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Adventist World Aviation exists to provide aviation and communication support to those serving the physical, mental, and spiritual needs of the unreached and forgotten peoples of the earth.

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.

SUBSCRIPTION

Your gift of any size this year will ensure support for those in great need around the world. Please donate \$25 to offset the printing and mailing costs annually. Thank you!



2023 has been an amazing year and it was all because of you, our faithful donors.

We have experienced baptisms, lives saved, and doors opened. Our aircraft fleet is growing and some of our restorations are getting closer to being finished. We have some new and amazing staff and missionaries, pilots, and mechanics. AWA will continue to grow these relationships and help to best

prepare those who desire to put Jesus first in their lives.

There is new leadership in AWA with myself as President and Julie, as my Administrative Assistant, taking the lead positions. We will guide the ship faithfully into the future and start training the next generation to take over.

We are thankful for all of our amazing team; from prayer warriors to volunteers, donors who keep the wheels rolling, and our office workers who give far more than they receive. We are all storing our treasures in heaven.

We are thankful this time of year that God has blessed us with so much work. Although we have accomplished a lot there is still so much more to do.

We need to build a hangar in the Philippines and fence our property to keep large animals off the runway for obvious safety reasons.

In Guyana, we have new missionary candidates in training, and with the guidance of Pastor Deyvid, we are seeing spiritual growth like never before. The planes are down for now due to vandalism and we are fixing that by putting doors on the hangar and securing God's assets. Once that project is complete, we can begin restoring the aircraft back to a safe condition for flight. Our pilot training fund will need serious support as we bring in and train future pilots.

We are thankful for our missionaries in Nicaragua and all the wonderful work they are doing to spread the gospel and help the sick and suffering. Even if the plane isn't flying we use what we have to spread the love of Jesus. An airplane sometimes makes it faster and easier but it comes at a great cost. At the end of the day, we will use whatever we can to serve the Lord.

AWA just opened a small office in Uganda and will be rolling out a lifestyle ministry that we hope to grow to the point it will need an airplane to get farther than ground transportation can safely take us.

Canada had a successful summer program but is lacking pilots and management now that I'm running the Head office in the US with Julie. We are keeping both locations alive with the aid of a few helpers and Julie's dedication. The aircraft needs some avionics upgrades to bring it up to a higher standard and allow the pilots to access more capabilities and be as safe as possible.

Jim in Alaska is doing what he can and we are thankful for his continued good health. We could use more help there with people and finances. He will need support as he upgrades and maintains the planes there.

So again, thank you, thank you, thank you, from the bottom of our hearts. With our arms, we wish to send all of you the biggest hug we can possibly muster up. May God bless you and your family beyond what you could ever ask for.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Ray & Julie Young

Notes from the Field

PHILIPPINES - BETCHIE

I am happy to share that the implementation and preservation of each (land) lot contained in the Adventist World Aviation

runway here in the Philippines continues with the help of donors and prayers.

I am also happy to share that each lot has been transferred and fixed to trustworthy people and with the help of AWA in providing monthly stipends, I have a good and strong trust relationship with the natives of the Barangay and Municipality.

We continued the ministry of providing aid through medical flights.

Thank you so much! Blessings! *Betchie*

PHILIPPINES - JED & SHERLYN

Sherlyn and I would like to thank God first and foremost for the sustenance He has given to us through generous donors. Because of the support, I was able to send Sherlyn to the Philippine Red Cross — Cebu and Manila headquarters for the Standard First Aid and Basic Life Support training and the Emergency Medical Technician training. These training sessions are crucial in our mission work here at AWA-Philippines because most of the patients we fly from the remote islands need healthcare assistance from a nurse or an EMT as required by the doctors who endorse such patient transfers by air.

Now, Sherlyn fills the lack of human resources in the medical aspect and is active in providing patients with utmost care in flight. Both of us are now working hand-in-hand in medical aviation work. As God's stewards, we are committed to serving Him and the people in need. Thank you for your generous support.

Jed & Sherlyn Nantes. Pilot & Flight Medic

PHILIPPINES - CHRISTINE

Praise God for donors who have faithfully partnered with God's work through all the years that I have served AWA since 2004.

Philippine flight operations have resumed this year serving patients in need of emergency transport to hospitals not just here in the islands of Palawan but also to Iloilo, Cebu, Mapun, Zamboaga, and to the mainland in Cavite.

