovery. By God's grace, we have completed over 27 scans, and the inflammation in the brain is reducing consistently.

Though community visits are not as they would be, our program objectives are moving forward. Bugema University church recognized that God was working through my student team and voted to appoint a fully-fledged pastor to support the spiritual nurturing of the dynamic members of the Seattle Sabbath school, due to growing numbers, so we can revive the program the devil had tried to destroy.

My family and I take this opportunity to extend thanks for the financial and mental support accorded to us in this situation, which threatened both the SDA church and non-SDA church members who know about me, and also have high expectations of the AWA program coming up in Uganda.

Tomorrow I am having a meeting with the Seattle Sabbath School management committee, including the newly supporting pastor, to develop a program and a way forward for activities.

Indeed, God cares because some people passed along information I had passed along. Still, in whichever bad or pressing situation you are physically, emotionally, spiritually, or mentally, you have no idea what's going on. God promised that He is there to get you out victoriously, even if you can't pray audibly. Pray in the Spirit and thank God for being with you. He lives these situations so we can be lessons to others and others can be lessons to us.



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Pastor Tenywa Livingstone
Your AWA Missionary at the
AWA Uganda Mission Base



The Youth Center of Influence

On February 16, 2026, a team of students volunteered to level the ground where the youth center of influence is to be constructed.

They were fueled and energized by Adventist World Aviation, which included them in its programs.

They came with manual machines like hoes and slashers and leveled anthills and uprooted big logs.

Hope exists for mission in this area, mainly among youth and families.

We thank you all for supporting the mission in Uganda and request funding to facilitate the establishment of the foundation as the first level before the wallplate and the completion of the youth center of influence.

God bless you all.

—Written by Bagonza Joy Margaret,
Pastor Tenywa's daughter

Want to Support this Special Project?

Help young people in Uganda have a place to learn and grow. Reach a generation with the gospel during this critical age window.

Scan the QR code to donate today!





FRENCH TOAST DIP

This French Toast is one of our go-to recipes for breakfast! It's quick and filling! I like to make a bunch and freeze it for those busy mornings.

We like to use our own homemade bread, so we slice it, dip it, and cook it. It takes very little oil in a well-seasoned iron skillet or nonstick pan.

Add some fruit with it, maybe some peanut or almond butter, and applesauce, or melt your own frozen fruit with a bit of maple syrup to top it, perhaps a smoothie on the side.

You choose, make it your own, and enjoy!

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup Cashews
- 1 cup Rolled Oats
- 1 Tb. Flaxseed
- 2 Tb. Maple Syrup
- 1 tsp. Vanilla Extract
- ½ tsp. Salt
- 3 cups Water
- Oil For the Skillet

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Blend all the ingredients with half the water until smooth.
2. While blending, add the remaining water.
3. Pour into a bowl and dip your sliced bread into the batter, coating both sides
4. Cook in a frying pan with some oil (we like coconut oil) until both sides are golden brown.
5. Note: The batter will thicken as it sits, but it's okay, keep using it. It's usually enough batter for about 1.5 loaves of bread.





Urgent Mission

by Pastor Leo

“Here I Am! Send me.”

—Isaiah 6:8

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Warm greetings from the mission field in Mabaruma.

God is opening doors in this remote region of Guyana. Through Bible Studies and Small Groups, families are discovering the truths of Scripture. We are witnessing genuine spiritual interest, and hearts are being prepared for the soon return of Jesus.

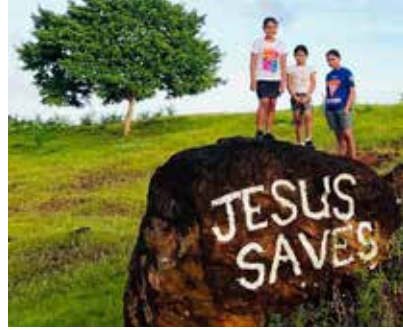
We have also launched our Children’s Bible School, and the response has been overwhelming. Many children are coming eagerly to learn about Christ.

In a region surrounded by the Amazon jungle, where spiritual darkness and material poverty are realities, these young minds are a precious field ready for harvest. Winning a child for Jesus today can transform an entire family tomorrow.

However, alongside the growth of the work, we face urgent practical needs.

