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Being the President of a Christian aviation mission charity is both a challenging and rewarding experience. On the one hand, there are many obstacles to overcome to achieve success. However, on the other hand, the joy of knowing that you are making a positive impact in the world is unparalleled. One of the main challenges of being a president of such an organization is fundraising. Aviation is an expensive industry, and it can be difficult to secure the necessary funds to carry out the organization's mission. It requires a lot of networking, creativity, and persistence. It also involves building strong relationships with potential donors, sponsors, and partners.

Another challenge is finding and retaining volunteers. Aviation charities rely heavily on volunteers to carry out their work, and finding people with the correct skill set can be difficult. It's important to create a positive and supportive environment for volunteers and provide them with training and resources to ensure they are equipped to carry out their roles effectively.

One of the biggest battles that a president faces is the constant pressure to deliver results. The board, constituents, and donors expect the organization to grow and generate results year after year. This requires constant innovation, being ahead of the dangers of our work, and keeping up with the ever-changing political and cultural trends. Also, we have to keep an eye on the financials and ensure that the organization's expenses are under control.

Another colorful component a president faces is managing a diverse team of employees. We have to ensure that the team is motivated, productive, and aligned with God and the organization's goals. This requires an effective communicator, a good listener, and a problem solver. There also needs to be a positive work culture that fosters innovation, creativity, and collaboration.

Despite these many dynamics, being the President of a Christian aviation charity can be incredibly rewarding. Knowing you are making a difference in people's lives for eternity is a powerful motivator. Whether it's providing air ambulance services to remote communities of this world, supporting aviation education and training, or using aviation to aid disaster relief efforts, the impact of such an organization can be profound. In addition, being a president of an aviation Christian charity provides opportunities for personal and professional growth. It requires leadership, strategic thinking, and problem-solving skills, all of which can be valuable in other areas of life. It also offers the chance to meet and work with people from diverse backgrounds and cultures, broadening one's horizons and perspectives.



Robert Folkenberg 1941-2015

In conclusion, being the President of a Christian aviation charity is always worth it at the end of the day. It requires much dedication, prayer, creativity, and hard work, but the joy of making a positive impact in the world is immeasurable. Overcoming the obstacles and trials and embracing the joys of this role, aviation charity Presidents can make a lasting difference in the world.

Additionally, so did one particular GC president of the Seventh-Day Adventist church. Adventist World Aviation was founded in 1993 and formalized in 1995 by the late Elder Robert Folkenberg (1941–2015). Because

of insurance and liability, AWA was created as a supporting ministry to the Adventist church, funded by donors and not the Conference. Elder Folkenberg was a man with a vision for mission work and raised AWA for that purpose. I knew Elder Folkenberg and worked with him in ministry. Upon accepting the position, I talked with Elder Folkenberg and asked him what his vision was. After he told me, I told him I desired to bring the institution into harmony with his original plan. He was delighted, and we prayed.

As an evangelistic aviator seeking to spread the gospel with the tool of aviation, Elder Folkenberg was a man after my own heart, and taking on this institution gave me the opportunity of consistently doing those things I love; ministry, flying, and evangelism and wrapping them all into one.



So after serving as the President of Adventist World Aviation for nearly 13 years, it is time for me to pass on the torch to someone new. My journey as an executive was not an easy one, filled with many of the aforementioned trials and obstacles. However, the weight of the responsibility was always present in my mind as I led a mission that affected God's work, and human lives. Despite the difficulties, we persevered and accomplished many great things by God's grace.

When I joined Adventist World Aviation, I was concerned that the institution would not succeed due to our lack of resources, huge debt, and unclear direction. However, with God's guidance and the loyalty of our donors, we were able to overcome our human resource issues, and financial/political challenges, and become a debt-free institution. I am proud of the positive impact we have had on people's lives through initiatives such as introducing Angelwings flights, the use of our aviation ministry tools (aircraft), the development of our Disaster Response department, and the capital investment of our ministry-owned Headquarters. Let me tell you about some of these extraordinary jewels of the AWA ministry:

AWA Angelwings Flights

- *Melanie* had received a diagnosis of cancer, but of the wrong kind, leading to incorrect treatment for years before finally diagnosing her properly. She was weak and ill and couldn't handle an 11-hour car ride. We were able to fly her to and from Johns Hopkins for some of her appointments, including surgery, and she is now cancer-free.
- *Butch*, a veteran, needed to be relocated to live with his daughter for home care as his wife, and former caregiver, had passed. But Butch couldn't handle the drive from Georgia up north, so we flew him from Georgia to his new home in North Carolina with his daughter and granddaughter. The family did Bible studies with us as a result of our care of them, and they were baptized later into the church. Though Butch is now resting in Jesus as he passed away shortly after baptism, he knew his Savior before he died, and we had a direct hand in that.
- *Little Walter*, 22 months, had stage 4 neuroblastoma cancer and had endured multiple rounds of chemo and other treatments that had left him weak and nearly deaf. We flew him to get experimental cancer treatments in Charlotte, NC, as a last hope for success. Last we heard, he is doing well, praise God!
- *Hope*, living a couple of states away from her beloved grandfather, and pregnant at the time, was able to reach his side on his sudden death bed due to our flight of mercy for her. Within the 24 hours she had arrived and saw him one last time, he passed away shortly after. We got her there in time, and she is forever grateful.

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Aviation Ministry Tools

While we have many aircraft around the world that fly to save lives, many of the life-bettering and saving flights we've done from Headquarters. *The Angelwings flights* have been done in our flagship, the *Toku-Hana* (AWA's 1963 Piper Cherokee), a donated former goodwill mission plane used in the peace talks between America and Japan after the war. It was flown in response to severely damaged trade relations in 1964. Owned and operated by a Japanese-American, Henry Oyeh, who became an American hero as his goodwill flight helped to bring about peace in trade relations, the *Toku-Hana* continues to serve now as a blessing for humanity with AWA.

*For more of the amazing story, please visit our website and click **Toku Hana** in the top menu bar or type in <https://flyawa.org/portfolio/toku-hana/> to read the extraordinary account of hope and victory.*

Development Disaster Response

Our newest project we are growing is in the world of disaster response. We have so far assisted in the aftermath of natural disasters such as flooding, tornados, and hurricanes. When Mayfield, Kentucky was struck by an EF4 tornado, we were there to aid and assist. If not for our presence there and our direct intervention in the life of one man who felt he could go on no more because of all he'd lost the man by the name of Reed, would not be here today. We were there at the right time to stop him from committing suicide. He now deploys with us where there is a need for disaster response, so far, within the US. With the disasters of Libya, our efforts are now international.

