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PRESIDENT'S WEATHER REPORT

Happy New Year!

Well, Happy New Year, everyone! It's so wonderful to be one more year closer to heaven. The transition here at AWA has been exciting and challenging. Change can be good, but it takes time to learn new processes and different ways of looking at things. Ministry work is always exciting. Watching how God works things out is amazing. I know my spiritual life wouldn't be where it is if not for where we serve. I am so grateful for the difficulties and successes from week to week.

I want to start my New Year and new position like this:

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33

Putting God first and then this ministry second is how I am starting this year. Turn your eyes upon Jesus is the song in my heart, and look full in his wonderful face. Let's all keep our focus on Jesus.

I was once told that if you are looking up at Jesus, it's impossible to look down on others. The world has been on a bumpy ride lately, so I suggest you fasten your seatbelts. As we see the end drawing nearer, it's time to prepare for landing. Put all your worldly things away. Get your life and space ready. Put the tray in the up position. Return your seat to the upright position. Check your seatbelt and make sure it is fastened tightly. Your Pilot is about to land this plane at your final destination.

Yes, Jesus is our pilot. I am sure He has helped you navigate some difficult parts of your life, physically and spiritually. My advice is to keep trusting in Him. He completed the training that ended at the cross, and with that, He bought your ticket for this flight and is giving it to you for free. How many of us would like a free ticket on any airline to anywhere in the world from someone who prepaid for it before we were even born? That would be amazing. In our case, though, the trip is out of this universe.

I love Sister White's description of *heaven and I find my mind walking through that scene often. If you haven't read it or it's been a while, please take the time to read it. Imagine yourself there. Seeing, feeling, smelling, and hearing the amazing sights and sounds around you. Happiness and joy are everywhere. Standing and looking at Jesus while He goes about His work. I see myself transfixed by His beauty. While you are in this moment, do you get the sense that whatever you went through on earth to be here in this moment, was it worth it?

Let that soak in for a bit.

I now look around at my life here and think, what do I need all this stuff for? I can't take it with me. So 2024 for us will be about liquidating any excess and putting it into saving physical and spiritual lives. I know we need a few comfort things, but for some reason, I've collected too many. I have decided it's time to invest in heaven because that is my next destination.

Imagine meeting beautiful people from all over the world who had the chance to find out about their free ticket and chose to come along; *all because I cleaned up my old life on earth and invested in mission outreach*. I wonder how many hundreds or thousands of years it will take to meet them all. What if we stopped turning our cash into trash? What if Jesus walks right up to you, looks you in the eyes with a big smile on His face, and says, "Well done, you good and faithful servant" ~ *Matthew 25:23*. Is there anything on this planet more valuable than that?

So these are some of my favorite thoughts as I trim and organize my life and this ministry. AWA is positioned to make a bigger impact than ever before this year.

- We have new people with Godly hearts and strong desires to serve others before themselves.
- Our aircraft are getting the TLC that they need.
- We are seeing new doors open for partnering up with new ministries, and sadly, some old ones are closing as the world around us changes.

You, our readers and supporters, are doing your part to help us keep the lights on, and we are very grateful for you and your gifts of love. Without you, we would not be able to share the love and mercy of God with those in need. Pray for our volunteers and workers, as they often are on the front line and under spiritual attack.

So my advice as the Captain of the AWA ship is: keep it simple. Whatever God puts on your plate or in front of you, do it with all your might (Ecclesiastes 9:10). Don't get discouraged. Return evil with love and kindness. Be patient. Show up every day ready to work even when you don't feel like it. God is and will bless you greatly. Your name is on His lips every day. Don't seek man's approval but only Jesus' approval. Seek His kingdom first every day. Remember: He loves you more than anything else because He made you with His bare hands.

All of us at AWA wish you the best year ever of spiritual growth!

Extending love and free hugs to all.

Captain Young,

~Over and out.

*From page 2, referring to "Heaven": See the section Mrs. White's Vision of the New Earth in the book "Heaven", Chapter 15, entitled The Earth Made New, pages 135.3 – 137.3; sourced from Spiritual Gifts.



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Cover: "Going the Distance" View from the cockpit of the Toku Hana. Photo taken during an Angelwings flight for Hope. She was able to see her grandfather in Mississippi just hours before he died. Romans 8:38-39

Faith & Patience



Flight Log

by Rebecca Stevenson

If we take a moment and look around us in the world, it's evident that the LORD is on His way, and we'll see Him soon. The unspeakable atrocities that rage around the world as you read this are but the essence of what the world will see as prophesy ramps up and ushers in the final moments of a sin-sick world. But we take heart because this poor world is destined to be made new after Christ's second coming.

The world is in want, and that's why your role, and our role at AWA, is so important. Even the countries AWA is located in taste some form of political and or cultural unrest because Satan knows his time is short. *We are here for a mission*, and in this new year of 2024,

we are looking to go higher and farther than we have in the past. To get there, God has set the pieces in place to make His next move for accomplishing His plan. However, to start, we consider what His hand has done so far as we move forward, even the raising up of new leadership within AWA to carry through into a new chapter.

- Ray Young, formerly the Vice President of Global Operations, has picked up the torch of the Presidency with his wife, Julie Young, as his Administrative Assistant.
- New missionaries, Rob and Sue, are being established in Guyana.









- Pastor Deyvid Batista, AWA's Regional Project
 Director for Guyana and Brazil, is getting closer
 to finishing all his needed flight training and has
 come to the US to do that.
- There have been 46 medivac flights in 9 months at our base in the Philippines for 2023.
- The Runne family in Nicaragua has been diligently maintaining their community outreach, and now there is a blossoming program for the children at church, with more children coming than adults.
- Disaster Response continues to grow as it went international when we sought to aid the troubles in Lybia with their disaster—massive prayed-for evangelistic doors were opened from that trip.
- Uganda is breaking forth with community outreach support as Pastor Tenywa Livingstone leads university students and volunteers to aid refugees and needy communities locally.

