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Keeping the Dream Alive

A CESSNA 206 FOR BRAZIL!

For more than six years, your prayers and support have shored up the vision—that God would open the way for a Cessna 206 to arrive in Brazil.

Missionaries waited, hoping for air service to fly supplies, language and church planting consultants, and medevacs in the isolated Acre region of Brazil.

Now—that dream is nearing reality.

November 15, 2014. The celebration language in Sanford, FL, was Portuguese. NTM Aviation's Cessna 206 bound for Brazil stood on display, shining and ready, just days away from its flight to Brazil.

Thursday, November 20. NTM Aviation pilot Charlie Patton, with his hard-won Brazilian pilot's license in hand, flew the plane to Brazil. Milton Arantes, Brazilian pilot, businessman, and key player in the importation process, accompanied him on the island-hopping flight across the Caribbean.

Wednesday, November 26. Charlie and Milton landed in Boa Vista, Brazil.

January 30, 2015. At last the plane had the proper papers to leave Boa Vista to fly to customs and importation cities.

Can you stop praying now? No. Any importation process is "a tangled mass of red tape," says NTM Aviation mechanic Joel Rich. So keep praying for additional paperwork to arrive by mail from the USA and for the whole procedure to go smoothly.

And you know how vast Brazil is! Pray for safety as Charlie, accompanied by Brazilian pilot Bruno Siquiera, flies to cities in southern Brazil to finish required paperwork, then finally to Cruzeiro do Sul where the plane will be situated for tribal service.

The missionaries waiting for this plane certainly thank you for your prayers. "We are confident," writes Charlie's wife Ruth, "that this tool will be a huge blessing and help here, saving many hours of bodily 'wear and tear' and time lost in

As a result of your partnership, things are happening in the world of missionary aviation!

travel for missionaries working in some of the most remote areas of Brazil."

You've stood with us a long time to see this dream fulfilled. It's finally moving ahead. Keep praying. Keep the dream alive.

Let us know if you are praying:
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Ruth and Charlie Patton with the Cessna 206 in Manaus

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Making Ministry Possible:

A TEAM AT WORK



Pilot Brian Schaadt (center) helps unload Zenida from the copter.



Taking the Gospel to unreached people requires teamwork. No one is left out! God has a way of using every one of His children — including partners like you — in the process.

Donovan and Charla Epp saw this first hand as they prepared to teach the Gospel in the Philippines. A woman in their tribe had what seemed to be a stroke. Her husband Robert — who had seen many emergency flights as he maintained the airstrip — hoped that this time the helicopter could help his wife.

Robert sent for the missionaries as his wife Zenida endured multiple seizures through the night. She was clearly dying.

The Epps decided to call a flight and the team set to work. NTM Aviation pilot Brian Schaadt prepared the helicopter. Other team members gathered supplies and prepared to flight follow.

Instead of a hopeless 8-hour boat journey and 4-hour bus trip, the flight took just 25 minutes. As the helicopter landed in town, NTM supply buyer Dave Roan acted as ambulance driver. He whisked Zenida and family to the hospital in

record time. NTM Luzon support staff helped with logistics while a Filipino couple translated for the family and e-mailed updates back to the tribe.

Zenida’s stroke had been severe, and there was nothing the hospital could do. At this point, things got complicated. If Zenida died in the hospital, her body could only be removed through the morgue and funeral home. The process would take days — and be way too expensive for this tribal family to afford. Even worse, they would be far from family, in a strange culture, at this most difficult time.

Zenida needed to go home to die. But a hospital rule said she couldn’t leave without oxygen. Where would she get that? Dave, the supply buyer, soon showed up with an air tank from NTMA storage. On top of that, since Robert could never afford to pay the bill, Dave used some ministry funds to settle accounts. Then he rushed Zenida and her family back to the waiting helicopter.

Brian took off immediately. But it was too late for Zenida. She was gone by the time the chopper landed in the village. The hopeful

atmosphere turned to mourning as Brian unloaded Zenida’s lifeless body.

Despite grief, all Robert could say was, “THANK YOU! THANK YOU!” He was so grateful that Zenida was home and his family had been surrounded with an outpouring of care during this desperate situation.

“Without all this in place, Robert’s family would not be touched with the love of Christ in such a powerful way,” concluded Donovan and Charla. “Pray with us that the Lord would use this situation to soften the hearts of Robert and his family and cause them to search for the truth.”

This team is not complete without the prayers and gifts that make team action possible. You can help by sponsoring missionary flights that help in difficult situations like this one.

Use the enclosed reply form or visit <http://usa.ntm.org/projects/missionary-flight-sponsorship>

Prayer Updates: You Prayed, God Worked!

A TURN IN THE ROAD

You know what it's like to come around a curve and meet something totally unexpected. So does Jon Leedahl. On the 15th of October, a vehicle came around a turn on a curvy PNG road and hit Jon as he rode his motorcycle home from a day of work at the hangar. He was gravely hurt. Through amazing efforts and God's gracious intervention, Jon survived. In the process, though, he lost his right leg.

Jon and Adie and their three boys spend their days now in a rented apartment in Australia. Jon is learning to walk, preparing for a prosthetic leg when he is strong enough.

What about all Jon's plans and preparation to be the first NTM Aviation

Kodiak pilot in Papua New Guinea? What about all your prayers and support that helped the Leedahls arrive in PNG in record time? What about the excellent partnership with SIL for his training in the Kodiak?