Capital Investment

As things have grown, so have we. This led to the miraculous finding and purchase of six executive offices and an attached hangar on privately owned property at the Wilson Industrial Air Park (community airport). Paid for in full by generous and dedicated supporters like you, AWA now owns the hangar and office, debt-free, a tremendous victory and blessing for any ministry as we keep growing in our global operations. Even now, there are more life-saving stories and events, but not room enough to share them all.

While it is never easy to let go of something you have poured your heart and soul into for as many years as I have, I am pleased to do so at this time because I know that we are now better as an institution than we have ever been before. I am blessed to announce that the organization is now in a position to carry on the work until Jesus comes (political stability, notwithstanding). I am confident that our new President will bring fresh ideas and perspectives to the organization.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have served alongside so many amazing people and excited to see where Adventist World Aviation will go in the future. I am honored to say that God has seen fit to place AWA on stable ground. It has been a mixed bag of blessings and honor to lead this institution, and I am passing on the torch with the satisfaction of knowing that we have made a positive impact on many lives and with God's blessing, will continue to do so well into the future.

I will be working with our new President for the next several weeks to ensure we have a positive transfer of control. In aviation, as a professional commercial pilot, we have a system of *positive transfer of control*. When a copilot takes over for the pilot, they then become *Pilot In Command* or PIC. The transfer of power goes like this:

Question: "You have the controls?"

Answer: "I have the controls."

Affirmation: "**You** have the controls."

The transfer is complete, and the former PIC becomes the passenger and enjoys the flight, *ready to help, of course*, but is now able to enjoy a new seat.

Introducing Our New President...

It is now with great enthusiasm that I welcome Raymond Young and, by his side, his wife, Julie, as our new President. Ray and his bride of 42 years have accepted the call to President. Ray's extensive experience in both aviation and operations



management makes him an ideal candidate to lead our institution. He is intimately familiar with AWA as a whole. A Godly man, Ray has been a part of our organization for many years. He first served as a qualified volunteer in 2009 and from there, was consistently involved. Ray even designed and painted the signature yellow and blue AWA colors of our fleet,

beginning with N8838X. In the last several years, he has served as our VP of Operations. His dedication and commitment to our mission have been exemplary. With his expertise in aviation as a licensed commercial pilot and being well-experienced in aviation maintenance, we are confident that he will be able to lead our team to new heights of success.

We are also excited about Ray's passion for mission work. He has participated in every one of our field projects, and his familiarity with the challenges of this work will be a great asset to our organization. His ability to manage complex projects and executive leadership skills will be invaluable as we continue to strive toward our goal of making a positive impact on the world. In conclusion, we are thrilled to have Ray Young as our new President. Ray's bride, Julie Young, will serve as Ray's administrative assistant, as well as Canada's office manager. We are confident that this new team will bring their incredible skill set and unwavering commitment to our mission, and we look forward to working with them to achieve our goals.

Pastor Ric Swaningson

Former President of
Adventist World Aviation



Pastor Ric with his granddaughter, Emma



Flight Log

by Rebecca Stevenson

As a homegrown native of the Northwest, I always enjoyed the change and experience of all four seasons. Each has something lovely to offer, such as adventure and fun, that typically can only be experienced in *that* particular season. Our lives have many seasons, too, and these are seasons that shape our future—our present, and impact the world around us. While we're heading into the transforming season of fall, AWA is heading into a season of transformation, too, one that we want to share with everyone.

Ray Young has been AWA's Canada Project Manager and Global Operations Manager for about four years now, and we are blessed to have him and his wife, Julie, serve in this capacity.

Ray has always been intrigued by aviation, and in the fifth grade, he had a teacher who encouraged his aviation interests. From then on, he knew he was to start training for service in the mission field. Working for AWA has fulfilled that calling and a lifetime of preparation.

Ray persevered, obtaining his private pilot's license in 1983 and his commercial license by the following year. He was so determined to finish his endorsements that on New Year's Eve in 1983, he flew into the New Year, completing his night endorsement in one night. Ray went on to get his float endorsement and flew a floatplane for a fishing lodge in northern Canada. Unfortunately, Ray was only able to fly as a hobby for some time.

Logging was always Ray's primary career choice to provide for his young family. Ray worked in his family's logging business, then branched out as an owner of his own company. He has had various other careers over the years. He worked in advertising and sales, including becoming a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer with computer and website experience.

For a short time, Ray worked for an aircraft manufacturer, building parts and aircraft from scratch. Ray has built many aircraft over the years, and within the past 15 years, he's devoted time to aircraft maintenance and running his own business, building and repairing aircraft in the field.

Ray's wife, Julie, shares in his love of flying. Along with having raised their two sons, she has worked as a care aide, a housekeeper, and in retail sales. She also obtained a degree as a pharmacy technician. In the back of her mind, she knew God had a purpose for them and always wondered how she could become a missionary involved in some form of service to God through aviation.

What a blessing that God always has the real desires of our hearts covered. Now, Ray and Julie frequently travel together on mission adventures all over the globe as they serve under AWA's banner.

Ray has had a tremendous impact for good on the operations of AWA. He was instrumental in helping to restore the yellow and blue Cessna 182 N8838X for AWA, designing the color scheme and even painting it. Then, once done, he and Julie "hand-delivered" it to Guyana. Ray approached that project like everything he does, for as it is written, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Ecclesiastes 9:10, KJV



God has a way of making things work out perfectly. Ray was called to step into his management roles here at AWA, and the blessings have been non-stop. Things have grown, and the season of transformation has kissed the whole of AWA. The presidential torch is being handed over to a special someone with a charming go-getter personality who knows the ministry well. Ray Young has accepted the position of the AWA Presidency to continue serving in a Spirit-filled, God-led capacity.

With Julie at Ray's side as his administrative assistant, there are bright days ahead as we grow into the future together. Congratulations to Ray and Julie Young on your new position here at HQ. May God bless you abundantly!

MEET THE AUTHOR...



Rebecca Stevenson is AWA's Executive Administrative Assistant. Her husband, Kyle, is the Chief of Maintenance. They, with their daughter, Hadahsa, are missionaries serving at the AWA Headquarters in Wilson, NC.



New Adventures

by Julie Young

**Light is sown like seed
for the righteous
and gladness
for the upright in heart.**

—Psalm 97:11, *NASB*

We have been very busy traveling in North America this summer doing exciting outreach for AWA.