With all that has transpired, more is to come, and certainly no less in Uganda. When we first started work on putting the project together, we hit some challenges and no less roadblocks when COVID hit; that put everything on pause. But God has a way of using those pauses, or as I like to think of them, waiting room moments, to not only grow our faith but show us that He has it all under control and knows His plans. Pastor Tenywa has been very diligent in finding ways to make a difference in his circle of influence. Though aviation hasn't come together there as an AWA service in Kampala, where he's located, it hasn't stopped him from serving his community; he does ground outreach to needy souls.

Pastor Tenywa shared that the Uganda Project is timely. The country is at a time where there is a need for Biblical sharing and to empower the refugees from countries all around Uganda to do agriculture to survive on their own. There are refugees from Sudan, Rwanda, Burundi, Eritrea, Somalia, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Some of them are Muslims who need hope, which is a very special mission endeavor; it takes a special person and a special approach.

As sentiment is shared by Pastor Tenywa, the project, if supported, will reach far and wide. With the volunteer, prayer, and financial support from the family of God who has partnered with AWA, we will certainly see this a reality. And there's room for much more! This new year, we look forward to seeing our projects go far and wide with growth, power, and success as hearts from the indigenous locals we serve abroad. Those here in the US will experience not just the love of Jesus but a changed heart and life. Prayerfully consider how you may be a part of this commissioning together with us for 2024, and thank you for your support!

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Alaska: Winter Beauty and Challenges

by Jim Kincaid

Alaska is a place where each successive season brings a unique kind of beauty and challenges that test the mental resolve (see Psalms 66:10) of those who live and work here. For example, amid the beautiful, sometimes warm, very short Alaska summers are the long hours of daylight and the ubiquitous mosquitoes that can drive an unprepared person insane. A short walk in the woods can easily bring you face-to-face with one of Earth's top predators.

In the winter, the challenges change to survival based on the need for warmth, shelter, and protection while you work. If you live in an urban environment with Walmart, Costco, and other grocery outlets available, all you need is money to supply your dietary needs and to purchase sufficient cold-weather gear to make it possible to move about safely.

The goal of AWA in Alaska is not only for our personnel to survive the challenges of the seasons but also to do Kingdom work. We're to be available for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, to meet His appointments, to do the work necessary to maintain the airplanes, to do the periodic training necessary to maintain a high level of skill for all the conditions that we may encounter.





With aviation and with all kinds of Kingdom work, judgment is required. To use other words, discernment, and discretion well describe the needed attitude toward safety. Since our airplanes must sit out in the weather most of the time, snow removal is a fairly constant necessity. When maintenance issues require heated space, we must find a hangar we can rent for several days. We hope to have our own heated hangar again soon.

During the coldest, darkest part of winter, we mostly park the airplanes and wait for longer daylight and warmer temperatures in late February and March.

We appreciate the support of our donors so that we can continue to operate and meet the Lord's appointments.

Alaska is one of AWA's longest-standing projects. Without your support, it's difficult to meet the ministry needs of those the Kincaid family serves. And with fuel at nearly a whopping 11 dollars a gallon, we, as AWA, can't do as much as we'd like to if the funding isn't there. Consider supporting the Alaska project and helping us make an even greater impact on what's happening in the lives of those our influence reaches.

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Jim Kincaid, and
his wife, Linda,
are your AWA
Missionaries
serving at
the Alaska Project



Flying into the New Year!

by Julie Young

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
His mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is Your faithfulness.

-Lamentations 3:22-23, ESV

As we fly into the New Year of 2024, we have settled into our new roles at AWA head office. We remain steadfast in our desire to serve since starting as volunteers in 2007. The current staff has continued in their positions, some new, some modified, and we are glad they stayed the course with us during the transition. Our faithfulness is for the greater good in aviation, medevacs, and outreach ministry. We have new goals and stories to share in the upcoming newsletters and the Airways magazine.

As we wait for our working visa, we have not found a place to call "home" yet but have been welcomed by generous hearts here in Wilson. The local AWA flight instructor let us stay in his family RV toy hauler for the first three months. When that became too chilly, we stayed a few weeks in a hotel. Shortly, we will be renting an apartment owned by a church member. We have embraced living like missionary nomads waiting to move on to the next place or when the next project needs us to visit.

As stated by S. Michael Houdmann, he describes nomads like this: "Christians are never specifically called nomads in Scripture; however, we are warned that this world is not our true home—we are foreigners and strangers on this earth (Hebrews 11:13), with our true citizenship in the kingdom of God. Nomads do not settle down or invest in 'permanent' structures, knowing that they will be moving on soon. Many of the difficulties that Christians face are a result of forgetting where our true citizenship lies and getting too attached to the comforts of this world."





We also have a fellow nomad missionary here at the office. Do you remember Cesar Levy from Nicaragua?

We wrote about him when we took the Fix family to the Nicaragua Project in 2021 for their 90-day predeployment assessment. After all of us left, we put Cesar in charge of managing the project. He drove up to La Tronauera from Puerto Cabezas whenever we needed; driving the 60-mile trip can take 3-4 hours over rough road conditions. He faithfully checked the security of the plane and the homes and paid the security guards before the Runne family deployed for a permanent call at the base.

After donating his time as a volunteer at the Guyana Project with Pastor Deyvid, Cesar decided to come to the USA, coming ahead of his family on a work visa. Sadly, leaving his wife, Miurel, his son, Dominick, and daughter, Hadassah, in Nicaragua. They will follow as soon as their visas are approved.

He first worked in Miami and then in Texas in construction. He found living with non-Christians was difficult. After one particularly hard day when the job position ended, he prayed for an answer. Ray, out of pure coincidence, called him to see how he was doing, if he was still happy with his job, and to ask if he would join AWA again. He accepted and is now working at AWA's head office.

As a missionary in training, Cesar can decide what fits him the best, training to be a pilot, working with Kyle in maintenance, and perhaps with Steven in video and disaster response. It isn't and won't be easy, but with our donors' support and God's blessings, anything can be achieved. He has been a good and faithful servant, and we are asking for the support needed to train him to serve our Lord through AWA.