The pastoral house required immediate restoration. The roof had no ceiling, allowing dangerous Amazon insects to accumulate inside the home. This created serious health risks and unsafe living conditions. To continue the mission effectively, we had to act.

We have already begun the renovation, starting with installing a protective ceiling. The total budget for the restoration project is \$3,500.



For many, this is a simple construction project. But here in Mabaruma, it represents stability, safety, and sustainability for the mission. A secure pastoral home means a safe base for evangelism, discipleship, and children's ministry.

Today, we humbly invite you to partner with us.

Your financial support will help:

- Complete the pastoral house restoration
- Strengthen our Bible Study outreach
- Expand our Small Groups in the community
- Sustain and grow our Children's Bible School

Every contribution, whether large or small, becomes part of God's work in this field.

If you feel the Holy Spirit impressing you to support this mission, please join us. Together, we are building more than a house — we are building a lighthouse for the gospel in the Amazon region.

*Thank you for praying.
Thank you for believing.
Thank you for giving.
With gratitude and faith,*

Pastor Leo

Mabaruma Mission Field, Guyana

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Pastor Leo

Your AWA Missionary at the
AWA Guyana Mission Base



Bite-Sized Donations

Bite-sized donations help the respective projects operate more efficiently and makes the work easier for the missionaries. You may contribute for the entire amount or join others in meeting the needed funds. Any amount towards the acquisition of needed items is greatly appreciated.

PHILIPPINES

Computer upgrade (for the office) - **\$400**

Hangar flooring, installation, power & water source - **\$1,900**

Repair of our Nissan Frontier model 2001 - **\$1,800**

New printer - **\$200**

JAMAICA DISASTER RESPONSE

Hurricane Melissa flight operation delivering food supplies
\$25,000

CANADA

Hanger construction project

\$35,000

Pilot training

\$70,000

ALASKA

Avionics upgrades

\$50,000

Winter heating oil for
mission house

\$5,000

GUYANA

Buy a new truck - **\$40,000**

Fix the boat - **\$8,000**

UGANDA

Shipping plane
to Uganda

\$65,000

CENTRAL AMERICA

Farming Project

\$4,000

MAINTENANCE

Plane 180 Project

Primary Flight Display (Digital AI/HSI) – **\$5,500**
 GPS / NAV / COM Unit (WAAS-capable) – **\$11,000**
 ADS-B Out Transponder – **\$3,500**
 Audio Panel & Intercom System – **\$2,000**
 Backup Analog Instruments – **\$1,500**
 New Antennas & Coax Wiring – **\$1,800**
 Electrical System Upgrades & Circuit Protection –
\$2,200
 Panel Fabrication & Layout – **\$2,500**
 Professional Installation & Labor – **\$6,500**
 Testing, Certification & Documentation – **\$2,000**
Total 180 Project Need: \$38,500

Plane 206 Project

Primary Flight Display (Glass Panel AI/HSI) – **\$9,000**
 IFR GPS / NAV / COM (WAAS-capable) – **\$14,500**
 Secondary COM Radio – **\$3,200**
 ADS-B In/Out Transponder – **\$4,500**
 Audio Panel & 6-place Intercom – **\$2,800**
 Engine Monitoring System – **\$4,200**
 Backup Flight Instruments (Standby AI/Alt/Airspeed)
\$2,200
 New Antennas, Coax & Wiring Harnesses – **\$2,500**
 Electrical System Upgrades & Circuit Protection –
\$3,000
 Panel Redesign & Fabrication – **\$3,200**
 Professional Installation & Labor – **\$9,000**
 Testing, Certification & Documentation – **\$3,200**
Total 206 Project Need: \$61,300 USD

2026 Focus On The Future

As AWA rejuvenates each project we want to thank you for your faith in our projects and your ongoing support. If you feel encouraged to donate to further ensure our role in medical aviation flights, let us turn your focus to donate monthly to:

JANUARY <i>AWA Canada - Northern Ontario Project</i>	FEBRUARY <i>Philippines</i>	MARCH <i>Mabarumba, Guyana</i>
APRIL <i>Alaska</i>	MAY <i>Maintenance Needs</i>	JUNE <i>Uganda</i>
JULY <i>Jamaica</i>	AUGUST <i>Where Needed</i>	SEPTEMBER <i>Administrative Staff</i>
OCTOBER <i>Flight Operations</i>	NOVEMBER <i>Central America</i>	DECEMBER <i>Disaster Response</i>

We love to share our newsletters and Airways, but publication costs need donations too. If this interests you, please sign up so you can learn more about each project.