We have further exciting news for you. Ray was asked to be President of Adventist World Aviation. After much thought, we felt this was the path that our lives have been directed to since 2009 when we first volunteered, and in 2019 when we officially joined.

You have followed our journey over the last four years, and your positive feedback and encouragement have deeply touched our hearts. We humbly accept this role and seek to continue to uplift God's work through medical aviation services. This new role will continue to keep us very busy in Canada and the US and still allow us to oversee each project. The workload will not be lighter, and being "The Youngs," we still feel young enough to take on the challenge.

Northern Ontario Project

As we continue our focus on the Northern Ontario Project stationed in Sioux Lookout, we shared with you our recent mission that transpired in August.



Ray received a call from project leader, Elder Lloyd Douglas. He had a request for AWA, to collaborate with The Northern Connections Humanitarian Initiative.

A mission was being organized by ADRA Canada and the Independent First Nations Association (IFNA) in partnership with the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC) Youth Advisory. It was to be spearheaded and sponsored by ADRA Canada – Daniel Saugh and IFNA – Nicholas Rhone & Heather Cranney.

The vision was to have young adults be involved in outreach and humanitarian efforts. Many of these communities experience summer fires, which destroy the natural beauty and risk the precious lives of the residents. While assisting in fire-proofing homes, as well as other endeavors, the hope is to offer a positive

impact on the lives of the Indigenous communities in Northern Ontario.

For AWA's part, we made the necessary arrangements and sought permission from Elder Mansfield Edwards, the Ontario Conference; Director of Seniors/Indigenous Ministry. Our partnership is with the Ontario SDA Conference, but when we were asked to assist in this endeavor, we were honored to oblige.

Ray's part was to fly the AWA/Wings for Humanity Cessna 206 into Pikangikum, Ontario, a fly-in community of roughly 2,400. The community is currently remote access and can be reached by air.

We gathered on Monday, August 14th, at 9:00 a.m. at the Sioux Lookout Airport. Items and group members were weighed and then loaded onto the plane. Making



sure all was buckled up and prepared, the first group was ready to go for the one-hour flight to Pikangikum with Pastor John Marvin Scott of Ontario Youth Ministries on board.

Doing a turn and burn, as aviators call it, Ray flew the hour back to Sioux Lookout to pick up the second group with Pastor Jonathan Gascoyne of the Newfoundland/Labrador Conference and return to Pikangikum.

The long flight day ended at 6 p.m. safely and successfully with minor turbulence and one upset stomach along the route.

On Friday, when the return flights were scheduled, there was smoke in the area from the wildfires in NWT and low visibility. After watching the weather reports, Ray decided it was safe to fly, although very bumpy. He repeated the same route, bringing the group back to Sioux Lookout. The plane was then flown back to Dryden, where it will be stored till the next request. We have joy in our hearts to have had the opportunity to serve in the North, sowing the seeds for those who are willing to ask for help.

After having looked after the needs of others, it was time for us to head home. Finding out that there were wildfires in Kelowna, we spent the next two very long days taking turns driving back, concerned for our home, as the wildfires were burning only six km away.

Please remember the folks in BC in prayer and any other assistance during this time of great stress.



MEET THE AUTHOR...



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.



Visiting Selawick

by Jim Kincaid

Linda and I have been surrounded by projects this year; building projects, church ministry projects, and Alaska Conference projects. We have desired and planned to visit the villages of Northwest Alaska for more than a year, where we have invested 16 years of endeavor. It has seemed that circumstances conspired against us, but finally, we have been able to visit.

Jose and Edna Estrella have been Arctic Mission volunteers for five years in Selawick. Jose, a retired high school teacher, has been especially successful with carpentry projects, not only for the mission house but for residents of the village. Edna, a retired nurse practitioner, has served in Tribal and City administration.

On this particular flight, we carried a six-kilowatt emergency standby generator weighing more than

200 lbs. The load also included eight and ten-foot cuts of lumber for Jose's mission house garage project.

On the evening of our visit, we attended their Wednesday night service, where I presented a sermon on the Power of Influence. The key thought is a quote from *Testimonies on Sabbath School Work*, pages 115-116, which says, "The strongest argument in favor of the gospel is a loving and loveable Christian."

Not all of the attendees at the Wednesday night service were members of the church.

It can be a lonely existence, in some ways, to minister in a remote village. Working to communicate across cultures is somewhat of a challenge. Occasional visits from supporting people who have similar mission experience do bring encouragement.

More frequent visits would be ideal, but the funding isn't there for that to be a reality. In Kotzebue, airplane fuel is almost \$11.00 per gallon. (That adds up quickly).

On this trip, we had hoped to visit Shungnak and Ambler, but the weather, as we say, "fell on its face." So we came home by the expeditious path.

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.



“The strongest argument in favor of the gospel is a loving and loveable Christian.”
—Testimonies on Sabbath School Work, page 115-116

MEET THE AUTHOR...



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





Safety in the Arms of Jesus

by Kyle Stevenson

Whether anyone realizes it or not, here at AWA, we are held to a standard of safety that not everyone may see because it's what we must do to maintain our certificates, our licenses, and our insurance to do the work we do.

As an example, we must maintain our aircraft at a level that meets or exceeds the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) regulations and standards. As an aircraft Inspector, I have to maintain a level of current work and training to maintain my IA (Inspectors Authority) license. This way, I can stay on top of said maintenance to our aircraft. The authority I have as an IA allows me to sign off on annual inspections

and Major Repairs, allowing my jurisdiction to do upgrades to avionics and other needed repairs. Pilots also maintain levels of currency, health status (their medical certificate), and recurring training to continue to fly safely.

On top of all this, we also have an annual audit to ensure that all things are accounted for in our facilities and aircraft to meet the requirements of our insurance and ensure that we have all pilot and mechanic training accounted for. This annual audit is conducted by another Christian aviation mission organization that serves ministries like ours exclusively in the way of maintenance and safety. They are known as Missionary

Safety International, or MSI for short. They help us and fellow missionary aviation ministries operate safely worldwide.