You see God never fails us. He has a plan for us all, just like Samuel asking, "Speak Lord: thy servant heareth...here I am" (1 Samuel 3:10).

Home is where the heart is, *Ray and Julie Young*

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Currently, Ray and I are away from the Canadian office so call toll free **1-888-477-8945** or head office **919-938-2920** to become an even greater part of what we do and make that commitment for a financial gift towards where needed for our part in the Great Commission. Thank you!



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Julie Young, Canada Office Manager and Administrative Assistant to her husband, Ray, AWA's new President, formerly in service at the AWA Canada Headquarters in Kelowna, BC.



New Outreach Project: Uganda

by Pastor Tenywa Livingston and AWA Staff

We introduce the newest AWA outreach project in Kampala, Uganda, managed by Pastor Tenywa Livingstone.

Kampala, the City of Seven Hills, is the Capital of Uganda and is, by a large margin, the largest city in the country. Landlocked in East Africa with a diverse landscape from the Rwenzori Mountains to Lake Victoria, Uganda has one of the best collections of animals on the continent. It is rich in wildlife and is one of the countries harboring lions, leopards, rhinos, and elephants, among many more.

AWA was approached by Pastor Tenywa Livingstone in 2019 when he shared his background and experience. His story was compelling, and his cause stood at the forefront;

he and his wife sought to serve. God's work is important to him and is seen in the amazing story he had to share.

"I studied a course in Aircraft Maintenance Engineer with the aim of serving with the Aviation Department in Tanzania Union when they had aircraft. However, I did not complete the course because my wife was shot dead by a stray bullet from training government soldiers at the flying academy in Uganda. Since we had small children, I could not continue with Aviation studies.

"After serving the church at different levels, I went and studied for a Master's in Disaster Management. Now, I am a lecturer at Bugema University, a Seventh-Day institution in Uganda Union. Currently, I









am lecturing near the flying academy where I was training, and whenever I meet my colleagues, the desire for an aviation mission rises in me.

"I am married again. My wife, Betty, has a Bachelor's of Counseling, and we both wish to become missionaries anywhere in the world using the experience and knowledge God has availed to us.

What can we do?"

From there, our correspondence with Tenywa continued as we had been looking for a possible project manager for the Uganda project we were working on establishing. At first, we sought to have a plane there, but as things moved and changed with COVID-19 hitting soon after, God had a way of resetting our horizons to point down an important path.

Aviation services aren't as easy to navigate in Uganda as hoped. Diesel fuel is much cheaper to get a hold of there, and having an aircraft run on it would be more costeffective. AWA had initially gone toward that road for an engine conversion on N9579E, one of our Cessna 182s in our fleet. Through a series of events leading to the engine manufacturers not receiving approval from the FAA, N9579E would not be able to receive the engine conversion and go to Uganda. While there are potential provisions for us to work with a local flight organization and utilize their aircraft, our focus shifted to Tenywa as he began looking for ways to reach community needs.

With funding help, as we went forward in faith, we have set Tenywa up with better communications and a means to travel to communities to assess their needs. Before the end of 2023, he was able to accomplish a great project for outreach. He set up a disaster management club with University students studying for a Bachelor's of Humanitarian Emergency and Disaster Management. He says, "We linked the club to the Uganda Red Cross Society for community outreach and it was successful."

In his own words, he goes on to say, "My service in God's vineyard has been empowered in different ways." He then spoke about how he had gotten an office set up that he uses to promote AWA. This meets the need for secretarial services and a physical address (this also helps him stay near his family to better aid in their needs), having printed banners indicating the mission, vision, and services of AWA that he's put in place to guide publicity of the envisioned Uganda project, working closely with the university students, and being able to communicate better with a phone and internet for such business. Of the mission work, he finishes by saying, "Thank you so much, and may the Lord continue blessing."

As Pastor Tenywa has given his life over to serve and has opened his home to the work of God, we are inspired to ask, what will you determine to give this new year of 2024 to be used by God as a blessing to others? Partner with us in 2024 to help this Uganda Project reach new heights to save souls. Our time is short, for Jesus is coming!

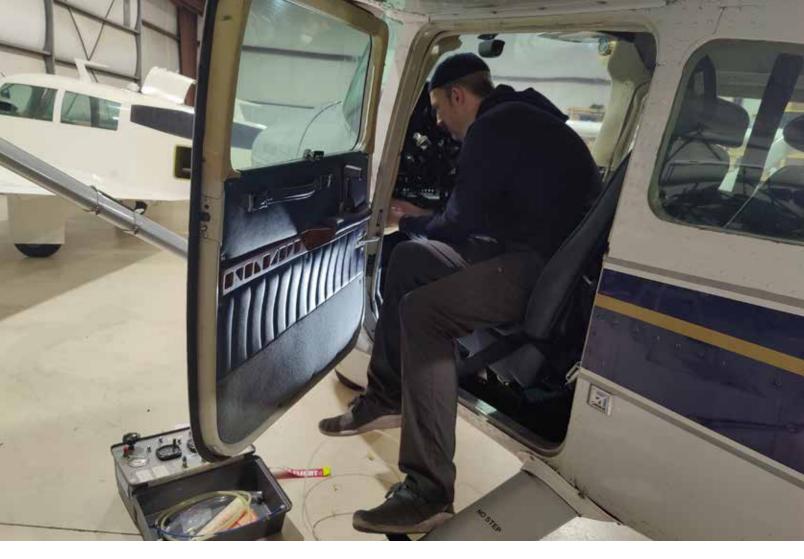
"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, [...]."

-Hebrews 10:24

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Pastor Tenywa Livingtone, serving as project manager for AWA's newest outreach project in Kampala, Uganda.