If you care and would like to share, there are ways you can donate. Please don't hesitate to contact our staff at the number below or visit us on the website at flyawa.org • 1 (919) 938-2920

Pray • Care • Share

For future Disaster Response efforts, please consider donating for needs like fuel and maintenance on the planes. This will enable us to meet the needs of others in the moment of catastrophe. In perspective, during the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, the Pathfinder plane, a Cessna 206, flew in 6 days alone, roughly 4,800 lbs of cargo, went through approx. 590 gallons of fuel in almost 40 hours, and racked up a fuel bill of over \$3,200. This didn't include maintenance along the way. Help us stay funded to fly on God's mission again when the next storm hits. Donate today!



Altitude Adjustment

by Mark Cabural

Hello everyone! This is Mark, an Aircraft mechanic from the AWA Philippines Project. We are so thankful here in our mission base for your continued support throughout the years. We've been serving here in Palawan for many years, helping those in need. Part of the journey has had hiccups, and our project has had its share of bumpy rides. In 2026, we're heading into a new beginning as we resume our flight operations.

Strengthening our partnerships with the local and provincial government is what we are

looking forward to beginning with. The literacy program for locals is also what we are starting to help young kids and out-of-school adults learn to read and write. We are also looking forward to installing concrete hangar flooring and power and water sources, which will cost us \$1,800. We are praying to God and appealing for your support to help us finish this project. To maintain our airstrip, we plan to purchase a new tractor locally with a mower deck, as our current Kubota BX2370 tractor has a damaged gearbox on its mower deck.

This would be my 2nd year of service, and it is gratifying to know that I'm part of this missionary aviation. I learned a lot of new things, met new people, and got to know myself even more in the field. Having the opportunity to talk with people about spiritual things, plan community initiatives, and listen to others in their different walks of life is something I rarely did until I became an AWA employee. Glory be to God for making this project possible here in the Philippines. Without you, our generous and ever-supportive donors, we wouldn't be here on the field. Continue to be with us as we take flight and cruise throughout the year.



Your AWA Missionaries serving at the AWA Philippines - Palawan Mission Project:



Mark Cabural



Christine Cayetano





Healthy in Mind and Body

By Joshua Fix

Here in Alaska, we aren't exactly close to spring just yet, but we've acclimated a bit to the cold at this point. We just got back from traveling to Tennessee to spend some time with my Grandad, just before he passed away, and also attend his burial and memorial service. It pained our hearts to lose him, but it made us think more about how temporary life is, to fix our eyes on eternity, and to see the importance of our mission here in Alaska and of mission work in general. It's a fantastic thing to spend your life focused on connecting people to Christ and warning them of the trouble that is even now breaking upon the earth, preparing them, as well as yourself, to meet our Savior in the air when He comes to claim His people.

We want to connect in a meaningful way with the people here in Dillingham and the surrounding villages, and to educate people about taking care of

their health. There are so many reasons to make this a focus of ministry that it's hard, if not a sin, to ignore it. When someone is struggling with their health, it's hard to think about anything else but getting better, especially if symptoms are severe. Sometimes the conditions themselves make thinking difficult. If you don't think there's a link between how our bodies are functioning and how our brains are feeling, you might want to start looking into it, especially regarding how digestion relates to mental health. Intoxication from alcohol is an extreme example, but it proves a point. What we put into our bodies affects our mental state. Now, if alcohol can affect your mental capacity, then what else can we be putting into our bodies that will affect them? What other things can we do besides paying attention to what we ingest? These are questions we should all consider because, to

make good decisions daily, we rely on the mind we've been given, and by caring for that mind and the body connected to it, we care about our eternity.

1 Corinthians 6:19 says, "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost [which is] in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" If this is the case, then we should take note. What are some of the things that Jesus said that the Holy Spirit gives us? The Spirit comforts, teaches, reminds, gives us peace, and convicts. These things all take place in the mind, do they not? If this is the physical organ that God communicates with us through, then it's no wonder that we should take care of the bodies that our minds are a part of. If our bodies are healthy, our minds are more likely to be healthy, and if our minds are healthy, we are more apt to hear God's voice speaking to us through them.