Land transportation has also been upgraded with new vehicles replacing 2 decades old, battered, and dilapidated vehicles; making errands from the base to the city (vice versa), faster, safer, and more efficient. It has greatly been used to transport the youth & elderly in various church activities, as well as taking the sick to the hospitals for check ups or admission.

I also got to replace my 8-year- old office laptop which is used for my accounting and secretarial work.

Thank you, donors, for keeping God's Philippine mission operating. God bless your generosity! *Christine*

ANGELWINGS

If not for the funding and the support of you, our donors, we would not be able to fly people like Hope who, without our help, wouldn't have been able to see her grandfather within his last 24 hours on his deathbed. The Angelwings flight we provided her gave her that precious opportunity to say goodbye and have closure.

We wouldn't have been able to help Jesse who, after battling alcoholism for years, finally was able to recover and fly back to his home with our help where he had a stable job waiting. How good it feels to accomplish overcoming such a big hurdle. We helped him celebrate and carried him home on Angelwings to a new life.

Butch couldn't get home to North Carolina from Georgia to be cared for by his daughter as his health wasn't good enough for such a long car ride. His wife and faithful caregiver had passed away, and he needed to go live with his daughter who could care for him. But she lived a generous day's drive away. It was too far for him to travel. However, with an Angelwings flight, we were able to pick Butch up with his daughter who came to accompany him for the flight. We flew him home where, later on, both he and his daughter did Bible studies with us and were baptized. That is a direct result of your generous support and funding for these flights.

Additionally, there are those like Michelle who was terribly ill with stage four cancer. Being without the strength or means to travel the long distance for the medical care she required, she reached out to AWA and found the remedy to her needs. She asked us to fly her to Duke University to meet with a specialist and receive the care she was longing for. Praise be to God, the new treatment she received was a success and she is still able to share a wonderful life with her family.

Melanie, a great woman of faith, was a privilege for us to fly because after she had been treated for years under an incorrect cancer diagnosis, she was finally given a correct cancer diagnosis and then properly treated through Johns Hopkins Hospital in D.C. Several times we flew her for her treatments. During some of her last rounds of important medical care treatments, it was thought that she wouldn't make it through her surgery. She needed to have a tumor removed that grew around her abdomen and was intertwined in her spine. Even if she did survive the procedure, she wouldn't be able to walk. But prayers are powerful. She not only lives, but she walks and is now cancer-free!

Still, there are more stories of the people we've flown, but as you can see, lives have been impacted, some, even for eternity. These life-saving and hope-giving flights are our honor and privilege to provide to those in need in their darkest and most trying hours in life. Thank you for being the fuel to give our patients hope and for being an answer to our prayers and theirs. We couldn't do this without you!



Off to the northern islands



Notes from the Field, con't.



DISASTER RESPONSE

At Adventist World Aviation, we cannot express enough gratitude for how our incredible donors have impacted not only the organization but also me personally. Their support has truly been a game-changer for our missions and everything we have been able to accomplish this year. Thanks to their generosity, we have been able to respond swiftly and effectively to disasters, providing much-needed aid and assistance to those in need. Their contributions have also allowed us to enhance our aviation capabilities, reaching remote and isolated communities that would have otherwise been inaccessible.

The knowledge that we have the backing of such caring and compassionate individuals has given me new hope and drive to continue spreading the Gospel message, knowing that our collective efforts are making a positive difference in the lives of those we serve. From the bottom of my heart, I want to express my deepest thanks to our donors for their unwavering support. You have truly made a significant impact on our organization and on me personally.

Steven

MAINTENANCE

I'm thankful for donations because they are the lifeblood of the aviation ministry to which I serve.

Your contributions directly impact our efforts to do the work that we do and maintain a level of safety for our aircraft by supporting maintenance and safety-inspired upgrades to our aircraft. To say it boldly, I would not be able to do what I do without the support of our faithful donors.

From the small things like oil filters for our planes to the big things like building a hangar to keep our aircraft covered from the elements, your donations make it happen. Our aircraft continue to need support. Travel and shipping to the countries in which we serve are challenging and sometimes expensive logistically to manage yet the planes still need to fly. Donors help in that effort through direct support of our projects.

Once again, thank you for being a part of our family, and may God bless you for your supportive efforts. You make a difference even in the smallest of ways.

Kyle



UGANDA

With much pleasure I share gratitude for the facilitation received monthly from AWA. My service in God's vineyard has been empowered in different ways as listed below.