Maintenance to Fly

by Rebecca Stevenson



I'd like to go back to my childhood for a moment. I grew up on the back of a horse, and there was a saying that we understood well in the world of horses and farriers. *No hoof, no horse*. Without healthy and adequately maintained hooves, you would be going nowhere fast. Now,

while I was always horseback riding on "real" horsepower, my husband, on the other hand, enjoyed the mechanical horsepower and the engineered thrill it brought when he was growing up. *Vroom!*

Fast forward a few years to when he began working with aircraft: The concept of that old saying in the horse world, *no hoof, no horse*, is based on maintenance. *No maintenance*, *no fly*.

Airplanes (and helicopters) don't fare well when they sit for a while and do nothing. I can't say that when we as humans sit for a while and do nothing, we fare any better in the end. When aircraft sit and don't run, this causes the engine, fuel, and other vital parts to become stagnant. Additionally, there is a risk of parts in and around the engine seizing up, becoming stuck, and corroding. Rust also happens. Seals and plastic surfaces exposed to the elements may become dry, brittle, and crack, even hazing over from sun damage. This damage also includes cracks and haze to any windows and no less the windshield itself. Water damage can happen,











leaving wet and moldy, mildewy carpets and headliners in its wake. Bird nests are found in places you don't want them, insects and spiders in pitot tubes that govern your airspeed indicator, and yes, *even rodents and snakes*. If you're not going to use your aircraft, nature will.

As a brief side thought, when we don't give ourselves to be used by God (see Romans 12:1), our sinful nature will take its course, and the enemy will use us to accomplish his purposes. When we don't maintain our connection with God at Heaven's "Center" (*Center* is who we communicate with while on an IFR flight for communication instructions and headings), then we will be vectored (meaning: directed into a do-not-deviate flight path until the next checkpoint). When this happens in our Christian faith, it's by the same control operator who, by his lies, *vectored* and directed Eve to take the forbidden fruit. If you recall, she gave her *flight controls* to Satan, and she crashed. Sadly, her crash was so catastrophic it ultimately killed her and her husband and subsequently brought death to the entire human race.

That's heavy; **wow.** We don't know about you, but we certainly want God on the other end of our radio to receive His instructions (see 2 Timothy 3:16-17) and headings for our lives (see Matthew 6:33).

So, going back to the needed, even intended use of our aircraft, and intended "use" of us for that matter, it's clear that maintenance is crucial. Stop for a moment and think: what aviation ministry would we have at AWA if not for well-maintained, airworthy, and flyable aircraft? We can have a plane. Sure, we've got lots of those! In fact, two trainers that need a lot of work are currently sitting in the hangar in pieces. We have them, but they are of no use laying in pieces and certainly don't allow us to fly while they're grounded. In perspective, what does that mean? Well, we become a standard missionary organization that can't go the extra distance and can't swiftly haul precious cargo by air—that is, people—for lifesaving treatment when it matters most.

No maintenance, no fly. No mind of Christ, no missionary. No missionary, no harvest. No harvest, *know accountability (*Ezekiel 33:8). All of us at AWA have been called to this aviation ministry because God has a plan and a need for His people to impact the world through aviation. The only way to do that mission successfully is by making sure our maintenance is kept current so our planes can continue flying.

As Kyle puts it, "Our aircraft are the tools we provide which we use to do outreach and care for human life. It's only fair that they are kept in a condition that will keep everyone safe while flying them, and without the tools (the planes), *just like I need tools to maintain and repair the aircraft*, we could not do the work God has called us to do." So while Kyle tends to the maintenance, including the ADs, or Airworthiness Directives (so the plane is legal), let's make sure we're following our HDs: Heaven-worthiness Directives found in 1 John 1:9; Matthew 6:33; Hebrews 10:9-11, 13; and Mark 12:30-31.

Thank you for keeping us flying!

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Seeking First the Kingdom

by Caleb Runne

We're celebrating our accomplishments for this last year and rejoicing with hope for our goals and desires for 2024.

We would like to start by saying a big "thank you" to God first and then to all the people who allowed themselves to be used by God to help us accomplish all we did in 2023. Many of our readers are financial supporters. Many have been lifting us and the Nicaragua Project up in prayer. We have friends and family, both here in Nicaragua and abroad, who have given us emotional support, thoughtful gifts, advice, meals, and a place to stay when we are traveling. This is God's work, and everyone partnering with Him can join in the joy and celebration of seeing His victories and accomplishments.

Christ's method of winning souls began by spending time with them and showing that He cared, helping them with their needs. After He won their friendship, He would ask them to follow in His footsteps. We see no better strategy, so this past year, we have intentionally visited every home in Tronquera and many in the surrounding communities. We

try to see what needs we can supply that will help them, not only for the moment but for their future. When someone is sick or injured, we tend to them and teach them how to use the resources within their reach, like charcoal, herbs, and other natural remedies. If necessary, we drive them to the hospital, but we prefer to educate them to help themselves or others with similar maladies. We have done a lot of in-home medical missionary work this year, and we have transported several dangerously ill/injured people, as well as pregnant women in labor, to the hospital. The community has learned to trust us and seek us for their health concerns.

Jordana and Enoch are cultivating friendships with the children in the community in several ways. Regularly, they invite the children to the mission base to play games on the runway or swim in the pond. They also personally invite them to church on Sabbath. Our children's Bible school, led by Glenda, has outgrown the adults! Jordana, seeing the need in a neighboring community, began a once-weekly school to teach reading and writing to kids who don't go to school for different















reasons. Enoch and Glenda have joined in the effort, and they had a small graduation at the end of the year.

In our little church, the members have always looked at the missionaries, pastor, or leader as the only ones who could serve. If there was none of these to open the church, no church services would happen. We replaced the keyed lock with a combination lock and gave the combination to the members, along with roles, like the parts of the body of Christ that they are. Every Sabbath, the church is open, and the members are becoming true disciples. So much spiritual growth has happened, the most tangible example of the Holy Spirit's work. This has allowed us to begin another small group in a neighboring community where we sing, pray, and study every Sabbath afternoon.

This year, we broke ground for a new mission house that better suits our needs as we minister here. The construction is quite advanced, but we are still waiting for the windows and interior doors to be installed before we move in. Once that project is complete, we would like to see several new projects started in 2024. Our little church building seriously needs repairs, including new doors and windows, cement finishing on the walls and roof, paint, flooring, landscaping, and general beautification in honor of the God we worship there.