This is an area of interest to us as we've seen the connection between how we treat our bodies and our behavior. The increased interest in healthy eating these days gives us opportunities to talk about these topics with the general public, and we hope to ride the wave of interest while we can. We invite you to do the same! Study the principles of health for yourself and go on your own health journey! Then share your testimony with others and encourage them to take care of their own health. A great resource to read for yourself and share is "The Ministry of Healing," which examines health holistically and from a Christian perspective. In a world swirling with health opinions, this book helps keep you grounded with common-sense advice that will inspire you to take care of your body temple and encourage others to do the same.

We hope to share what we've learned here in our community and benefit them in some way. The climate here is challenging for people, so any leg up is a plus. People here struggle with mental health, suicide, cancer, liver and lung issues, diabetes, etc. By God's grace, we'll be a blessing to folks and can direct them to the giver of all life, the chief physician who can heal body and soul.



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Relief Efforts in Jamaica

By Damion Countryman

On October 28, 2025, Hurricane Melissa made landfall in Jamaica, an island in the Caribbean. Melissa was a category 5 hurricane with winds up to 160 miles per hour that decimated Jamaica, Cuba and the Bahamas.

When we heard about the hurricane's aftermath, we immediately got into action. We started planning a trip to take our Cessna 206 Pathfinder airplane from its base in Florida to Jamaica. We began by contacting the Jamaican Aviation Authorities and the local church Conference. Did you know that 1 in 8 people in Jamaica are Seventh-day Adventists? At the same time, we were working on getting a permit to fly into Jamaica and an

overflight permit for Cuba, so we would not have to fly the long way around to reach Jamaica. Surprisingly, the Cuba overflight permit was easier to obtain than the Jamaica permit. On Tuesday, November 4, we received all our permits and were ready to begin our exciting trip to Jamaica. It was a beautiful day to go flying. I would be flying our Cessna 182 to pick up a second pilot at a town on the coast of North Carolina. His name is Sky, and he is one of our volunteer pilots. He would be joining me as we ferry our Cessna 206 to Jamaica.

God is abundantly able to fulfill His promises. Every earthly good comes from His hand. The resources of the

Lord are infinite, and He employs them all in accomplishing His purposes. Faithful stewards, who wisely use the goods which God has entrusted to them to advance the truth and bless suffering humanity, will be rewarded for doing so. God will pour into their hands while they dispense to others. He is advancing His cause in the earth through stewards entrusted with His capital. Every good thing upon the earth was given to us as an expression of the love of God. He makes people His stewards and gives them talents of influence and means to use for the accomplishment of His work on the earth. Our heavenly Father proposes to connect finite human beings with Himself. As laborers, they may be His instruments in the salvation of souls....

Those who walk in the light of truth will emit light to those around them. They are living witnesses for Christ. They will not be like the world, living in moral darkness, loving themselves and the things of the world, and seeking earthly treasures. God has made us our brother's keeper and will hold us responsible for this great trust. God has taken us into union with Himself, and He has planned that we shall work in harmony with Him. He has provided the system of beneficence, that we, whom He has made in His image, may be self-denying in character, like Him whose infinite nature is love. (From the Heart p73)

Once we met up at the airport, we went into the Pilot lounge to plan our IFR flight to Tri-County Airport in Florida to pick up our Cessna 206. After we finished preparing our flight, we departed around 3 pm. It was a fabulous, clear day with not many clouds in the sky. Since we started off so late, we got to see an incredible sunset when we landed at Tri-County around 7 pm. Flying at night is one of the best times to fly. You get to see all the beautiful lights on the ground, and you get to see the stars when the sky is clear. The following day, we went up in the Pathfinder Airplane to get used to how it flies and how it feels to control. Our Pathfinder 206 airplane is a six-seat, high-wing aircraft that can carry about 700 pounds of cargo, making it the perfect airplane for disaster response in Jamaica.