1. Currently I have better communication on both phone and internet data
2. Transport to different locations is eased in that I am able to travel to where service is needed.
3. Last month we managed to set up a disaster management club with University students who are studying for a bachelor of humanitarian emergency and disaster management. We linked the club to the Uganda Red Cross Society for community outreach and it was successful.
4. There is now an office progressively developing to meet secretarial services and a physical address.
5. Printed banners indicating the mission, vision, and services of AWA are in place to guide publicity of the envisioned Uganda project

Thank you so much and may the Lord continue blessing.

Livingstone Tenywa

GUYANA

Hello from the beautiful Mabaruma, Guyana to ALL AWA friends!

What a year it has been for us! Mabaruma's locals couldn't be more grateful to you as you have made a tremendous impact in their lives through your prayers & donations. There has been a lot happening here from music lessons to suicide prevention from home Bible studies to baby dedications as well as teenage pregnancy prevention. Nothing could've happened without your support. For that, Rob, Sue, and I say a big THANK YOU! We are extremely grateful and very much look forward to our partnership with you in 2024.

Kind regards, *Dequid*





ALASKA

What a blessing it is to share the Gospel message right where we're at, through how we live our daily lives, and when necessary, with our words. We take this opportunity to thank those who support us by their prayers and funds.

As directors of AWA's longest-running project (since 2000), we have been blessed with thousands of hours of mission flying service, supported by donors and prayer. We are very thankful for the opportunity to serve.

God bless you all, *Jim and Linda Kincaid*

NICARAGUA



Dear Friends and Family,

As we look back and take inventory of what God has been doing in Nicaragua through us these past 18 months, it is truly miraculous! In only two weeks I was able to get my citizenship, and shortly after that, the children's citizenship. Glenda has also got her permanent resident status. This has

allowed us to move freely across the country passing through military and police check-points, open much needed bank accounts, and acquire assets such as our vehicle and property on the west. God has used the Miskito's tragedies including illness, injury, theft, and loss of life, as well as their joys like the birth of children, opening of work opportunities, traditional celebrations, etc., in order to intertwine our lives to theirs. We have truly developed a love for the Miskitos and also the western Nicaraguans, despite our differences in ethnicity, culture, experience, and world view. Again, this can only be attributed to God's miraculous indwelling. Our friendships, the education we have been able to give, the ongoing Bible studies in people's homes, the development of disciples within our church, humanitarian relief provided, Christian literature and Bibles distributed, even our own personal development; none of this would have been possible without God. And He is working powerfully through the prayers and financial support of you, our brothers and sisters in Christ! Isn't God so gracious in allowing us all to partner with Him as He saves His children from condemnation into eternal life! Thank you, Lord! And thank you readers, as you have answered the call to serve Nicaragua just as much as we have. One day soon we will humbly rejoice together as Jesus says, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Blessings,

Caleb, Glenda, Jordana, and Enoch



ONTARIO, CANADA

Because of the amazing partnership we have with AWA, our conference has been able to continue to build strong trusting relationships with the Indigenous people of NW Ontario.

We are able to continue the ministry of Jesus in feeding the hungry through mission flights distributing non-perishable food to many families.

Last winter we had many flights taking coats, and mittens for our Indigenous friends as well as toys for the children.

Currently, we are working on a project to secure water pitchers with filters for those who are living in areas with poor water quality.

Jesus always included the excluded and so should we.

Special thanks to AWA's unique ministry which has made it all possible. May angels' wings continue to be above your wings. May God's goodness and mercy follow your every flight.

Thanks a million to AWA's amazing ministry.

Pastor Mansfield Edwards, VP Ontario Conference of SDA

US OUTREACH

Hello,

I'd like to thank every one of our supporters for the prayers, encouragement, as well as financial donations to help us serve with AWA. We were able to squeeze in a trip to Oshkosh EAA Air Venture this year and have some precious interactions with the people there. AWA had a booth in one of the expo hangars there with all the other aircraft industry vendors and through this venue we were able to make connections with people who were not only interested in how we use aviation to help people but they also had genuine questions about our faith. Several wanted to know more about what Adventists believe and wanted literature to learn more about our beliefs.

People are searching for the truth, amidst the confusion, and by God's grace we've been given a gift. There is so much confusion relating to religion, the Bible, and prophecy. I shared some understanding that I had of the Bible, but also some books like "The Ministry of Healing" and "The Great Controversy" for their enjoyment and to guide them in their walk. Please continue to keep us in prayer as we seek to be ready to give an answer for our faith and guide people to the Giver of all Truth.