Another project we would like to start is a radio that would broadcast Christian music, sermons, teaching programs, etc., that could reach much further into the interior than we can get. There is also a ministry that uses a long, motorized boat called a "panga" to bring a Miskito evangelist to communities where the Everlasting Gospel has yet to be preached. We would like to help support and partner with that ministry.

There is a Nicaraguan gentleman who currently lives and works in the U.S. as a pilot and plane mechanic who is very

excited to get our plane here on the base back up to date in maintenance. He is convinced he can get us permission to fly again. This news was a miracle to us when we heard it, and we are praying that, Lord willing, he will come and help us soon. Then God will have to open the doors for a commercial licensed pilot to join our project, another of our prayers for the future. As you see, there is much work to do.

Again, thank you to all our supporters! Thank you, God, for the work You are doing through us all! May the Holy Spirit work mightily in this new year to bring more souls into His kingdom, especially as time is short before Jesus' second coming. Our prayers are also with you, our readers, as you minister in your spheres of influence. *Many blessings!*

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Caleb Runne, his wife, Glenda, and their two children, Jordana and Enoch, are your AWA Mission Family serving at the Nicaragua Project



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

FROM JED AND SHERYLN: "We are actively engaged in humanitarian and medical evacuation flight operations in the remote islands of the Philippine archipelago. As we are aware of the inherent dangers of flying over vast oceans and seas, along with the potential health risks associated with transporting patients by air, we humbly request your prayers and support."



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FROM JED: This is for my wife, Sherlyn. I only have one, and I don't have any extra for her. This would secure her in the event of an emergency ditching, as we frequently fly over water to reach neighboring islands.



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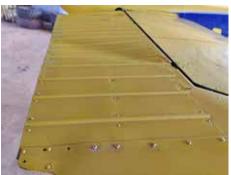
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Project Ingrid: From Poverty to Eternal Riches

by Caleb Runne



"When I come home for the holidays, Mommy, I don't want to see trash outside in our yard. I learned in the Adventist school that to be healthy, one has to be clean inside and out."

This is what 14-year-old Ingrid told her mother, who later relayed the story to us, inspiring a vision and a plan to help Miskito children get a life-changing education at the Adventist Academy in Puerto Cabezas.



Most children in the Miskito communities of Nicaragua where we minister will only reach the 6th grade. The few who continue their studies must take the bus or stay with relatives in distant communities where high school is offered. Due to their circumstances, however, the majority will follow the example of their parents; girls getting pregnant in their early teens from boys (or men) several years older, not mature enough to work to support them, and boys turning to mischief or vice. Their ability to grow and mature mentally is stunted, and the customs and traditions that keep them in poverty are passed on to their children. A sad story that has been

repeated for generations. In Hosea 4:6, God says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..."

If a child is privileged enough to go to school and is dedicated to doing well, their future is much more hopeful. When they graduate, they are more likely to find work, wait to start a family, and have a broader vision of their potential in life. And if the school they attend is a Christian school, the previous benefits apply, but more importantly, they get the knowledge of Christ, their hope for an eternal future!

Because Ingrid, the girl at the beginning of our story, applied herself to school, she was selected to receive a scholarship from another ministry in America, allowing her to go to the Adventist High School in Puerto Cabezas. She is now in her final year of high school and has aspirations to apply her studies to business administration. She has a bright future, and her acquired practical and spiritual knowledge also benefits her family in Tronquera. Unfortunately, the scholarship she was given is no longer offered by that ministry. To bridge the gap, we would like to introduce "Project Ingrid."

"Project Ingrid" envisions finding worthy students in the underprivileged Miskito communities surrounding the mission in Tronquera. The children would be offered a full scholarship, but certain conditions would apply. Of course, they must maintain good grades and their families must also agree to be ambassadors of home hygiene to the community they live in. First, we would give the families a course on what would be expected to keep their homes healthy, and we would support and monitor both their success and the student's academic success.

The results of investing in education have exponential returns! Does Project Ingrid resonate with your spirit? A year's scholarship for one student, including the administrative costs, is only \$360. Education, especially *Christian education*, is truly the best chance at breaking the cycle of poverty here in eastern Nicaragua, but more importantly, adding more souls to Christ's eternal kingdom, which is truly the ultimate goal! If you feel stirred by the Holy Ghost to join in this vision, please write "*Project Ingrid*" in the memo for your donations to the Nicaragua Project.













Sir Ronie

I am Ronie Fiedacan, 62 years old, married with 3 grownup children and 1 grandchild. I was a regular worker at Adventist Hospital Palawan for 32 years, working in different capacities as a Nursing Assistant, Human Resource Manager, Safety Officer, Training Coordinator, Housekeeping Manager, Pollution Control Officer, and Healthcare Chaplain from 2018 until my retirement in December of 2023. During my employment, I have been very loyal to the institution because I know and believe this is a calling.

Six months before my retirement, I had many plans for what was next in my journey, while I was still able. There is a plan to put up a Consultancy firm to help employers and employees to have a harmonious relationship. At this time, I am still in the process of figuring out how to start the business.

There are always opportunities waiting, as employers around are just waiting for me to pass a proposal so they can avail my services.

Then, here comes Adventist World Aviation. Last year, I was appointed by the AWA leadership to be the Board Secretary and assumed the position of Board Chairman when the former Chairperson passed away due to sickness. The AWA management opened an opportunity for me to travel and visit the Head Office, and this was made possible through the effort and generosity of the AWA management with the leadership of Mr. Ray Young and his wife, Ma'am Julie.

I was given a warm welcome with superb accommodation, and we traveled every Sabbath promoting the AWA projects in the Philippines.





Coming back to the Philippines, my desire is to help AWA in any way I can. From Seventh-Day Adventist churches, particularly in Manila, I became scheduled to promote the advocacy of AWA and what we are here for.