We started on our journey. Our first stop was going to be in Miami to pick up cargo bound for Jamaica. On this leg, Sky was flying the airplane, and I was working the navigation and the radios. It was another beautiful day and an exciting part of the trip. I got to fly my first STAR (standard terminal arrival route) into Miami Executive Airport. We landed and met Dr. Balvin Braham, the vice president of the Inter-American





Division of Seventh-day Adventists. He brought much-needed supplies for Jamaica that we loaded into the airplane. We loaded up four generators, three starlinks, two chainsaws, and some oil for the chainsaws. Since we landed right before dark, we spent the night with Dr. Balvin and his lovely wife in their wonderful home. The next morning, we set off for Montego Bay, Jamaica. We made a stop in Marathon, Florida, in the Keys to refuel before continuing on. Since we had a full load, it took a long time to reach our cruising altitude of 9,000 feet. Once we reached 9,000 feet, the flight to Jamaica was very slow and over lots of water. Before we left, we packed a life raft, an emergency radio, and life jackets in case we had to make a water landing. Before every flight, we prayed for a safe trip and for God to use us wherever we were.

“For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.” Psalm 91:11 We made it safely to Montego Bay Airport. One thing I did not expect was that customs would take over an hour for our small airplane. After we finally made it out of the FBO, we were greeted by some people from the Conference who were there to pick up the supplies that we had brought in. Also, they had brought us a treat, fresh coconuts with coconut water. It was so delicious; we had not had lunch that day and had not had much water since we had been flying for 5 hours.

We were given a ride to the West Jamaica Conference, where we met the Conference President, Glen Samuels, who would help us coordinate our flights around the island. We also got a much-needed delicious dinner of beans and rice, something that we would get a lot of while we were there. For our first night in Jamaica, we stayed with Gideon’s Rescue, which was also there to help with the relief efforts. The next day, we refueled

the airplane after our long trip and saw some of the damage the hurricane caused to the island. Everywhere we looked, we could see roofs missing from homes, power lines in the streets, power poles gone, and all the trees lining the streets or along the side of the road. While we were there, we did a couple of flights moving water and food around the island.

When we did not have the weather to go flying, we helped around the Conference headquarters wherever help was needed. We helped by packing food bags to send to the areas hardest hit by the hurricane. It’s such a fantastic experience, even though many of the conference personnel have homes that are damaged. The conference building is severely damaged and without power; they are still doing all they can to help those across the island. “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:19-21

Sky was only in Jamaica for 1 week because he had to get back to his airline job, and I was there for 2 weeks. Then I came back to the States to finish up some more of my training. While we were in Jamaica, it was decided to permanently deploy the Cessna 206 to further God’s work. Deyvid Batista, our President, told Glen Samuels about a pastor-pilot he knew, and Glen was so excited that he decided that day to schedule a meeting to hire him for the Conference.

During the third week of December, Jarret Moss, our Chief pilot, flew commercially to Jamaica to check out some local pilots so we could continue our flights while our permanent missionary was in the process of

moving. While Jarret was there, he checked out a couple of pilots. Before Deyvid and I left, we had discovered another really short grass airstrip in the most affected area. So Jarret also flew into that airstrip to see its condition. While Jarret was there, he flew with these pilots multiple times, taking supplies into the Saint Elizabeth Airstrip.

“And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.” Revelation 21:4

But the day is coming when the battle will have been fought, the victory won. The will of God is to be done on earth as it is done in heaven. The nations of the saved will know no other law than the law of heaven. All will be a happy, united family, clothed with the garments of praise and thanksgiving—the robe of Christ’s righteousness. All nature, in its surpassing loveliness, will offer to God a tribute of praise and adoration.

The world will be bathed in the light of heaven. The light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be sevenfold greater than it is now. The years will move on in gladness. Over the scene, the morning stars will sing together, the sons of God will shout for joy, while God and Christ will unite in proclaiming, “There shall be no more sin, neither shall there be any more death.” (MH 506)

Thank you for earnestly praying for Jamaica and for your support. Christ proposes that men shall become laborers together with God. He makes human beings His Instrumentalities for drawing all men unto Himself.

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OPPORTUNITY: PHILIPPINES

Deadlines

By Christine Cayetano



The first 4 months of the year are a hectic time for accountants everywhere, as we need to prepare annual financial statements

for audit and reports required by various government agencies, in addition to all the monthly deadlines we have to meet.

