



Looking Ahead

As we look toward the months ahead, we are reminded of God's promise in Deuteronomy 31:8: "And the LORD, He it is that doth go before thee; He will be with thee, He will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: Fear not, neither be dismayed." Many things are happening at AWA as we prepare for new opportunities and continue the work God has given us. From restarting flight operations in the Philippines to training new pilots and mechanics and restoring aircraft for service, we are thankful to see God opening doors and providing what is needed. We trust that He will continue to go before us as we move forward.

Operational Updates

In mid-September, AWA will send an IA, an A&P, and a new missionary to the Philippines to restart flight operations at our mission base there. A missionary

has remained on site to maintain the base and continue ministering in the community. The base has two Cessna 182s used for mission flights, and we now have a new pilot-mechanic who will begin flight operations and maintain the aircraft. The new missionary completed his mechanic training and earned his Commercial Pilot's License at AWA headquarters in Wilson, NC.

The Wings for Humanity flight school continues to do well. We have seen an increase in inquiries about flight training with us, and one of our students recently received his Private Pilot's License. Another student is quickly approaching his Private Pilot checkride.

The VFR trainer used by the school, N46518, has been in maintenance. One of the cylinders showed unacceptable compression, so it was removed to lap both the intake and

exhaust valves. The piston rings were found to be worn, so they were replaced, and the cylinder was honed. After a test flight, it will be ready for students again.

N8764X, a Cessna 182, is ready to return to service. During its last inspection, a problem was discovered with the engine truss, which was not securely mounted to the firewall. There was concern about possible damage to the firewall or the truss itself. Upon further inspection, the firewall was found intact, and no damage to the truss was observed. New hardware and grommets were installed to properly secure the truss and accommodate engine vibration.

AWA recently came into possession of a Cessna 185 Skywagon. It was donated with a request that it be deployed in Alaska. It will soon be deployed, but first, it will receive its annual inspection at headquarters. We plan to begin the inspection mid-month and sign it off in October before it leaves. Our Chief Pilot will fly it to the West Coast, where he will hand it over to a missionary and train him to operate it.

This fall, AWA will return to Guyana to complete the restoration of one of the Cessna 182s there. Tools and supplies have been packed into a barrel and will travel by boat. When our team arrives, the tools, parts, and materials needed to complete the restoration of N82HS will be waiting for us. Several barrels were shipped, a total of five. The barrels are packed full of children's clothing donated by a local church. These clothes will bless children in need in the village of Mabaruma, where the mission base is located.

We are grateful for the many people who stand behind AWA through prayer, giving, and volunteering. Your involvement allows us to keep aircraft flying, train those who will carry the ministry forward, and reach communities that would otherwise be difficult to access. As we look ahead to the coming months, we are excited about what God is doing and thankful that He allows us to be a part of it. Please continue to pray for our missionaries, our students, and the many projects underway around the world.



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