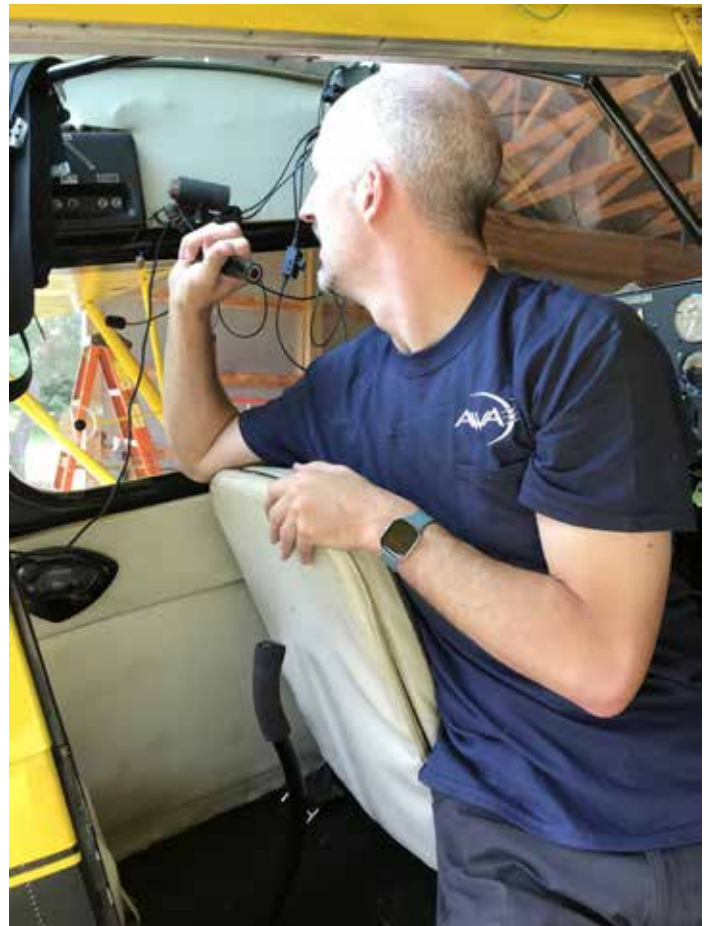
Great blessings come from operating out of safety, especially when adopted into a culture. So safety is ingrained into our everyday life as much as a daily routine you may already do without thinking about it.

The Bible says, “He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings, you will find refuge; His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.” — Psalm 91:4, NIV

I’m sure all of us have something we do effortlessly without thinking about it, and that somebody else takes a lot of thought and effort to even think about. I can’t help but ask the question: *What if we had that kind of relationship with God?* A common, normal thing to do that we just effortlessly do it? I think a lot of us may already be there, but others may struggle at the thought of it. The glory of it all is that we only need a mustard seed-sized amount of faith, and God will help us with the rest.

While we have a high standard of safety at AWA, we also have faith that we are safe in Jesus’ arms. Countless times, there have been stories in the field of a situation where it was very clear He was at work protecting those of us doing God’s work and those we help and pray for. None of us are perfect, especially in a broken world. It can be hard to see that God is taking care of our every need for safety and well-being, but He is there. All you have to do is ask.

Make it a weekly, daily, hourly routine—whatever it takes, and soon enough, you’ll just do it without effort, and then you’ll see God working through you. That’s why we always pray before every flight and even our road trips. Because without a doubt, every single time He does.



MEET THE AUTHOR...



Kyle Stevenson is AWA’s Chief of Maintenance. He and his wife, Rebecca, AWA’s Executive Administrative Assistant, and their daughter, Hadahsa, are missionaries serving at the AWA Headquarters in Wilson, NC.



Like Leaves of Autumn

by Caleb Runne

“The message of truth is to go to all nations, tongues, and people; its publications, printed in many different languages, are to be scattered abroad like the leaves of autumn.” –Ellen G. White.

The most exciting part of being a missionary in a foreign country is connecting directly with the people, watching their faces light up as they grasp the hope of the Gospel. However, the reality is that much time must be spent traveling, keeping up with government permissions, or managing projects on the facilities. These things, while important, sap energy and distract from what we would prefer to be focusing on. Unlike the Holy Spirit, we can only be in one place at a time. Thankfully, God has given us an example of how we can cooperate efficiently with Him in His work. I am speaking of literature evangelism.

It occurs to me that God is the original Literature Evangelist. He inspired people to leave the tangible Word of God in a written format that His people could come back to time and again, when searching to hear His voice and which they could

share with others for generations. The greatest light is the Bible, of course, but also lesser lights that point to the primary source, such as pamphlets, Bible studies, books researching specific topics of the Bible, collected hymns, etc. We would like to share with you some of the ways we are multiplying our influence while serving God in Nicaragua.

Nicaragua does have its famous poets, musicians, and heroes whose written works are saved and cherished, but in general, books are scarce, and libraries and bookstores are very rare. Because of this, when a person here buys a book or is gifted one, they value it, especially when it is spiritual.

When we travel around the country, we pass through multiple police and military blockades. They ask us questions and check our documents, and we take advantage of this opportunity. We pass out New Testament Bibles, Great Controversy books in Spanish, or Steps to Christ books in Miskito to the officers, depending on their preferred language. At stoplights in the bigger cities, there are beggars, people who clean the car windshields,



others who do a circus act, and salespeople, all looking for money. We use that as an opportunity to share literature.

Even in our churches, we have given Bibles, spiritual books, and hymnals to members who didn't have them. In Tronquera, every home in the community now has a Bible in Miskito, praise God! The workers on the projects for the mission are also blessed with books to lead them to Christ. The literature outreach we are currently most excited about is making relevant Bible studies in the Miskito language that we can study with people on their porches. After we study, the literature stays with them, and we encourage them to share it with their friends and family, which they do!

While the work may seem overwhelming, God has established literature evangelism as a tremendous aid to reach every humble soul, even in the most remote areas and for the times when the spreading of the Gospel won't be permitted anymore. As we continue to develop studies for the Miskito people and get Bibles and literature into the homes of as many as possible, won't you join us with your support? Your prayers and financial gifts make this work possible for God's glory and to hasten His soon return.



MEET THE AUTHOR...



