

The Word Takes Flight

Propelling the Gospel LAMP Ministry Inc. — \$65,000



By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas (Psalm 65:5).

Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots (LAMP) ministry focuses on taking the Gospel to Indigenous People in northern Canada. LAMP ministry began in 1970 and the LWML has been an ongoing help to this ministry. Each year, hundreds of volunteer missionaries from the United States travel to remote areas to teach Vacation Bible School (VBS) to thousands of children using transportation provided by LAMP.

Currently there are nearly one million Indigenous People who live in isolated areas of northern Canada. These areas can only be reached by aircraft or seasonal roads. The number of local clergy and missionaries has declined dramatically and there is currently an entire generation of children and youth who have not been taught the Holy Scriptures and the hope that is theirs through Jesus. LAMP takes missionaries and volunteers into northern Canada to share the Gospel.

LAMP ministry uses small airplanes to get missionaries to these remote places. They depend on two aircraft to accomplish their mission. While the aircraft are older models — 1977 and 1979 — they are still extremely sound and dependable. These airplanes are required to have yearly inspections to make sure they are properly maintained and have received all the updates and requirements needed to keep them airworthy.

Technology is ever changing in our world today and the world of aviation has seen numerous advancements in avionics. Global Positioning Systems (GPS) have become a standard and the newer Wide Area Augmented System (WAAS) and the recent completion of the Aireon space-based air-traffic surveillance system have increased the safety and efficiency of avionic components. These types of avionics are necessary components for the pilots who fly out of the United States and into Canada.

The older avionics systems in these two airplanes need to be replaced. With this grant the two airplanes used by LAMP ministry can be upgraded and modernized to help ensure the safety of their pilots, missionaries, and volunteers as they propel the Good News to people living in remote areas of North America.

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