Many questions remain unanswered. But the Leedahls remain confident:

"Some have asked what our future plans are: They are obviously in God's hands and we will go/do what He would desire for our family. But our heart's desire is to get Jon back on his feet, flying again and then right back to



Papua New Guinea to serve with missionary aviation. Pray along with us as we trust God with our future!?"

To stay in touch with Jon and Adie visit <http://blogs.ntm.org/jon-leedahls/>

GOD'S BIGGER PLAN

When you prayed — and God answered — with not one but two Kodiaks within a few months, you probably thought, like we did, that the Kodiaks would be on the fast track to Papua New Guinea. Pilot Jon Leedahl was in training on location in PNG, and everything seemed ready.

But God had other plans—"a bigger plan," says Jon's wife Adie.

With Jon in recovery from his severe road accident, God is opening new and unanticipated doors.

Mission Aviation Fellowship International and NTM Aviation have just completed talks to sketch out a new game plan for the Kodiaks. The two missions plan to work together to get pilots trained in the Kodiak and to import the planes.

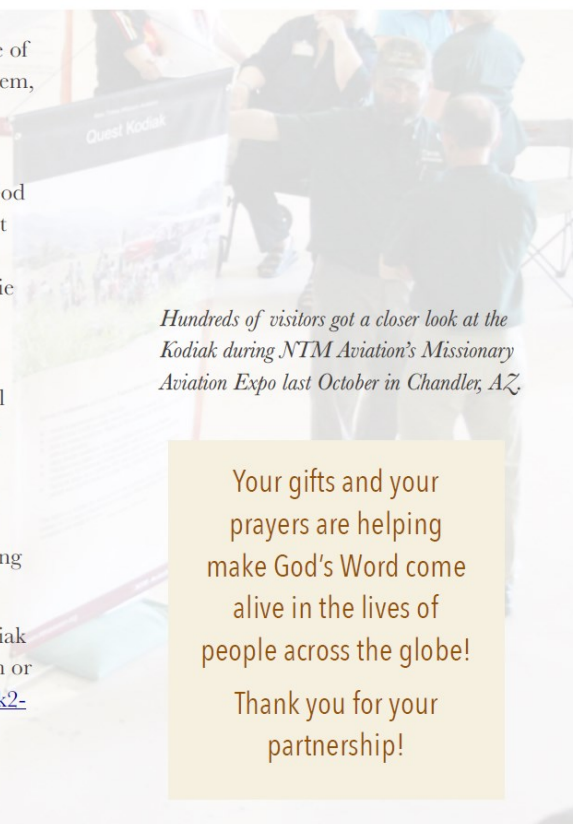
Though details are not all finalized, MAF will start giving NTM Aviation pilot Brent

Haberchak in-country experience in one of their turbine aircraft. As he flies with them, Brent will be building hours toward meeting PNG requirements.

You, like us, may seem perplexed that God has chosen a more circuitous route to get the NTM Aviation Kodiaks up and functioning in PNG. But along with Adie Leedahls, let's trust God for His "bigger plan."

We can be confident that God's plan will bring the greatest benefit to tribal teams waiting for reliable and consistent air service. Keep praying for our current helicopter and Cessna 206 pilots who continue to shoulder the load of supplying the existing tribal teams.

To help finalize all the outfitting of Kodiak #2 for PNG, use the enclosed reply form or visit <http://usa.ntm.org/projects/kodiak2-for-png>



Hundreds of visitors got a closer look at the Kodiak during NTM Aviation's Missionary Aviation Expo last October in Chandler, AZ.

Your gifts and your prayers are helping make God's Word come alive in the lives of people across the globe!

Thank you for your partnership!

Eleven-Year Wait

STRENGTHENING TRIBAL CHURCHES IN ASIA-PACIFIC

“Visitors are coming!” For the first time in eleven years, a plane was landing on this village airstrip. Delight showed on the faces of missionaries and tribal people alike as Patrick “Pappy” Frey landed the Kodiak.

One by one the visitors descended the steps of the plane: mission leaders, teachers, and church planting consultants—most of them national believers.

For years, there had been no flight service in this area of the country. With no workable means of getting in and out, the missionaries spent time ministering in other locations.

Finally a road was built. “It is rough with no bridges over two of the rivers,” relates Paul, the missionary. Only in good weather can they get in and out with a 4x4 vehicle.

With the Kodiak, though, the flight from a nearby city was just 30 minutes!

Though the Kodiak is still stationed a little too far away for regular flights into this village, at least it is available. “We praise the Lord that we do have emergency service now,” says Paul, “and we can order a flight, especially when we can fill it all the way up to share the cost.”

Eventually, NTM Aviation hopes to base the Kodiak in a city in this area of Asia-Pacific. Until then, the missionaries in the tribes of this region of the country plan to share at least three flights from the Kodiak per year to bring believers to strengthen the churches.

“The visitors were a tremendous encouragement to our team and the church here in the village,” says Paul, who is just starting to train tribal believers to be church leaders.

Pappy reflected, “We have heard good reports on the trip and have also heard

the local churches were encouraged by the visit.” Missionaries benefit from outside fellowship and expertise. Tribal believers get a taste of how vast the body of Christ is as they meet believers from other parts of the country and the world.

These tribal believers and missionaries have you to thank! Each prayer you prayed and each gift you gave—even as far back as ten years ago-- has been vital to seeing the Kodiak functioning in Indonesia. Thank you! Your ongoing participation keeps the Kodiak flying to the outlying islands of Asia-Pacific.

To help sponsor flights for the Kodiak, use the enclosed reply form to join Flight Crew – or visit: <http://usa.ntm.org/flight-crew>



Pappy Frey and the team of visitors.



Pappy gives village children a close-up view.