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

Children's Uplift Program

(spiritual & lifestyle ministry): \$250 - \$500



Aircraft Battery: \$500 • Barrel of Aviation Gas: \$500

10 Barrels of Aviation Gas (1 month supply): \$5000

Security Fencing: \$35,000 • Hanger: \$100,000



\$250-500 • \$500 • \$500

\$5K • \$35K • \$100K

GUYANA

Car Battery: \$400

Car Tires \$500

Generator: \$2,000

6 Cylinders: \$14,000

Propeller: \$15,000

\$400 • \$500

\$2,000 • \$14,000

\$15,000



GLOBAL MISSIONARY NEED

Server for storing photos of all the exciting work our missionary teams do so we can have it in a safe place to be used in our publications: **\$1,000**

\$1,000

CANADA - (NORTHERN ONTARIO PROJECT)



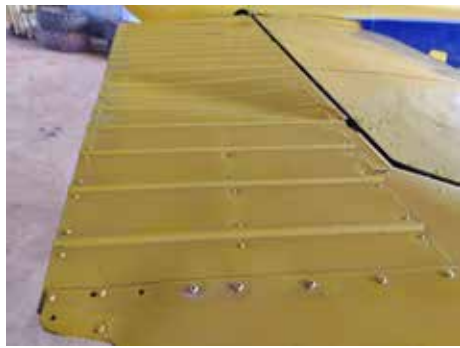
Hanger Rent in Ontario: \$500

Hanger Rent in Oliver, BC: \$1,100

Avionics Upgrade: \$14,500

\$500 • \$1,100

\$14,500



MAINTENANCE

IA (Inspector Authority) 2-year subscription: \$912

Monthly Maintenance Tracking Software: \$100/month, \$1200/year

Engine Monitor: \$600 • Engine Cylinder: \$1,700

Aircraft Elevator: \$7,000

\$912 • \$100/\$1,200 • \$600 • \$1,700 • \$7,000

DISASTER RESPONSE / MOBILE MEDIA

Laptop: \$3,000

\$3,000



NICARAGUA

Table Saw: \$475

Thank you for helping us get a pump for our well!

\$475



2023 Focus On The Future

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 Almost cried when this was handed to me, ma'am Sheng. Exactly what I need; a reminder that the Lord will stand with me and give me strength. 🙏
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A Bookmark that Touches Someone's Heart

by Sherlyn Nantes

“The Lord will stand with you and give you strength.”

—2 Timothy 4:17

That's the Bible verse on the bookmark I gave to Myla. I made simple bookmarks and gave them to the youth on the Sabbath day, hoping to inspire them to read even more, especially spiritual books, but my encounter with Myla was beyond what I expected! It was more than encouraging her to read; it was exactly what she needed. A reminder that the Lord would stand and give her strength.

Myla is a practice teacher, and she's struggling. Every day, after her class, she goes home burdened and weary, wondering if she's an effective and efficient teacher. I was a public teacher before and understand what she's going through. I told her, "As a teacher, I always wanted to give my best and expected an excellent result from my students. I quickly get disappointed and feel bad about myself when things turn wrong. I was hard on my students, pushing them to excel academically, and if not, I got annoyed." That's what Myla felt toward herself and her students.

I reminded her of Ellen G. White's statement, "The true higher education is what makes students acquainted with God and His Word and fits them for eternity." We need to follow Christ's method of reaching our students. We must mingle with them as one who desires their good, show our sympathy

for them, minister to their needs, and win their confidence. Then, bid them to follow and learn.

Days and months passed, and finally, Myla's practice teaching ended, and she will soon graduate with her Bachelor of Secondary Education degree this August.

It's heart-warming to see the once heavily burdened Myla enjoying her teaching experience, making a lasting influence in the lives of her students.

I thank God for that simple, ordinary bookmark that touches someone's heart. Even little things that are done faithfully and heartily make a big difference!

MEET THE AUTHOR...



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



Creamy Potato & Avocado Soup

by Jordana Runne

Serves 4

This is a tropical spin on the classic potato soup that I'm sure you'll like. Buttery avocados and savory, sustaining potatoes make this dish filling and delicious. Oh, and yeah, it only has four ingredients—just another reason why you should try out this creative meal!

INGREDIENTS:

6 large or 8 small	Potatoes
2 small	Avocados
1 ½ tsp.	Salt, to taste
8-10 cups	Water, <i>enough to cover the potatoes</i>

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Wash and scrub the potatoes thoroughly. If desired, peel the potatoes, but our family likes eating the peel.

2. Place the potatoes in a pot with water and let them boil until soft when pierced by a fork. For those using pressure cookers, set the cooking time to 8 minutes.
3. When cooked, let cool for a bit. Drain the potatoes—and save the cooking liquid! I'll mention what you can do with it in the tips below.
4. Let cool for a bit, or else when blended, the potatoes will turn into the nacho cheese I made in an earlier recipe :)!
5. Slice up the avocados and pop them into the pot with the potatoes. Blend away with a handheld electric mixer.
6. This is the best part—eat!

Eat up your creamy avocado & potato soup!

TIPS:

- This soup goes perfectly with a tomato, cucumber, and onion salad seasoned with lemon juice.
- Use the drained cooking liquid as a soup base.
- Try adding different seasonings, such as rosemary, dill, or thyme.

MEET THE AUTHOR...



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



Words from the New President

by Ray Young

Back in 2009, I completed my first volunteer service for AWA. The task was to help deliver a Cessna 182 to Guyana. What a fun adventure that was. Once you give of yourself to help others, it can be an addictive thing. All you desire is one more opportunity or one more day.

In the fifth grade, I was into building and flying balsa wood airplanes. One day, the principal's daughter returned with a glossy brochure from Auburn Adventist Academy. I lived in the northwest part of Canada, and at the time, it was snowing outside. The brochure showed green grass and a runway with two airplanes. I was hooked. From that day on, I only wanted to go to that school, learn to fly, and maybe be a mission pilot.

Years later, I attended that school, but as a self-supporting student. I was not able to afford flying lessons. Discouraged? Yes, but the dream was still alive. Four years later, I began flying lessons as a young and married adult. In a few months, I achieved the private pilot license I so craved. Then, after a few more months, I completed my commercial. While completing my night endorsement, I flew from 1984 into 1985, meeting the requirements in just one day and most of the night. Best New Year ever!

All the time, I kept thinking, *what could I do to be a better servant when God called me to serve?*

For a look inside my world of building and gaining experience, I have a diverse range of expertise that includes accounting, computer engineering, welding, advertising sales, hotel management, and more. During my time working as a church school accountant, I gained valuable experience in managing finances and keeping track of budgets. Additionally, my certifications in A+ and Microsoft Certified Systems Engineering allowed me to design, build, and connect global networks with ease.

For many years, I was President of the largest flying club in our area and their check-ride pilot. Also a graduate of A.L. Williams marketing course and the Pursuit of Excellence course, I gained the coping tools in order to manage complex situations.

Throughout this time of career and training, I also demonstrated a strong aptitude for management, having managed three offices and two sales warehouses remotely. I also owned and operated several businesses, allowing me to develop my management and staffing skills. In some previous work I did as a welding expert, I

refined processes and taught aircraft manufacturing companies how to build three aircraft in the time it would usually take to build one.