Now that I'm retired as of this January and allowed to be part of AWA, it has been my desire to do and explore more opportunities for how to help people and preserve the assets of AWA.

First, I visited the base and took a simple inventory and assessment until I found out that termites were already eating up little by little the wood in the building. I got a quote from a company with termite control programs. With the approval from AWA management, the treatment and control were done January 14th and 15th with a one-year contract and quarterly visits.

I will try to see that the grounds at the base are maintained and properly secured in case of wildfire. We immediately hired a worker to cut the grass and put a fire break around the base perimeter as the summer started in the Philippines. Inventory of all donated assets is on the way in the coming days. January 15, 2024, we were invited by the tribe to have an audience with them and figure out some plans about our membership to their tribe since part of our lot falls on their ancestral domain. We assured them (the

tribe leadership) that AWA, as a non-profit organization, is here for a ministry and to partner with them. They are happy about it and even assure us of the support.

I am also exploring the opportunity to have an ambulance or Patient Transport Service that can be used during medical transport from the airport to the hospital of their choice. By God's guidance, I am writing a letter to one of the Philippine senators to donate an ambulance to AWA.

Since the pilot, Jed Nantes, arrived back at the base after a brief holiday in December, with Christine and Betchie, we had a consultancy meeting at the (Puerto) AWA office before Jed traveled back to the base.

In my last visit to Bataraza SDA church on January 13, 2023, together with the ASI coordinator from Palawan Mission, Pastor Ely Barrientos stated that every time there is an ASI convention, AWA will be one of the recipients of the offering. My desire is that more local church members and even the local community will be aware of the mission of AWA, for in this way, they can be part of the said project.

We make it a point that even small children will be aware of this project so it can create awareness and hopefully inspire them to do great things for the Lord.







Jama Mapun - "People of Mapun"

by Sherlyn Nantes

My husband, Jed, has a lot of fascinating stories about Mapun, Tawi-Tawi. He describes it as an island home for sea turtles, with graceful green hills, tranquil lakes, and a bright blue sea like a cloudless sky.

Behind the picturesque description of Mapun, the island is challenging to reach, for it is located within the vast Sulu Sea. It is 213 nautical miles west of Zamboanga City and 164 nautical miles south of Puerto Princessa City.

It can be reached by air or sea transportation from existing travel points in Zamboanga City and Bataraza, Palawan. While there are no regular trip schedules in and out of Mapun, air, and sea transportation is possible through occasional flights and voyages of the Philippine Air Force and the Philippine Navy from Zamboanga City. People in Mapun could request to be on the trip for free. The sea route from Zamboanga City to Mapun usually takes almost 40 hours, while Bataraza to Mapun takes an average of 16 hours using medium-sized wooden boats, or as they call it in their local term, "Lantsa." There is no regular schedule for sea transportation. The availability of transport service depends on the weather, amount of cargo, and number of passengers.

Based on the 2020 Census, Mapun has a population of 30,038. When I visited the Hospital of Mapun, I was informed that only three doctors were serving there. This translates to one doctor for every 10,012 people in the municipality. The health facility is understaffed and under-resourced, unable to provide high-quality healthcare. Adventist World Aviation has been a great blessing to the community. The sea route, which takes 16-40 hours, can be just 1 hour and 30 minutes by airplane. Patients in desperate need could have access to more reliable healthcare facilities in Palawan or Mindanao. AWA has been one of God's wings in bringing hope to the needy on the remote island of Mapun.

Over 90% of the population of Mapun profess the Islamic faith. And to be honest, before, I had prejudiced views about Muslim Filipinos as a whole. Yet when Jed and I remained for a day in Mapun due to bad weather, I surprisingly discovered that the Jama Mapun are genuine people, kind, welcoming, and accommodating. They provided us delightful meals, cozy accommodations, and a quick tour. I experienced the joy of building friendships with them.

I felt so bad about my prejudiced views, yet I am grateful to God for giving me a chance to correct my views. The weather that caused the cancellation of the medevac flight from Mapun was a blessing in disguise, allowing me to be immersed in a bit of Muslim culture and make friends with them. Indeed, God loves everyone! He is the epitome of love. And because of that, I will let God use me as His helping hand in lovingly serving the people of Mapun.

MEET THE AUTHOR...



Sherlyn Nantes, and her husband, Jed, are your AWA Missionaries serving at the Philippines Project























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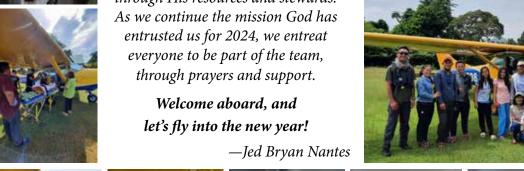
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Challenging Blessed Days!

Mabaruma, a small town in northern Guyana close to the border with Venezuela, has been facing uncertain, challenging days! During the last few months, we have witnessed an increase in tension between the two countries over the oil-rich region called Essequibo. The Venezuelan government announced that it will hold a referendum to establish this territory. This has been administered by Guyana for more than a century. Guyana, in turn, appealed to the International Court of Justice to prevent invasion. This situation has generated fear and uncertainty among border residents, who

could be affected by a possible armed conflict. We are praying for the local population and for peace in the region. The AWA base is only a few miles from the border, so your prayers are greatly encouraged and even coveted.

During this time of uncertainty, we rejoice that the Mabaruma project has been very active with much that has happened.

Within the community, we have made friends and established a relationship of trust with more than 80 people. This includes the Region Chairman, the





Regional Executive Officer, and the Region Health Officer, with whom, in a meeting, we offered our skills and talents to help the local community. The meeting between the region leaders and AWA was extremely productive. Therefore, 2024 looks to be a promising year where things will happen because of this partnership.

Singing has become a way of creating and cultivating relationships with the locals. We have been practicing several hymns so they can help with worship and feel included using a simple speaker to help with praise. We encourage Bible study for adults, and we guide them on that. The children's Bible study class has become a hub for the kids as more and more are coming weekly. The Sabbath morning time we spend together has been a blessing to the locals as we use a large portion of that time to share knowledge about health and natural remedies. Next year, we plan to start classes for teenagers and young adults to strengthen youth in the faith and prepare them to take on responsibilities in the church.

