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NTM Aviation's Bold Vision:

PROVIDE AFFORDABLE FLIGHTS FOR MISSIONARIES!

Suppose you are a missionary, convinced that you should reach out to a remote group of people. You know that NTM Aviation has planes and helicopters available. You wish you could fly to your place of service, but affording a flight is out of the question. What are your options?

Some, like Wana tribal believers Saprin and his wife, hiked three days with their children on their backs, carrying necessary food, arriving at their ministry village with nothing to live on. Others, like westerners Tim and Rhonda (pictured) would have to hike 10 hours, crossing the same river 40 times.

National believers, who comprise about half of NTM's church planting teams, can rarely afford flight. Rudy Barlaan, a 69-year-old translator, has to hike, motor, and boat several days into his village. Only now and then has he hired the helicopter for the hardest part of his trip.

Last year, NTM Aviation launched out in a bold initiative to provide flights to missionaries, regardless of their ability to pay. Now, those who need air service will have it ... to fulfill the Great Commission ... while there's still time ... so people who need the Gospel have opportunity to hear it.

Rudy Barlaan was one of the first to enjoy the advantage of affordable flight.

"By air, it only takes 55 minutes to an hour from my house in the village to my house in the lowland," wrote a delightfully surprised Rudy when NTM Aviation pilot Zach Keller picked him up 300 yards from his village house and whisked him straight to his home city for a break.

Rudy was thoroughly grateful that generous flight sponsorship by believers around the world allowed him this privilege. "I thank the Lord for people who make it possible for me to take the NTM helicopter at an affordable rate, saving me time and energy, and sparing me from the stress of travel."

As a member of the Body of Christ, you can stand shoulder to shoulder with missionaries by making flight a reality.

You can aid western, national, and tribal co-workers to serve side by

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

side as equal partners in fulfilling the Great Commission, not hindered by the inability to afford air service.

To ensure that missionaries have the flights they need, go to <https://usa.ntm.org/flight-crew> or use the enclosed response card.

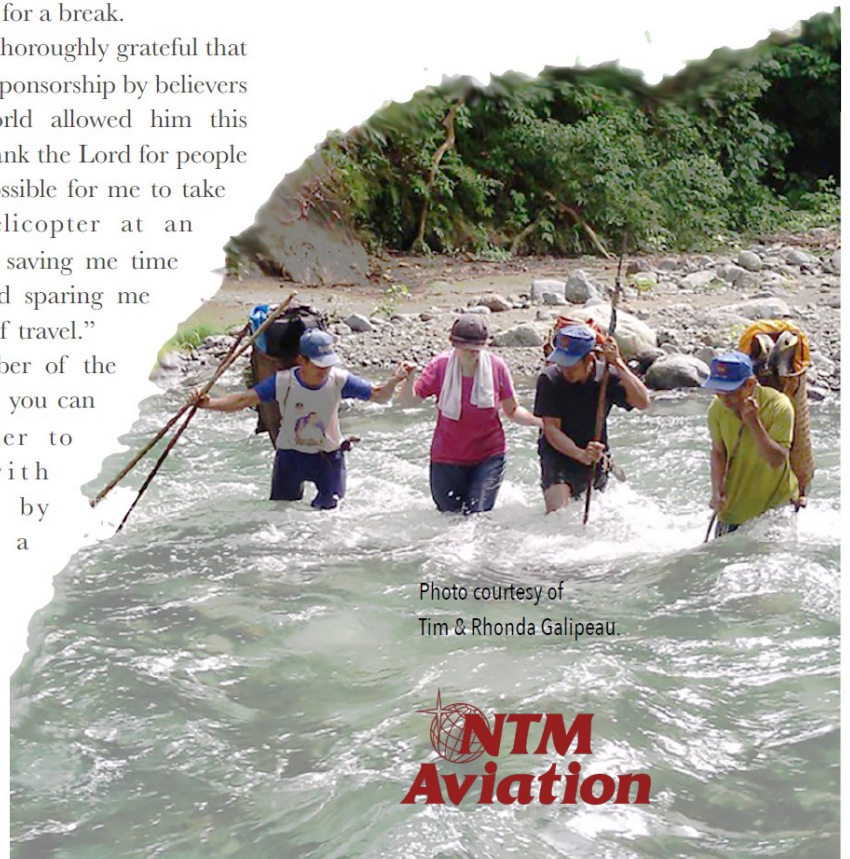


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Tim & Rhonda Galipeau.

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Bearing the Load: The Kodiak Serves in PNG

All those years of praying and giving have been worth it! Kodiak #3 is being prepared to go to Papua New Guinea!

Meanwhile, Kodiaks #1 and #2 are on location serving grateful missionary teams.

Take the Oggs, for example.

David and Shari Ogg have lived in the jungle since 1991 when they located among the Simbari people of Papua New Guinea. Though life was complicated because the village was only accessible by air, they settled in for the long haul. They wanted to bring Christ to a people group who would otherwise be hopelessly lost.

For 24 years, the Cessna 206 was their grocery store, school bus, ambulance – their supply line in the sky. Even if they only got a supply run every 3 months, that comes to about a 100 flights packed with everything from flour and sugar to band-aids and toilet paper.

In the beginning, their family could fit in the plane with their supplies. But as their children grew, they needed not one but two flights to get everyone and all their supplies into the jungle – a tricky proposition when weather did not cooperate.

“We often talked and prayed about the Lord’s provision of a larger plane that would be able to fit us and our supplies on one flight.”

