



WICKWIRE FAMILY GUYANA PROJECT



With Wings for Humanity and Adventist World Aviation

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School children near Letham, Guyana gather around the project Cessna 182

RELUCTANT MISSIONARIES

My friend summed it up for me in two words "Reluctant Missionaries", for quite some time after we made the decision to go to Guyana my description of the work was "Humanitarian", and it certainly is, Karen and I bring the specific life-skills of aviation, construction and dental hygiene to do that work. God has put us in the path of His work, He has a plan and we are a part of that plan if we surrender ourselves completely to His will. We aren't preachers or evangelists, we aren't even Sabbath School leaders, we don't know exactly how God is going to use us to share our faith and the gospel message but we are, in faith, placing ourselves in His care. Yes we are going to be missionaries and many of you that know us may be as surprised as we are to hear that.

During our vespers program on November 11, our oldest, Jacob announced that when he gets to Guyana he is going to teach a Vacation Bible School. Before our presentation Jacob asked if he could say something, knowing that he is unpredictable I asked him to rehearse it for us so I did know what he was going to say. We don't recall telling him that, he has just been impressed that is something he will do. And we have seen Zachary on many occasions drop to his knees to pray for something he has lost then get up knowing that Jesus will show him where to look and He does. We learn a lot about faith and trust from our boys.

Allowing ourselves to be sent to Guyana as missionaries is definitely stepping out in faith. In some ways we may be simplifying the complexity of it but we will just take the challenges one at a time with the strength of knowing that we are doing God's work and not our own. ♦

Support Raising

We invite you to participate in this work, there are several ways that you can do this and it's not all about finances;

Prayers We genuinely request your prayer support, God hears those prayers, we are going to be challenged in many ways that we can't possibly predict but we know that we need his protection for our family and pray too for our unconditional Faith in God, without it we will certainly not have the strength to do his work or claim his promises of protection.

Needs List There are a number items that we either need to purchase or that could be donated (see the list on the next page), that we need for the project, the majority could be shipped down with the ADRA container here in Kelowna that is destined for Guyana. If you see anything there that you might be able to help us with please let us know, tax receipts can generally be issued for the value of the donated items.

Launching fund; this is a variety of expenses that we will incur up to and including our departure to Guyana. There are some initial legal costs to setting up the foundation and charity in Canada, an instrument rating and US licence equivalent for Jud, some of the major items on the "needs list", travel costs for our in-country survey in July, set-up for Wings for Humanity bookkeeping, initial travel

to Guyana, container shipping and duties, postage, mailing, printing, radios and satellite communications and probably a few things that we haven't thought of yet.

Monthly support Adventist World Aviation provides us with a baseline of what to expect for expenses and project costs based on the experience of others that are currently in the field. We are volunteering our time for this project and there are only two areas that benefit us personally; there is a small monthly amount of savings that is intended to help us get started again at the end of our commitment, enough to buy an inexpensive vehicle and put some soy-milk in the fridge; there is also an education fund that will benefit Jacob and Zachary's higher education. We will maintain life insurance policies and catastrophic medical coverage. Our personal budget includes; tithe, food, medicines, clothing,

out-patient medical, personal transportation. Project expenses include; housing, ground and water transportation, boat gas, telephone and internet communications, community charities, dues and continuing education for Karen's Hygiene licence, medical exams and check-rides for Jud's pilots licence, charts and subscriptions for the airplane, outreach expenses, medications, dental supplies and support for visiting volunteers. Other expenses are fur-lough costs, donor attrition allowance, support for operation of Wings for Humanity and Adventist World Aviation (printing, mailings, website, banking, legal, and support of airplane and aviation program). We take our stewardship of your support very seriously and it is our pledge to do our very best to ensure those funds are used as efficiently as possible. ♦

The goal of Wings for Humanity in Guyana is to implement an air transportation and communications infrastructure to facilitate medical and gospel ministry among the native Amerindians living in Guyana's jungle interior

WHEN ARE WE GOING?

That is the big question right now. The answer is, "as soon as our support is substantially in place" and we are nearing the halfway point with that. Honestly, we are anxious to go as we have already put our minds to this project. There is work there for us to do as soon as we get there, we are working toward having our personal affairs in order by February/March 07.

Please contact us if you have any questions or would like to know more about the work we will be doing in Guyana.



Jud, Karen, Jacob and Zachary Wickwire

LACK OF VACCINATIONS

We will be living in Mabaruma, very near the border with Venezuela. This location allows us to provide air support to all of Region 1 with very short flights and there are currently no other aircraft based there. A very recent study by the Guyanese government states that vaccination rates for region 1 are 83% less than any other region in Guyana. Some more remote areas have possibly never had them and there is a serious concern for a pandemic in the region that could get out of control. The primary reason that the vaccinations are not being administered is lack of trans-

portation, both air and water. Both the Minister of Health for Guyana and the Director of Health for the region have welcomed the assistance of Wings for Humanity to help provide access into these areas.



as have available an inflatable Zodiac and outboard motor (see the needs list), that can be carried in the plane to provide immediate and reliable transportation to villages beyond the nearest airstrip.

This is a tremendous opportunity to work in cooperation with local government to reach out to help meet the needs of the Guyanese people where they are. ♦

Wings for Humanity will assist with air transportation as well

NEEDS LIST

Sabbath School felts

Large and mid-size Stihl chainsaws

6000–7000 W Honda Generator

DVD evangelism series

14" thickness planer and 6" jointer

-The boat and motor are to be carried in the plane to provide reliable access beyond the nearest airstrip.

Portable medical/dental equipment

2 hp contractors table saw

-The camera will be used particularly for aerial photography

12' Zodiac inflatable boat and a Yamaha 9.9hp outboard motor

2500W power inverter and battery bank

-The four wheeler will be used to get to the airstrip and around Mabaruma as well as for maneuvering the airplane on the ground.

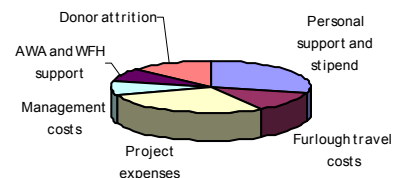
Four wheeler and trailer
Digital SLR camera

A variety of wood-working and construction tools

HOW YOU CAN HELP FINANCIALLY

Our greatest need is to ensure our monthly funding. For that we need support at regular intervals (ideally monthly), for now that is best accomplished with post-dated cheques. We should have the ability to accept credit card payments in the near future. We have pledges for one year, five years and some for "as long as I can". We want your contribution to be something that is impressed upon you by God, we understand that over time circumstances change, just let us know so that we can look for alternate sources. All contributions are tax deductible, tax reg. number, BN 85432 2922.

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