In doing so, many documents are constantly printed, from drafts and revisions to final reports. The printer is one of the significant pieces of equipment in the office, along with the computer. On average, printers have a useful life of 3-5 years. Unfortunately, the printer I’ve been using for years has been malfunctioning lately due to old age. It’s been 14 years in service, with repairs done over time. It’s considered obsolete due to ever-changing technology, with features and ink costs/benefits changing with each new model released each year.

I’m in dire need of a new printer. A basic one here costs around \$200. It would surely help the ministry if we could get our reports done on time to avoid penalties. If anyone would like to help me with this great need, it would surely help me complete my work on time.

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Seeds of Hope in Central America

By Pastor Audicio Jiménez, AWA Miskito Missionary

Deep in the lush, river-lined regions of Central America, where the forests meet the sea, and communities are often reachable only by boat or small aircraft, the mission of **Adventist World Aviation** continues—though not always in the skies.

A Mission That Goes Beyond Flying

As a Miskito myself, I, Pastor Audicio Jiménez, have been able to walk among my own people in a way that past missionaries could not. I speak their language, understand their traditions, and share their daily realities. This connection opens doors to hearts—doors that sometimes remained closed to outsiders before.

Every week, we gather under trees, in humble homes, and in open spaces to study the Word of God. We share the message of hope, pray together, and watch as lives are transformed. By God's grace, we have witnessed many decisions for Christ and joyful baptisms in the rivers that run through our land.

The Miskito people are profoundly spiritual and value community. Through consistent presence—not just visits—we have been able to nurture relationships

that lead to genuine faith decisions. Bible studies are growing, and small groups are forming in villages that previously had little or no Christian witness. Because I am Miskito, conversations are natural. Trust comes more easily. When I share my own testimony, they see someone who understands their struggles, their joys, and their culture. This has made a significant difference in people's openness to the Gospel.

One of the most exciting developments in our Central America project is the launch of a **community farming initiative**.

This program is not simply about agriculture—it is about dignity, sustainability, and community care. Together with local families, we are cultivating crops that will help feed entire villages. Everything produced is shared with the community, ensuring no one is left behind.

The farm also becomes a place of fellowship and ministry. As we work side by side in the fields, conversations about faith arise naturally. Seeds are planted in the soil, and seeds of truth are planted in hearts.

Even though aircraft operations are currently paused, AWA's presence remains strong. The Central America project demonstrates that mission is not limited to transportation—it is about people, relationships, and the Gospel. We continue to:

1. Offer regular Bible studies in multiple villages
2. Provide spiritual counseling and prayer
3. Support families in need
4. Develop sustainable food sources through farming
5. Prepare new leaders from within the Miskito community

The work is growing because it is rooted in the community itself.

The Central America project is a testimony that when mission becomes action—living among the people, speaking their language, sharing their lives—the impact is profound and lasting. From the rivers of the Miskito Coast to the hearts of its people, hope is alive.

And the mission continues.

This phase of the Central America project is critical. Without aircraft operations, the resources typically supporting the mission are limited—yet the need on the ground is growing rapidly.

Your support today will directly help us:

1. Provide seeds, tools, and supplies for the community farming program
2. Support Bible workers and local Miskito leaders who are teaching and discipling new believers
3. Provide basic necessities for families in crisis
4. Expand Bible study groups into additional remote villages
5. Prepare for the eventual return of aviation support to the region

This is a moment where your generosity can sustain and expand a mission that is already bearing fruit. As someone born among the Miskito people, I see firsthand the transformation underway. I see families finding hope. I see young people choosing a new path. I see communities coming together around Christ.

But I also see the needs—the empty tables, the lack of resources, and the urgency to continue this work while hearts are open. We cannot do this alone.

We invite you to stand with us in this mission of hope. Your gift—large or small—will make a direct and eternal impact in the lives of the Miskito people of Central America.





Behold, I Am Doing a New Thing

*“See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?”*

—Isaiah 43:19

As winter gives way to spring in 2026, the promise of Isaiah rings fresh: God is at work, bringing renewal where things once seemed stagnant or forgotten. At Adventist World Aviation (AWA), we see this promise unfolding in hangars, on runways, and in the skies above the world’s most isolated places. What once sat idle is stirring to life. Old aircraft are being restored. New pilots are being trained. And doors to unreached hearts are opening wider than ever before.