Josh Fix



Notes from Headquarters



We want to thank you for your financial support in 2023 to each project, to the critical medevac flights, to the missionaries, and to Christian ground outreach. We could not have done it all without your generosity. Each

heartfelt donation we receive from you, allows one more ill or critically injured adult or child to be saved.

As we come to an end of this giving season, we want to highlight what was attained on the projects that we managed and you supported.

In Northern Ontario:

- Delivery by air of food donations, lifestyle supplies
- Flying groups, associated with ADRA, into a secluded indigenous community, so fire detectors could be installed into homes

In the Philippines:

- 40 plus successful medevac flights for all in need
- Hiring of a pilot and flight nurse
- Hiring of two mechanics and additional ground support staff
- Purchase of a new truck

In Guyana:

- Answered prayer for a missionary family who is dedicated to music, education and church community
- A supportive pastor who is attaining his pilot's license

In Nicaragua:

- The current construction of a small new home, with a future upgrade construction of the older base home to make it into a residence for future missionaries and a health clinic
- The need for a vehicle for future missionaries, fuel and maintenance costs are ongoing and constant repairs are needed because of the rough roads
- Funding for supplies for weekly bible studies, Spanish language classes
- Christian ground outreach

But the year is not done yet. Our storehouse needs to be replenished to continue on with future needs in 2024.

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” —Matthew 6:21

May God richly bless each of you in the coming year!

With love,
Ray and Julie Young



Administration is often overlooked when it comes to giving. It is flashy and exciting to directly support missionaries. And we behind the scenes agree, it is why we do what we do.

Your donations to the general fund helps us provide logistical and emotional support for all our projects and the missionary families stationed there. Thank you from all of us from behind the scenes!

Thomas Hinrichs, Comptroller

Enjoy the Magazine? Like the Mission Reports?

We want to keep sending them to you in 2024!

Please consider a \$25.00 yearly donation to cover the costs of printing and mailing these publications to you. We want to keep you up-to-date on how God is working through our ministry.

Thank you for your support!



This is Cathy with Adventist World Aviation/Wings 4 Humanity. This is to thank all donors for your donations and support that allows us to send out missionaries to teach the word of God. We need to spread the news to so many unreachable people of Jesus's soon return. Many are being baptized, however, they still have a

need for Bibles because they can't afford them. Without your donations and support, we just couldn't operate.

We have missionaries in the Philippines, Uganda, Nicaragua, Alaska, Guyana, Canada, and a desire with Brazil. We have numerous projects where your donations are very useful. In the US, there are non-medical emergency flights called Angelwings Flights, and our newest is Disaster Response. There's Aircraft maintenance just to keep the planes flying with fuel and other mechanical parts.

The Angelwings Flights are for people who need to be transported for non-medical emergencies, cancer

patients, and those who are critically ill to bring the hope of getting the medical attention they desperately need but don't have the funds for travel. We have reunited people with their family members when the patients are well enough to return home. We do these flights free of charge because so many just don't have the funds it takes to perform these tasks.

Our goal is to reach the unreachable in remote locations or on islands whether it's for medical or spiritual purposes.

We have so many areas where you can direct your donation to a certain project or even a certain missionary family, aircraft maintenance, medical supplies, Angelwings Flights, or Disaster Response. If you're undecided, you may direct the donations to "where needed most." **We are trying to reach our end-of-the-year goal of \$500,000.**

Even if you can't donate a large amount, small amounts add up quickly.

Thank you so much for your previous generosity in your donations to help make this possible for us to reach the unreachable in remote areas and rescue the perishing. Thank you so much for your support. God bless you.



I have watched throughout the year how faithful the supporting family of AWA is, and with their support, we have tasted some pleasant victories.

Our projects are being looked after. The maintenance needed for the aircraft both

at Headquarters and in the field is in progress as replacement parts have been purchased and will continue to be purchased to keep our fleet operational.

With the little things looked after, the bigger things can blossom forth as missionaries take up their call in the field.

In both Guyana and Uganda, donor funds are being utilized to lift up the new ministries of Pastor Tenywa Livingstone and his family as ground support in his region within Uganda, and missionary candidates, Rob and Sue in Mabaruma, Guyana as ground support while they embark upon their training.

Thank you to our supporting AWA family for making our global service and outreach financially possible.

We look forward to this next year, seeing what new things your support will help us all accomplish.

God bless!

Rebecca Stevenson



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**“All this is for your benefit, so that the
grace that is reaching more and more
people may cause thanksgiving to
overflow to the glory of God.”**

—2 Corinthians 4:15

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