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The Little Chopper That Could...

Here are just a few things that this little helicopter has hauled in the past few months-

- Solar Panels
- 50 pounds of powdered milk
- Birthing Kits
- Chocolate and coffee
- Snake bite victim
- Ointment for boils
- Tax forms that needed signatures
- School supplies
- Mangos
- Suture kits
- Birthday gifts from Grandma and Grandpa
- Three year old with a dog bite to the face
- Soy formula for a baby with severe milk allergy
- Bags of cement
- Books (lots of them) for an 8 year old super reader
- PVC pipe for village water project
- Cloth diapers
- Squash and bean seeds
- Little old lady with back injury
- Blood pressure cuff and stethoscope
- News from home
- Prenatal vitamins
- Termite-proof file cabinet
- Mozzarella cheese
- Sick newborn
- Flash drives filled with blog posts, emails, pictures
- Insect killer



...but only by the Grace of God!

The fact that this valuable tool is here, licensed, maintained and flying into tribal locations is evidence of God's mighty power moving and working to build His church. The Good News is getting out to people living in the farthest reaches, and bringing the Light of Life to people living in darkness. It is only by His grace, His power, and the prayers and support of His people.

-by Zach (pilot/mechanic) & Jane Keller

Our favorite "cargo" by far is the wonderful families (tribal church planters) that we are privileged to work alongside. What they do is very difficult, and they have sacrificed a lot, but they are dedicated to the cause and consider it a joy to be part of what the Lord is doing here in the Philippines, as are we.



*****Please pray! The "little chopper" is now down with serious engine problems. Pray for quick repairs.*****

After 14 Years



The boat driver slowed to navigate the hazardous waves in the dangerous strait. The rented canoe climbed the waves and smacked down into the water. Without any handles to cling to, Daren and Nathan hung on as best they could. The driver skillfully crested another large wave. But just then a wave came diagonal to the canoe. Tipping uncontrollably to the right, they were going to capsiz for sure!

Just at that moment, Nathan flew out of the boat—into the sea, almost a mile from shore. But without his weight in the boat, the vessel righted itself and stayed afloat.

Nathan dragged himself safely back into the canoe, and they continued on, hammered by the waves for the next hour.

Quite an adventure! But they would not have to make this trip again. They knew the tribal airstrip was finished!

Just weeks before, the airstrip had rung with the singing of children as they worked in pairs like little machines to move dirt to the center of the strip. Just as many adults—about 150—worked to smooth the dirt as the children dumped it. For the first time since a landslide had obliterated the former airstrip 14 years ago, the plane would

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be able to land on the island.

Early this particular morning, Daren and Nathan had inspected the work done on the airstrip—a long project started over four years ago—the result of arduous work by hundreds of

people. The strip was smooth and level. Only a few patches of bamboo had to be removed in the approach area before the plane could land. Assured that the work would be done in the next few hours, Daren and Nathan rode a muddy trail on two small motorcycles back to the coast, took the drenching three-hour canoe trip, and returned to the neighboring island where they had arrived in the Kodiak the night before.

“After drying off and having a good meal of cow stomach (ok... maybe not so good) at the house of a gracious friend of [missionaries Darryl and Kyla], Daren and I loaded up the Kodiak with [the missionaries and their 900 pounds of provisions] and flew 47 miles to the airstrip and landed there for the first time in almost 14 years,” relates Nathan.

“We had prayed for ideal condition for the first landing and, praise the Lord, we had them. Upon arrival the wind was calm, the clouds were mostly high and there was no rain. The awaiting villagers, all those who had worked so hard to transform the jungle into a useable airstrip, were lining the sides of the airstrip. Words probably cannot express their excitement to finally have the airplane land, bringing their missionaries back in to continue the ministry there,” writes Daren.

As Daren and Nathan did landings and takeoffs on the new strip,

they invited the two tribal men who had coordinated the airstrip work to fly with them. Daren said, “Neither of these men had ever been on an airplane before and, getting off the airplane later, they were all smiles.”

Daren and Nathan stayed the night in the tribal village.

“At dinner, Darryl and Kyla told us how extremely thankful they are to finally have air service again,” Daren wrote. “They both told story after story of difficult journeys on small boats. Once the engine quit on a boat, and the currents were taking them away from shore for 3 ½ hours before another boat arrived to tow them. Another time, they found themselves on an extremely overloaded boat, constantly fearing it would sink.”

While boat travel has taken the missionaries anywhere from 2 to 5 days to get from the city to the island village where they are involved with Bible translation and discipleship, the flight in the Kodiak will take no more than 2 hours. What a difference! Instead of arriving exhausted and needing days to recover from treacherous journeys, they can now arrive refreshed and ready to serve.

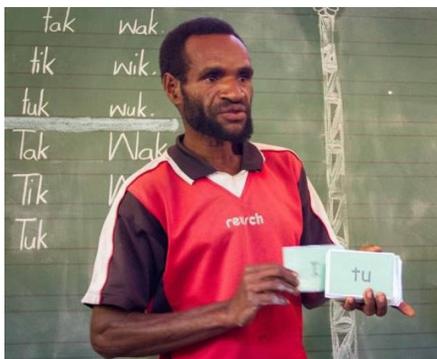
Daren and Nathan will soon check airstrips to two more villages to assess their readiness for the Kodiak. “Thankfully,” says Nathan, “there won’t be any open sea canoe trips, just a long 3-hour river canoe trip, 3 days of traveling in cars and motorcycle ojek taxis, and hiking over some pretty big mountains.”

We are grateful for all the support and prayers of thousands of people who have made the Kodiak a reality in Asia-Pacific.



Tribal Update from PNG

New Tribes Mission in Papua New Guinea is experiencing some serious challenges because of personnel shortages in all departments, especially in aviation. But in the midst of this, GOD is at work and tribal people are hearing His Word despite our lack of manpower. In the 70+ tribes where NTM is working . . .



- **Literacy** is being taught in 28 people groups in their own heart language
- **Bible translation** is progressing in 37 people groups
- Active **Bible teaching** is taking place in 45 people groups
- **Surveys** are taking place in several locations to assess new people groups
- Four new tribal works are **opening up**
- Remote **airstrips** are being built to facilitate and speed the church planting effort
- Bibles and translated portions are being **printed and distributed**
- Tribal churches are **maturing and growing** in Christ

And the end result is that MANY men, women, and children are experiencing newness of life and the grace and freedom that can only be found in Christ. They are no longer subject to fear and servitude of the spirit world.

A Dinangat believer recently said this: “I was overwhelmed, thinking that now as an old man I am able to hear this wonderful truth after believing lies for so many years; and I cried because if you missionaries had not come I still would not have heard.”

-with reporting by Eric (mechanic) & Casey Zimmerman and Ron (mechanic) & Tami James

The Kodiak airplane can do almost twice the work of our current Cessna 206. To maximize the efforts of our pilots in PNG, NTM Aviation would like to place a Kodiak aircraft in the country before the end of 2013. Can you help? Send your donation to NTM Aviation, 3870 W Volunteer St, McNeal, AZ 85617. Designate it for the PNG Kodiak. Our tribal missionaries are depending on us to assist them!