Thanks to your donations and prayers, the hangar renovation is underway! The first part was the railings around the hangar. They are nearly finished. The second part is the construction of the hangar gate; it's scheduled to begin soon. This will provide the conservation of the material and prevent animals and people from entering the premises, these factors potentially causing damage to the aircraft.

Getting the planes back to action is one of the big plans! They are in excellent condition, but because of some minor damage caused by animals and people, your prayers and donations are encouraged and needed so we can be back in the skies! The local government leaders can't wait to see us flying again, serving the region.







We have presented our plans for 2024 to the Region Executive Officer, and they are very excited to work with us. Some of the plans include:

- Weekly community breakfast
- Hospital transportation
- Monthly events on community issues including but not limited to teenage pregnancy, breaking the silence - domestic abuse, mental health problems/suicide, quitting smoking, quitting alcohol, benefits of physical exercise, sexually transmitted diseases, malaria and dengue,

disease prevention through healthy eating cancer, heart problems, diabetes, high blood pressure, handling laboratory quality control

- Community music classes
- Weekly community IT/IT classes
- Monthly community health checks
- Farming classes
- Community Spanish/Portuguese classes

Thank you so much for following this project and for your prayers and donations!

MEET THE MISSIONARIES...



Pastor Deyvid Batista is the Regional Project Director for Guyana and Brazil and serves as the Project Manager for the Guyana Project.



Rob and Sue are your
AWA Missionary
Candidates-in-Training
serving at the Guyana Project.



by Jordana Runne

Yield: 8-10 burgers

(this depends on their size)

Both vegan and gluten-free, these pleasantly chewy burgers are deliciously savory choices for everyone. Oats are extremely versatile, and these patties are no exception.

INGREDIENTS:

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3	С	Oatmeal		
1	Med.	Onion, Finely chopped		
1	Bell I	Pepper, Finely chopped		
1	T	Soy Sauce		
1	t	Onion Powder		
1	t	Garlic Powder		
1	t	Dried Parsley		
1	t	Paprika		
Salt to	taste (1	12 tsp worked well for me		

Salt to taste (1/2 tsp. worked well for me)
Olive Oil for cooking

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Put 1 cup of oats to soak in 1 cup of water for 10 minutes.
- 2. In a food processor or handheld blender, add the soaked oats and remaining dry oats, onion and pepper, soy sauce, and seasonings except for salt. Pulse, but do not completely blend into a paste.
- 3. Add the salt to your taste.
- 4. Warm up a skillet on the stove to medium heat and add the olive oil—just enough so the burgers fry nicely and do not stick but are not swimming in oil.
- 5. Shape your burgers with your hands or a spoon and drop them into the skillet. Fry them for 8 minutes on each side or until nicely browned.
- 6. Here's the best part—eating them, of course!

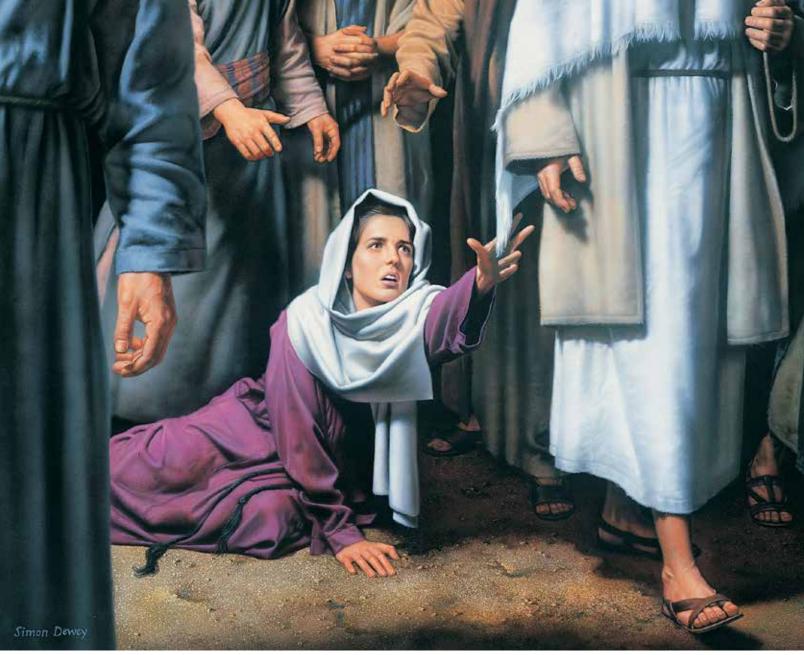
TIPS:

- Include these delicious burgers in a bun just as you would use regular burgers! Take them to your next gathering.
- Since these burgers pair well with most savory dishes, they make an excellent side dish! Try them with mashed potatoes and green beans, pasta and tomato sauce, or a green salad and soup. There are many great options for serving these yummy patties, so it's up to you to find how you like them best!

MEET THE AUTHOR...



Jordana Runne is the 13-year-old daughter of Caleb and Glenda Runne. The Runne family are Missionaries in Nicaragua.