On top of being a professional certified commercial bush pilot with a float Endorsement (seaplane), I have had many years with a wide variety of service experience in aviation, having built and restored many types of aircraft over the course of my life. Additionally, my experience as a Sabbath School teacher, Deacon, and Elder demonstrates my commitment to community service.

Growing the diversity of skill sets, gaining management experience, and maintaining dedication to excellence in all that I did *and certainly no less in aviation*, created the foundation to prepare me for what I was sure God would call me to do someday.

That said, in 2014, I was asked to help assemble a Cessna 182 and paint it with a new paint scheme that would become the new corporate look for AWA. We left home in Canada for only two weeks but couldn't stop because the missionaries in Guyana desperately needed the plane. So, four months later, Julie and I delivered it to the Guyana project, and it is still there today.

Fast forward to 2019, and still no clear call from God. Many times, I just wanted to forget it all and do something else with my life. One Sabbath morning, I was praying. I was tired of this burden on my heart. I was in my late 50s, and it was clear God didn't want or need me. So, that morning, I prayed that God would remove this burden from my heart. I could not bear it anymore. I prayed, "Use me or let me go; I can bear no more."

After praying, letting go, and coming to peace with the end of a lifelong dream, my phone buzzed. It was a text from Pastor Ric of AWA. I hadn't talked with him in two years. He said, "Call me." I was feeling raw and depressed and decided I would call back on Sunday. After all, God didn't need me anymore; we were done with the aviation dream.

Come Sunday, I called him back. He said a spot was available for me if I wanted it. I was in shock and explained my conversation with God. He chuckled, and we talked. I needed time to speak with my family and go to God in prayer. *Was this a practical joke, or did God need me at the end of my rope so I would appreciate the opportunity?* I discussed the offer with my family, and they were very positive. Then I went to my office to pray, and while talking with the Lord, I could feel my whole electrical system being remapped; at least, that is the best way I can describe it. I then called Pastor Ric back and accepted the position or any position he needed me for. I only had one condition: Julie and I are a team; we work as one, and no long trips should separate us.

I wish it was all clear sailing after that. Soon, we found out how hard it is when evil attacks you while trying to do God's work. The projects were struggling, and morale was low. The tasks seemed overwhelming, and even working twenty hours a day, the two of us could hardly keep up with the learning curve and get things functioning properly.

Since then, I have been a Global Operations Manager while being the Canada Project Manager, and then I moved into the Vice President of Operations role. Each new role requires new learning, faith stretched to new limits, and trusting in **Him**, leading me to this point. So when Pastor Ric called me again and said he wanted to talk, I said, "Okay?" I could hear his smile over the phone. However, he said, "This is big; let's not discuss this over the phone but in person." The following week we met in Oshkosh, WI where AWA presents every year at the EAA AirVenture. He told me he was on a path to retirement and asked me If I would be willing to become AWA's next president. **WHAT???** Both Julie and I were astonished; we didn't see that coming! Now, God has called me to be the new President of AWA.

Can I do this work with all my previous skills and experience? No. It's only by daily surrender to the Spirit and keeping a mental state that is inviting to the Spirit. It's also remembering that "God doesn't call the qualified; He qualifies the called," and taking each day as it could be my last, doing it tomorrow again and again. There are days of good work and days I would like to have a do-over; days I can control the pressure and days it gets to me, and sadly, I have been a bit harsh or short-tempered at those times. Unfortunately, we can't take those weak days back, but we can ask for forgiveness for our shortfall.

Like all of us, we must learn from our mistakes and vow to do better next time. I would not be where I am in my walk with God if not for all the stretching He has put me through. I am so thankful that He gave me just one more day, and because I waited so long, I appreciate it even more. I've never desired to rise in this organization; just serving is all I ever wanted. Fixing and flying airplanes is all I desire to do, but He is asking more of me.

Thank you all for your continued support of all our projects. Every project is like our child, and we care deeply. We will do all we can to support them. Where we live doesn't matter. We will always do our best to serve.

I pray I will fight the good fight and win the race someday. I ask all who read this to please pray for me and that the Spirit of our Lord will use me as He wishes; great or small, matters not. Just let me serve another day.

MEET THE AUTHOR...



Ray Young, AWA's New President, serves at AWA's Headquarters in Wilson, NC.



Busy Bees on the Airplane

by Jed Nantes

One Saturday afternoon, when I took a walk at the base after church and lunch, I saw some honeybees going in and coming out from the cowling gill vents of the airplane. I was concerned that they already made a beehive inside the engine cowling, so I went near, heard a loud buzz inside the cowling, and did not do any further physical evaluation lest I be stung by them.

I was alarmed, and it made me think about how to get rid of them from the airplane before they established a colony inside. I thought there were only a few of them because I didn't see a queen or a beehive, so I decided to grab the airplane key and started the engine, hoping that the heat of the engine, the smell of the exhaust, and the strong airflow from the propellers would shoo them away.

I saw many of them being sucked up by the propeller, blown by the strong airflow, and yet, many of them still tried their best to return inside the engine cowling. I waited and waited for more than 10 minutes, added some power, put the engine into idle, and added power again, but they were so persistent. They did not leave. So I turned the power off and headed back for a church visitation.

The funny thing was, after the engine was shut off, a swarm of bees returned to the airplane and made territories on different parts of the aircraft, guarding their illegal territory claim. I was surprised at how territorial they are. The queen also showed up out of the blue, staring at me from outside the windshield! We had a staring battle, but she lost. She went away because she could not get inside, but I was trapped inside the airplane and could not go out. Good thing I had my phone with me! I called Marvin for a rescue.

My wife Sherlyn and Marvin prepared coconut husk and a lighter to produce smoke because honey bees are sensitive to smell. When they smell smoke, they think it's a forest fire, causing them to leave and most likely never return. Of course, we were keen on the fire risk, so we were careful. It helped temporarily, and I got out of the airplane.

The following day, the bees were still there, very territorial. So we did a briefing on how to get rid of the honey bees permanently and prayed for a successful mission. We then started the engine, did runups, and several high-speed taxi maneuvers on the airstrip to shoo the bees away from the engine cowling through the cowl flaps. Even after several high-speed taxis with full power, the honey bees still returned and guarded the airplane. So we decided to execute plan B, using the vacuum cleaner to suck all the bees out. It turned out to be very effective.

We removed the engine cowling for further investigation, and we saw a lot of dead honey bees, probably dying from the engine's heat. We used the vacuum again to remove all of them. We also washed the airplane to remove their scent and honey so they wouldn't return. I pity the honey bees, but we could not find compassionate ways to eliminate them. They are a biological hazard for flight operations.