Aviation ministry remains one of the most unique and powerful ways to carry the gospel and God’s tangible love to

people cut off from the world. In remote jungles, mountain villages, and frontier outposts—places where roads vanish and hope can feel distant—missionary pilots deliver medical care, humanitarian supplies, and the message of Christ. These flights don’t just transport people and goods; they transport the very presence of Jesus to those who have never heard His name.

The need has never been greater. Demand for AWA’s services outpaces our current capacity. Isolated communities in Guyana, Central America, the Philippines, Alaska, Canada, and now emerging efforts in Jamaica and beyond cry out for more flights—more medical evacuations, more Angel Wings humanitarian missions, more opportunities to share the gospel. God is calling us to expand, and 2026 feels like the year He is springing something new into motion.

By Kris Giggey

At our headquarters in Wilson, North Carolina, the hangar buzzes with purpose. Several aircraft sit waiting for restoration—each one a future vessel of blessing. Chief among them is a Cessna 206, a rugged workhorse destined for disaster relief and remote mission support. Its engine needs an overhaul, systems require renewal, and even the interior begs for attention. A donor has given us a new Electronic Flight Instrument that will be installed soon. When this plane returns to the air, it will log thousands of hours carrying relief to disaster zones and hope to forgotten villages.

We are also breathing new life into a Piper Cherokee 180. Recently, a generous donor provided a new battery, allowing our team to test the electrical systems and move forward. An alternator and starter are already installed. Fuel tanks are being inspected and reinstalled. During one recent session, we discovered the original fuel quantity transmitters—corroded and unserviceable after decades—were failing. New units, at roughly \$500 each, will restore accurate gauges and move us closer to that pivotal moment: starting the engine for the first time in years. This milestone will mark real progress toward deploying the Cherokee as either a missionary pilot trainer or a light utility aircraft serving the mission.

Our training fleet keeps the pipeline strong. Through Wings For Humanity Flight School, we prepare the next generation of missionary pilots using Cessna 172s. These planes see heavy use and demand frequent care. In a recent 100-hour inspection on our VFR trainer, a leaking fuel selector valve was replaced—thanks to a donor’s timely gift. That small part prevents fuel from flowing uncontrollably in an emergency, potentially averting an engine fire. New (to us) upgraded radios will be installed in the cockpit soon, sharpening communication skills for future pilots. Another 172, our IFR-capable bird, received a new battery to withstand harsh winters, plus flap system repairs and a rebuilt starter—all made possible by faithful supporters.

Our training aircraft often double as platforms for Angel Wings flights—humanitarian missions that demonstrate God’s compassion in action. They ferry the sick to life-saving care, deliver supplies to suffering communities, and show the world that Christ’s love moves through willing hands and wings. Our goal for 2026 is clear: increase both Angel Wings flights and overall monthly operations as part of broader expansion.

Beyond the aircraft, AWA is growing roots closer to home. In Wilson, locals are discovering—and taking pride in—the ministry right in their backyard. A recent tour for the local Rotary Club sparked new friendships and raised awareness. We also continue visiting Seventh-day Adventist churches across the region. It still surprises us how many lifelong members have never heard of AWA. When the weather permits, we offer short “around the pattern” flights. Visiting church members and donors frequently tour the hangar, view ongoing projects, and join in prayer. Everyone is welcome—no prior connection required.

At its heart, AWA is about service flowing outward. Your gifts bless the ministry, and through us, that blessing reaches the ends of the earth. Every repaired valve, every new battery, every restored airframe, every training hour equips us to take God’s love where no road leads. You may never sit in a cockpit or land on a jungle strip, yet your partnership makes these missions possible.

As spring unfolds and we perceive the new thing God is doing, we invite you to join us. Your support—whether a one-time gift, a monthly commitment, or simply sharing our story—helps turn idle planes into instruments of hope. Together, we can answer the call to reach the unreached, heal the hurting, and proclaim the good news from the skies.

Thank you for standing with us. Because of you, the promise of Isaiah takes flight: “See, I am doing a new thing!” May we all have eyes to perceive it—and hearts ready to respond.

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