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## NTM AVIATION JOURNAL

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**EAA AIRVENTURE 2012:** Monday, July 23 was the first day of the airshow at Oshkosh. We had several people stop by, talking about how neat our mission aviation exhibit was, but only a few wanted to spend any time talking about the millions still unreached. Monday is usually the slowest time of the week, so we hope that things pick up as we go. Please continue to pray for our team representing NTMA at Oshkosh.



Tribal Village inside NTMA tent at Oshkosh

## KODIAK AIRCRAFT LANDS SAFELY AFTER 5-DAY JOURNEY

by Daren Spence, NTM Missionary

The landing of NTM's first Kodiak aircraft here in Asia-Pacific brought with it an overwhelming sense of thankfulness to the Lord, and a flood of memories. I arrived on the field in 2005. Even before then, I had heard of the tremendous need for an aircraft to serve needs in the central part of the country. There the islands are mountainous and separated by vast stretches of ocean whose waves kick up for several months each year isolating the various islands from safe travel by boat.

We hear news reports time and time again of capsized boats in this area of the country. Often these accidents claim the lives of every passenger on board. For those who choose to brave the high seas, travel to the outlying islands can consume several days with travelers often arriving exhausted and seasick. This has led to less effective itinerant ministries rather than full time efforts to minister to people in these remote areas.

You can see why our field members have been praying for the Lord to provide an aircraft to meet the need for safe, reliable, efficient air transportation in this region. And that's why, as it landed here yesterday, there was rejoicing and an overwhelming sense of thankfulness to our



Cindy, Daren, Fany, Nomad, Pak Hengky, Andy, Clarissa, Gerhard, Christina, Meli, Pak Jihun

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Lord for the provision of the Kodiak.

I've often thought how the Lord used the 'Kodiak Kids', a group of Indiana grade school children, to raise the deposit funds for this Kodiak. Today we paused for a short time to gather together and praise the Lord for using the Kodiak Kids and many others to provide this tool that will expand the reach of the gospel. It was an emotional time as we reflected on how this aircraft is the answer to years of prayer.



NTMA Team

Now, after obtaining registration in the country, we will begin to use the aircraft to support NTM's ministry to those hard to reach areas—to pockets of people who, for centuries, were without hope, but who are now hearing of the Savior's love for them.

To you who have generously given to enable flight service with this Kodiak—from donations to purchase, its long, trans-Pacific journey, and even to help subsidize flight costs.

## Thank You For The Role You Have Played to Bring this Kodiak into Service!

**Jim & Linda Sims wrote the following:** This is the FRUIT of our labors!!! We are thrilled! Neat news from the Mengen people at Lele, where Jim Sims used to fly in foods, medicines, literacy supplies, printing paper etc for printing translated Bible portions, work books made from the unwritten language the missionaries had put to writing. He also flew in a dismantled tractor to help the men who were digging and axing the airstrip out of the jungle. Then came the Government men to inspect and finally officially dedicate airstrip-dug out of the jungle. Maybe even more important was the time spent talking to the missionaries, encouraging them. Be encouraged as you read this!!

Is the work over? Certainly not. On this end we prepare the pilots who are getting ready to be sent out. We encourage them, pray for them, help them know some of what they will face. This is all such a privilege!

## THE OLDEST MAN IS REACHING OUT

--> sent by Lauren Laureti, one of the Mengen team



For many years the Mengen church has gone through many tough times. The church had a very slow start. Missionaries came and went and the work never really got off the ground. Then in 2008 Dave and Judy Wright returned to their old work to help finally get it off the ground. The first phase of evangelical lessons were taught and the church was born amongst the Mengen people. Through persecution, hard times, faithful teaching and discipleship, the church has grown into a functioning body.

Now the Lord is also starting to open doors

into new areas and the Mengen church is more and more sending out potential teachers and missionaries to do surveys. Here is a photo of a team flying to the furthest end of their people group to visit villages that seem to be interested in hearing the Gospel. The **older man's name is Pabiure and he is about 87 years old. He has never flown in a plane before.** His son-in-law, sons and grandson are going to visit his fellow clan members and he said he wanted to go with them and give a testimony of what God has done in his life!

Amazing story! Never think you are too old! Please be praying for these people as they spend time with the people of Mar Mar and Pomio that God will create a great hunger in the hearts of the people in these two villages.