Fe y Paciencia

En un mundo donde todo se mueve a gran velocidad, donde las distracciones están por todas partes para ocupar los pensamientos, es fácil perder nuestro enfoque en las cosas eternas. Es fácil andar de prisa haciendo "cosas" que no nos cuestionamos si lo que estamos haciendo realmente vale la pena o si podría haber una mejor manera de hacerlo, oh mejor aun, una mejor manera de hacerlo con la ayuda de Dios. Creo que Dios permite que la vida nos arroje algunos desafíos para ayudarnos a frenar un poco y recordar que la vida es más que supervivencia. Quizás haya alguna situación que nos desafíe y tratamos de hacer lo mejor que podemos pero no logramos ser completamente exitosos. Tal vez nos cansamos de intentar, e intentar, y de fallar y fallar de vivir una vida mejor que perdemos la esperanza en la vida por completo y nos convertimos en meras maquinas que usan distracciones para

Faith & Patience

by Josh and Yosi Fix

In a world where everything moves at high speed, where distractions are everywhere to occupy the thoughts, it's easy to lose sight of eternal things. It's easy to rush to do "stuff" where we don't question if what we're doing is worthwhile or if there might be a better way of doing things, maybe a more God-led way. I think that God allows life to throw things our way to help slow us down so we can remember that there's more to life than survival. Maybe a situation that comes our way gets our attention, and we try to get in a better place, but we are unsuccessful. We get so burnt out on unsuccessful attempts at living a better life that we lose hope in life altogether and become mere machines droning along, using distractions to keep us from thinking about our problems, further distancing us from solutions, or should I say, The Solution—Jesus.

I think about the woman who touched Jesus' garment and was healed of her disease (Luke chapter 8, Mark chapter 5). She had evitar que pensemos en nuestros problemas, distanciándonos aún más de las soluciones o debería decir de: La Solución (Jesús).

La mujer que tocó el manto de Jesús y fue sanada de su enfermedad (Lucas capítulo 8, Marcos capítulo 5). Llevaba 12 años buscando una cura. Gastó todo su dinero en médicos tratando de encontrar la cura y, a través de estos esfuerzos, lamentablemente solo empeoró. Algunos de nosotros podemos identificarnos con eso, estoy seguro. Pero ella, un día escuchó acerca de Jesús y cómo Él sanaba a las personas de sus enfermedades y su fe se aferró a la esperanza de que ella también podría ser sanada. Esta fe era una fe viva y activa. Por esta fe salió de su casa, caminó cualquier distancia que fuera y luego al ver la multitud no se dejó intimidar, mas avanzó y siguió adelante durante quién sabe cuánto tiempo y apenas pudo tocar el borde de Su manto, pero este no era un toque común y corriente. Cada gramo de su fe estaba en ese toque y, como Jesús le dijo, su fe la hizo sana.

Habría sido muy fácil para ella perder toda esperanza y tirar la toalla en esa lucha, pero cuando escuchó acerca de Jesús, la esperanza volvió a arder. Ella no lo agrupó con los otros "sanadores" a los que estaba acostumbrada. Ella sintió que había algo diferente acerca de Jesús.

Muchas veces solemos tirar las frutas frescas con las podridas. Seguimos con nuestra vida eliminando de nuestras experiencias cosas que parecen estar lastimándonos y, al hacerlo, eliminamos cosas beneficiosas. Las relaciones y amistades cercanas me lastimaron en el pasado, así que no más de esas. Nada de religión porque alguien que parecía ser religioso me lastimo, así que nada de religión. Intenté llevar un estilo de vida saludable y parecía que cada vez me volvía menos saludable, así que lo abandoné. Podría seguir con mas ejemplos, ¿no es así?. Tal vez, sus experiencias en esas áreas de la vida podrían ser lecciones que le ayuden a ser una mejor persona. Dios no quiere que te sucedan cosas malas, pero se nos dice que Él puede hacer que todas las cosas ayuden a bien (Romanos 8:28). Eso significa cosas malas, errores, cosas que causaron algún daño permanente. Todas las cosas. Deja que Dios controle tu vida, con todos los golpes y moretones que has adquirido, ya sean auto-infligidos o no, y permite que tu fe en Él brote dentro de ti. Pídele que te ayude a aprender del pasado, pero no permitas que tus experiencias pasadas te mantengan atado y viviendo sin esperanza.

Así como la mujer en nuestra historia, encontró a Jesus. Así mimo Jesus quiere que lo encontremos, que nosotros también le busquemos. Jesús está en la ciudad y todavía está salvando y ayudando a todo aquel que le busque. Él no nos obligará, pero sí nos invita a creer en Él y ser salvos. Si no creemos que la vida podría ser diferente, no lo sera. ¡Así que tengamos fe!. "A fin de que no os hagáis perezosos, sino imitadores de aquellos que por la fe y la paciencia heredan las promesas." (Hebreos 6:12).

been searching for a cure for 12 years. She spent all her money on doctors, and through these efforts, she unfortunately only grew worse. Some of us can relate to that, I'm sure. But she heard about Jesus and how He healed people of their diseases, and her faith clung to the hope that she could also be healed. This faith was a living, active faith. By this faith, she left her home and walked whatever distance it was. Upon seeing the crowds, she did not let that intimidate her. She pressed and pushed for who knows how long and barely touched the hem of His garment, but this was no ordinary touch. Every ounce of her faith was in that touch, and as Jesus told her later, her faith made her whole.

It would have been easy for her to give up all hope and throw in the towel in this fight, but when she heard about Jesus, hope burned again. She didn't lump Him in with the other "healers" that she'd been accustomed to. She must have sensed something different about Jesus.

I think there is a distinct human tendency to throw the baby out with the bath water. We go about our lives cutting things out of our experience that seem to be hurting us, and in doing so, we take out beneficial things. Relationships and close friendships hurt me in the past, so no more of those. No religion because someone who appeared to be religious did a hurtful thing to me. I tried living a healthful lifestyle and only became more unhealthy, so I gave up on that. I could go on, right? Maybe your ventures into those areas of your life could be lessons to make you a better person.

God doesn't want bad things to happen, but we're told He can make all things work together for good (Romans 8:28). That includes bad things, mistakes, and things that cause some permanent damage. *All things*. Let God take control of your life, with all the bumps and bruises you've acquired, whether self-inflicted or otherwise, and allow faith in Him to well up inside you. Ask Him to help you learn from the past, but don't let your past experiences keep you bound and living without hope.

Just as Jesus came into the knowledge of the woman of our story, Jesus has come into our knowledge. Jesus is in town, and He's still in the saving business. He'll not force us, but He does invite us to believe in Him and be saved. If we don't believe life can be different, it won't be. So let's have faith! "That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises." (Hebrews 6:12).

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