I hope the queen and the remaining bees find a better place to make a home, not on an airplane. I was impressed by the character of the bees and learned a big lesson from them. I saw how loyal they were to the queen, how determined and faithful they were to their duties, and how they guarded the queen and worked together as a team and family. Despite the tribulations they faced for what we did to them, they were resilient in the face of adversity. Those who survived were transferred to a flowering Mangium Tree, moving on and moving forward with their lives. Perfect place for them to thrive.

How about us? How loyal are we to our King? Our God Almighty, who loves and sustains us? How determined are we in our walk of faith? How true are we to our duties and calling? Is it for God's interest and our fellow man's welfare or personal and selfish interests? As we ponder this thought, may we be reminded of the wisdom we can learn from the bees and recommit our lives to God and His will. To be faithful and true to our duties and entrusted tasks. The wisdom of the bees blesses us, and not just that, but also from their efforts and talents; we enjoy the sweet honey they produce. May we use our God-given talents and become channels of blessings to others.



New Hands in Guyana

by Deyvid Baptista

August was certainly another super exciting month here in Mabaruma, Guyana. Several months of preparation have materialized with our new missionary candidates Roberto and Sue Ellen's permanent move to Mabaruma. Rob & Sue, as they are affectionately known to us, both 27 years of age, have left the comfort of the city to, according to them, "follow God's call." God's call, in this case, means leaving everything and everybody behind in Brazil to relocate to Guyana.

They are not only skilled missionaries, but they have their heart on the mission. Their first Sabbath in Mabaruma couldn't have been more exciting. There were five baby dedications in the morning conducted by Pastor Batista, followed by a members visitation where Rob & Sue could finally meet their new flock. The love they felt was clearly expressed in their faces. Their passion for the mission, however, didn't stop there.

Sunday was another remarkable experience, as they went after the local children and invited them for Christian crafts and movies. Mabaruma's project is finally full on with a lot more to come.

Along with Rob's passion for mission, he is also fascinated by aviation and wants to make the most of his desire to serve. Rob's next step is to get his pilot's license, which comes with a few challenges, including raising the funds to see that happen. Having said that, your prayers are encouraged as we

start fundraising the approximately \$5,000 necessary for his training.

There are several other plans for the community, including early pregnancy prevention, music lessons, Spanish and Portuguese classes, Youth weekend service, a movie night, and help for people to quit smoking & drinking.

Thank you for your ongoing support for this project. As we bring about new faces, new talents, and blossoming growth that nurtures the community, we look forward to what the future holds and how you, our supporters, will continue to help make happen what we're doing to serve the people here in Guyana. Please consider supporting our new mission family with a monthly gift. Your partnership keeps us serving and changes lives. Thank you.

MEET THE AUTHOR...



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



The Pilgrim's Path

by Rob and Sue

Our lives have completely changed in just three weeks. We left our jobs, our house, and our car, and said goodbye to our family, friends, and pets. Away from our loved ones, everything is now different. Even as children, under the influence of our parents who always involved us in preaching the gospel and in witnessing God's love throughout our lives, from nursery through University, at work or in our free time, whether in our neighborhood and city or another location, we have always been involved in the various ministries of the church. We had already understood that *"Every true disciple is born into the kingdom of God as a missionary."* (Christian Service, p. 7) This time, we decided to leave everything and accept God's call to go a little further and preach the gospel in another country. *"Go into all the world, preach the gospel to every creature."* Mark 16:15.

Preparing for the cross-cultural mission sometimes left us apprehensive about food,

clothing, and behavior, but trusting that God would provide everything we needed, we decided to wait on Him to face the challenges. When we arrived in Mabaruma, Guyana, we realized the previous concerns were unnecessary. On the mission field, we managed to strive and be able to overcome cultural and language barriers, asking ourselves daily, *"What can I do today to show Jesus and make a difference in these people's lives?"*

Our first opportunity was when several children just came to our house, so we made friends with them and started telling them Bible stories and asking them to apply what they had learned. From then on, they started to trust us and come every day. This way, we were able to help them with their schoolwork, and we took the opportunity to study the Bible with them. We have been teaching English to a young Hispanic man who was having difficulty with the language, and his mother asked for our help.

Occasionally, some children come to us without having lunch at home, so we prepare meals for them or take food to their parents.

On weekends, we organize recreational activities for children and young people, strengthening their confidence, both in us and in each other. During the week, we visit homes and families in the community to get to know them and for them to get to know us, aiming to make a difference in their lives at an opportune moment.

When welcoming children into our home, they always make a simple request. Through this request, we are sure that we can present Jesus and His love simply. They ask for ice water, and just like in Matthew 10:42, it says, "And if anyone gives even just a cup of cold water to one of these little ones, [...] he will in no way lose his reward."

We have a lot of work to do here in Guyana. We count on your prayers and donations to help see the mission through, so we invite you right now: *Partner with us in reaching souls for Jesus*, for it is written in His promise that you will in no way lose your reward.



MEET THE AUTHORS...



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



A Journey of Service

by Krain Jade Espina Elipe

EDITOR'S NOTE: *AWA is happy to have Krian join the Philippines Project.*

Krian hails from Davao City, Philippines. His strong family connections there have given him a Christian foundation and a desire for missionary work. Currently his mom is living in the Chicago USA area and has been away from the family for many years.

We appreciate his work for AWA in Palawan along with the desire to come to headquarters in Wilson, NC.

While here he will work with Kyle in the hangar and reconnect with his mom in Chicago. He will need our support as he works on getting his A&P in the USA so he can work on US registered aircraft. We are asking for prayers and support for this young missionary who desires to serve the Mission and the church.

Embarking on a journey in aircraft maintenance is a formidable task, given the precious lives resting in our hands. Our duties range from inspecting propellers, engines, oil, and fuel to scrutinizing the hydraulic systems, landing gear, lighting, and any visible damage on the aircraft surface.

Our commitment to these responsibilities is unwavering, ensuring each aircraft is fit for flight. In the vast world of aviation, mechanics play a pivotal role in maintaining the safety and efficiency of aircraft, thus keeping them soaring the skies.

My adventure started on September 24, 2022, in Palawan, as an excited new member of Adventist World Aviation (AWA).

My enthusiasm stemmed not just from personal interests but from a desire to serve as a minister and a child of God.

AWA has given me a platform to hone my abilities and skills. It's inspiring to witness, through various AWA initiatives, the incredible support provided to those in remote areas as we transport the ill and needy from secluded mountains to accessible facilities.

