



Philippines-Palawan Mission Project Update



A MASTER GUIDE AND A PATHFINDER PLANE

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It's been almost 8 years since I was active in the Pathfinding Ministry. In 2018, I already finished all my requirements and had my checklist with signatures ready for investiture. To make a long story short, I wasn't invested that time since they needed us to have our uniforms ready, and I forgot mine.

Why did I wait for 8 years? Because after that year, I had already started my college journey, I became inactive and worried about not being invested in becoming a Master Guide. But I do believe that God works in ways we cannot see and comprehend. While I was busy chasing my career goals and everything else, God was slowly leading me back into active service.

Shortly after I boarded the team here in AWA Philippines, seeing our Pathfinder plane under the heat of the sun, I suddenly got the fire back to finish what I had almost finished. I started looking for a Master Guide progressive class, and right after that, they had me start back at zero because my previous checklist wasn't being followed anymore, and also because of the club rules. After almost 2 years of training, lectures, practical applications, piles of requirements, and a back-and-forth continue-or-surrender mindset, I finally passed the evaluation and am waiting for our Investiture this August during the Master Guide summit here in Palawan.

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The ministry of Pathfinder training taught me a lot, especially in the areas I needed to learn while I was still on the mission field, serving as an Aircraft mechanic and, at the same time, a missionary. I learned how to tell stories to the kids, how to do knot tying, lashing, and splicing, how to use a compass, and a lot of other things essential not just for me but also for all the youths in and out of our church. The digital age surely gives us a comfortable life. Still, it doesn't teach us how to have a comfortable life even if the surroundings are uncomfortable. Also, what amazed me the most is that when we, youth or even parents, undergo training, we are also helping the community, as we have knowledge and wisdom on things people mostly see others doing because they have a degree in it or are licensed.

In Pathfinder training, we are equipped with skills, especially in rescuing and providing first aid, and most youth don't have the necessary information to do so. In that way, when we are called to act with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we can offer a helping hand to our local communities in times of need. I never regretted those tiring hikes, boring lectures, many requirements, and draining activities I did while I was training. Because I know for sure that it is God telling me and you to be prepared at all times, as He may send us to the frontlines to help the community and to spread the Good News that He will soon return.

Next year, the Southern Asia-Pacific Division will hold a Pathfinder Camporee at the Ambassador City Hotel in Pattaya, Thailand, from October 11 to 17, 2027, and, God willing, I plan to attend. If given the opportunity, I'll promote the mission we are doing here with you, our supporters, on this side of the Philippines, and inspire young minds to consider

pursuing aviation and serving in missionary aviation with Adventist World Aviation. I would also love your prayers and any support you can offer to help me attend the event. Thank you always for your generous support and fervent prayers that keep the mission base here in the Philippines going!



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