

Ric Swaningson, President /CEO

Adventist World Aviation (AWA)



Ric and his wife, Dawn, have raised three daughters, all of whom are in the medical profession. Prior to joining the ministry, he was a successful businessman and evangelist in the Florida Conference. During this time, he and Dawn began working with The Quiet Hour, organizing and speaking at evangelistic events around the world. To date, he has led campaigns in 15 different countries and more than 60 cities inside the U.S. Subsequently, he answered a call from the Wisconsin Conference to serve as pastor and evangelist. He truly has a heart for reaching people and improving their lives. Furthermore, he is also an instrument-rated pilot currently working on obtaining his commercial license. In addition, he is the owner of a 1965 Mooney M20C which he uses as a personal outreach tool to bring both young and old alike to Christ.

Brief History of Adventist World Aviation

. Adventist World Aviation (AWA), an independent supporting ministry was founded. AWA operates 12 aircraft at seven sites in four countries, relieving physical suffering, saving lives, offering hope and proclaiming the gospel where people have never heard of the Carpenter from Nazareth. www.flyawa.org

Missionaries returning home in greater number during the 80's and early 90's greatly reduced aviation assistance to mission projects. In 1995, an ever-increasing cry from isolated frontier missionaries in desperate need of air support precipitated a meeting of General Conference officers, various mission-focused ministries, aviators and businessmen on the campus of Andrews University. Adventist World Aviation (AWA) was organized at the end of a three day meeting in March 1995

In August 1997, matching financial assistance from Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) enabled AWA to purchase two Cessna 182s. One of these aircraft, dubbed Project AirPower, became a project of the International Pathfinder Clubs, the equivalent of Boy and Girl Scouts. The "Pathfinder Plane" is presently working in support of missionaries and Guyana Ministry of Health workers in isolated villages in Region 1.

Requests for air support continue to arrive from all around the world. AWA will extend its services and respond to requests as resources become available. AWA's long-term goals include a flying clinic using the newly certified; Quest Aircraft Company Turbine-powered Kodiak built

specifically for mission aviation. It has a seating capacity of 10 and will double or even triple the productivity of our missionary pilots, volunteers, and medical personnel which now use Cessna 182s and 206s.

AWA missionary teams facilitate services in hard-to-reach villages in the jungles and mountainous terrain. Such service will help to meet the physical, mental and spiritual needs of the unreached people groups around the world.

AWA works in the following locations:

- Guyana, South America (Wings for Humanity)
- The Philippines
- Alaska, USA
- AWA facilitates training for mission-minded youth through AWA-Pennsylvania at Blue Mountain Academy and AWA-Tennessee at Heritage Academy and AWA- Arizona at Thunderbird Academy.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

HOW PEOPLE PARTICIPATE WITH ADVENTIST WORLD AVIATION

Those interested in:

- Prayer Partners
- Short-term Volunteers
- Missionary Logistical Partners
- Financial Partners:
 - By Check: mail to Adventist World Aviation, P.O. Box 444 Sullivan WI 53178-0444.
 - By Credit Card 414-226-5195
 - By Planned Giving: 414-226-5195
 - By Gifts In-Kind, Stocks, and Bonds: 414-226-5195

For further information you may call 414-226-5195 or send E-mail inquiries to info@flyawa.org.

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