Isaiah 40:31 resonates with me, spurring a desire to serve and inspire others.

I am immensely grateful to my family for their relentless support. It is through them that I find myself in a position to serve God as a missionary. I am elated to be here; every task is a learning experience.

Venturing away from home and joining AWA in Palawan has been transformative. My volunteer experience has taught me varied skills from maintaining airstrips to driving tractors and, importantly, repairing and maintaining airplanes.

It's been a journey of self-growth, learning to manage daily tasks and nurturing my relationship with Jesus.

I've had the opportunity to visit churches, meet diverse individuals, learn to cook, and manage household chores.

AWA has significantly contributed to my personal development, teaching me the essence of God's words and helping me navigate life's situations, fortifying my faith, and fostering trust in Jesus. I take immense pride and honor in being a part of AWA, for it allows me to serve as God's instrument, extending His ministry to people around the world.

Thank you for your support of Krain's education and training!





Un Sermón Duradero

¿Alguna vez has leído un libro realmente bueno? ¿Quizá lo guardaste y lo leíste varias veces, o tal vez volviste a consultarlo más tarde o releíste algún capítulo? Tal vez un amigo te lo regaló o te lo recomendó. Quizás el título o el tema te interesó y lo compraste tú mismo. Estos mensajeros silenciosos son bastante asombrosos y no son algo nuevo o exclusivo de la humanidad o del planeta tierra. Se dice que hay libros en el cielo (Apocalipsis 20:12). Dios escogió poner su Palabra en forma escrita, así como en carne (2 Timoteo 3:16, Juan 1:14). Simplemente hay algo poderoso en poner los pensamientos en papel, a través de palabras y oraciones que nos comunican de una manera que nada más se le iguala. La forma en la que puedes entender bien lo que lees cuando estás bien concentrado es algo que no se compara a nada. Yo mismo escucho muchos audiolibros y presentaciones que aprecio mucho, pero los pensamientos escritos ocupan un lugar especial en mi corazón.

Cuando era pequeño tenía poco interés por la lectura. Me gustaban las fotos como a la mayoría de los niños. Aprendí a leer, por supuesto, pero sin mucho entusiasmo. A medida que crecía, en mi adolescencia,

A Lasting Sermon

by Josh and Yosi Fix

Have you ever read a really good book? Did you keep it and read it a few times, maybe refer back to it later, or reread a good chapter? Perhaps a friend gave it to you or recommended it. Maybe the title or subject matter interested you, and you bought it yourself. These silent messengers are pretty awesome and are by no means something new or unique to people and planet Earth. There are books in heaven (Revelation 20:12). God chose to put his Word in written form as well as in flesh (2 Timothy 3:16, John 1:14). There is just something powerful about thoughts put down on paper via words put together into sentences that communicate to us in a way that nothing else is quite like. I believe the way you can absorb thoughts of the written page when you're fully zeroed in and focused is unsurpassed. I listen to a lot of audiobooks and presentations, and I appreciate them very much, but written thoughts hold a special place in my heart.

When I was little, I had little interest in reading. I liked pictures like most kids. I did learn to read, of course, but without a whole lot of enthusiasm. As I grew into my late teens, curiosity got the better of me, and I started to read more books, mainly spiritual. I read the Bible, the best-selling book of all time, which is the words of God to mankind. It seemed like a sensible place to start. Am I wrong? I also read a book called "*The Great Controversy*."

la curiosidad se apoderó de mí y comencé a leer más libros. Principalmente libros espirituales. Leí la Biblia, el libro más vendido de todos los tiempos, las palabras de Dios a la humanidad. Parecía un buen libro con que comenzar, ¿me equivoco? También leí un libro llamado “*El Conflicto de los Siglos*”. Este libro cuenta la historia de cómo hombres defendieron las verdades de la Biblia aunque pocos o ninguno los apoyaron y cómo enfrentaron la persecución e incluso la muerte. También señala a nuestros días y cómo los mismos fuegos de persecución están comenzando a arder y se intensificarán hasta el fin del tiempo cuando Jesús regrese y establezca Su reino.

Estos libros, junto con otros, tuvieron un gran impacto en mi vida así que desde hace ya años cargamos en nuestro automóvil panfletos y libros, incluido “*El Conflicto de los Siglos*”.

Desde hace ya más de un año he estado ayudando en una imprenta que se dedica a imprimir “*El Conflicto de los Siglos*” para su distribución masiva. Hay una cita de Elena G. de White, la autora de este libro, donde dice: “El Conflicto de los Siglos debería tener una circulación muy amplia... Estoy más ansiosa de ver una amplia circulación de este libro que de cualquier otro que haya escrito”. También dice: “Si hay una obra más importante que otra, es la de llevar nuestras publicaciones ante el público, induciéndolos así a escudriñar las Escrituras”. PM 272.3.

Un libro deja una impresión duradera. Se puede leer y releer, transmitir, guardar durante años y luego retomar con el mismo poder que cuando se imprimió por primera vez. Por esta razón AWA tiene literatura y/o libros en cada avioneta, listos para su distribución. Tenemos la oportunidad cuando volamos de compartir con nuestros pasajeros la esperanza que está dentro de nosotros, pero un libro puede bendecir más allá del vuelo y nos ayuda a lograr nuestro objetivo final, que es un alma liberada para el Reino de Dios.

Únete con nosotros apreciando la palabra impresa y bendiciendo a otros con lo que nosotros mismos hemos sido bendecidos.

This book told the story of how men stood up for the truths of the Bible, though few or none stood with them, and how they faced persecution and even death. It also pointed to our day and how the same fires of persecution are beginning to burn and will intensify until the close of time when Jesus returns and establishes His kingdom.

These books, along with others, made a big impact on my life, and for years now, we carry several books and tracts around in our car, including “*The Great Controversy*.” We’ve also helped distribute them for free door-to-door, meeting people where they are. Right now, I’m helping at a printing press devoted to printing “*The Great Controversy*” for mass distribution. There is a quote from Ellen White, the author of “*The Great Controversy*,” where she says, “‘The Great Controversy’ should be very widely circulated....I am more anxious to see a wide circulation for this book than for any others I have written.” Also, she says, “If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures.”-PM 272.3

A book makes a lasting impression. It can be read, reread, passed on, put away for years, and then picked up with the same power as when it was first printed. For this reason, AWA has literature and books in its aircraft ready for distribution. We have a captive audience in the plane for a short time, which allows us to share the hope within us with one who is searching. A book can bless beyond the flight and help us accomplish our end goal, which is a soul set free.

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