“So when we heard that the Lord had answered those prayers in an amazing way by providing not only one, but three Kodiak planes for PNG, our hearts were filled with gratitude.”



Gratitude was probably an understatement the first time the brand new Kodiak took the Oggs into Simbari. “It was wonderful how much space there was for all of the necessary passengers and supplies for jungle living.”

The Kodiak is just beginning its work for the Oggs as they continue to serve the growing Simbari church. “David completed the preliminary draft of Hebrews on New Year’s Eve 2015. He is now drafting James chapter 3. The total amount of the New Testament now in draft form is 95%.” And the Oggs also fly to mentor young tribal teams starting to reach new people groups – just as others mentored them 25 years ago.

You can be a part of David and Shari’s ministry with the Simbari as you partner with NTM Aviation to provide flight service. With your help, the Oggs and other missionary teams can depend on the Kodiak to facilitate the growth of thriving churches in every people group of Papua New Guinea.

Go to <https://usa.ntm.org/projects/kodiak2-for-png> to complete funding for the Kodiak fleet, or send the enclosed response card with your gift.

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for your partnership!

Mending Bodies — and Relationships

KODIAK BRINGS MUCH-NEEDED HELP

Can a medical team traveling to an out-of-the-way island make a difference for Christ? Steffan Pyle, manager of NTM Aviation in Asia-Pacific, certainly hoped so. He'd committed sponsorship funds to fly a volunteer Christian medical team to an isolated Taliabo village. Now to see what God would do

As pilot Patrick "Pappy" Frey landed the Kodiak on the remote island, he knew the drill. He must immediately report to the mayor of the area — an exacting man with lots of misgivings against the church and the Taliabo believers. He liked using his power to discourage people from listening to Bible teaching or even from helping to keep the airstrip in shape.

"The airstrip doesn't benefit you, only the church," he'd say.

Accustomed to the plane bringing "white men" to assist the believers, the mayor was in for a surprise this time. Pappy, the pilot, was the only white guy. He brought with him a national team — two general practitioners, a dentist, a dermatologist, a pharmacy technician, and a respected national missionary. The doctors came volunteering their time and supplies to care for everyone — not just the church people.

As Pappy checked in, one of the doctors noticed the mayor's son. What was that all over his body? Some strange rash.

"Bring him to the clinic," they urged. But the mayor brushed off their offer of help.

After approval from the mayor, the team immediately got to work setting up a tidy four-room clinic using bamboo poles and tarps. Word got around, and hundreds of people streamed in for this rare opportunity for medical help.

During the very first day, who should show up at the clinic but the mayor and his son! — a huge step for them in this shame-based culture. No questions asked, the doctors examined the boy and prescribed lotion for his condition, a very treatable skin irritation.

What a breakthrough! Will this clinic be the catalyst for finally mending relationships between the Taliabo believers and the mayor? Will this show the Taliabo people that they are loved and cared for even if they are not associated with the church?

Sponsorship allowed the family below to fly free in the Kodiak to get medical help for their baby. You can help give missionaries the flexibility to show the love of Jesus to needy villagers like these. Join Flight Crew to share your resources to reach out in the name of Christ:

<https://usa.ntm.org/flight-crew>



Photo by Pappy Frey • 26 ||

On Its Way:

R44 HELICOPTER TO THE PHILIPPINES

Did you ever see a helicopter loaded into a shipping container? You could have watched it happen on the morning of February 5, 2016. “Moving day” had arrived for the R44 rebuilt to serve missionaries on the island of Mindanao in the Philippines.

On that morning, a shipping container arrived at NTM Aviation headquarters in McNeal, AZ. The helicopter was ready and waiting. After disassembly, the staff had shrink-wrapped and cushioned each piece. They had planned every inch of space in the container and had pre-made the braces and brackets needed. In just one hour, the crew finished packing the helicopter, and the container was trailered off to the port in Long Beach, CA, where it was put on a ship bound for the Philippines. Target date for arrival: April 8.

Meanwhile in the Philippines, temporary help came to the missionaries waiting for the new R44. Pilots Brian Schaadt and Brian Pruett flew an NTM Aviation R44 several hours over open ocean from another island.

“The rest of the week will be busy, beginning in the morning,” Brian’s wife Katherine had written the night before the flights started. “The heli is loaded and ready to bring in supplies to one of the locations.”

In the course of the week, they provided flights for “several missionaries who need to come out of the mountains for medical appointments and supplies,” said Brian Pruett. For months, these families had been without regular flight service, hoping that no emergencies would arise.



Yes, it fit with just inches to spare!
Photo by John Martin

The flights did double duty as check-out time for Brian Pruett, who will be piloting the new R44 when it arrives. Each leg helped him get familiar with the locations and learn the finer points of flying the helicopter on this island.

In April when the R44 container arrives in the Philippines, Brian Pruett and Josh Dalton will reassemble it, do test and check-out flights, and get it into regular service, providing flights into locations not accessible by the previous Cessna 185.

Pray that every flight will give western, national, and tribal missionaries access to the most remote mountain villages that otherwise would live and die without God’s Word. Send us your response card to let us know you will be on the R44 prayer team.

Go to <https://usa.ntm.org/projects/philippines-helicopter> to ensure that church planting teams have this valuable resource, or indicate your interest on the enclosed response card.

R66 UPDATE:

As God provides, NTM Aviation plans to replace the R44 with a more powerful and versatile R66 helicopter. With your help on the project, missionaries have increased capacity to serve even more remote mountain villages of the Philippines.

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Thank You!