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*Giving Wings to The Good News*

Missionaries with  
**Commission**  
TO EVERY NATION

Serving at  
**JAARS**

## Two Places, One Celebration

Recently Jeyson spent a week turning wrenches at the nose of the Pilatus Porter in the JAARS hangar. The Porter is an 11-seat airplane that JAARS uses for missionary work in Indonesia. Its large capacity for cargo and large rectangular wings make the Porter the perfect tool to fly missionaries and their supplies among the country's 17,000+ islands.



Here at JAARS in North Carolina, we intentionally keep a mirrored copy of the mission aircraft most commonly used around the world. We do this in order to effectively prepare pilots and mechanics for the field. And so, naturally, we have a Pilatus Porter in our fleet order to prepare pilots to serve in Indonesia.

That particular week, Jeyson's work on the Porter included not only routine upkeep and but also adjusting some of the engine and propeller parameters. Several engine runs and a test flight were needed as well. Jeyson has worked on this airplane many times before, but this time the maintenance held special significance.

That's because the same exact week, halfway across the world in Indonesia, four JAARS Pilatus Porters were landing in a village to deliver newly translated Bibles to the Una people. One of the pilots, Kars, has been our friend since our Moody Bible days. Kars and the other pilots learned to fly the Porter at JAARS, and they also continue to return to JAARS for ongoing skills training. And now Kars and the others were using Porters in Indonesia to deliver God's Word!

In total, the Una translation project took 35 years of missionaries living among the Una people and countless missionary flights into the village to complete! And the Una people are so grateful because they are only the 7th of 250 people groups on the main island to



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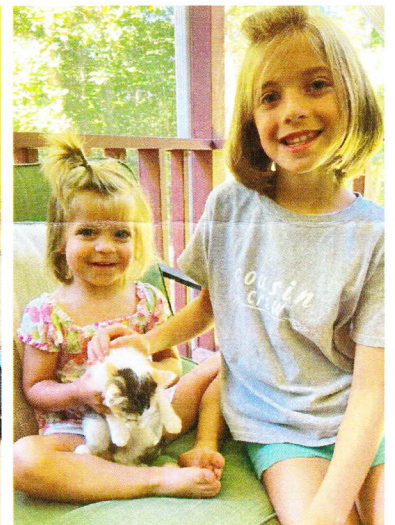
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have the complete Bible in their own language! So many missionaries and Una people from neighboring villages wanted to fly in for the occasion that four Porters were needed! There were flags, music, food, prayers of dedication, and tears as people who have longed for God's complete Word now held it in their hands for the first time. What an incredible celebration!

So, that week as Jeyson tightened screws on the Porter here in North Carolina; we thanked God for this trusty airplane that is reaching people who otherwise would never hear the Good News of Jesus. And we celebrated along with the Una people, knowing that we (and you!) also get to be part of this story.



## Family Corner.

We are thankful for the ways God has faithfully led and provided for our family this year. Some highlights of our year were: involvement with other parents in our community, Stephanie graduating nursing school, being part of a young mom returning to the Lord, family hiking trips, and watching our kids grow in their faith. This year was also a huge one for hospitality for us! We hosted Jeyson's parents from January to June, and then a Brazilian English student (and hopeful missionary) from August until December. We also invited countless missionaries and families from the community over for dinner, resulting in deepened relationships and many meaningful conversations about the Lord.

This year the kids enjoyed: **Elijah:** camping, biking, playing Catan; **Audrey:** writing and illustrating homemade books, learning to cook; **Bella:** beginning to speak Portuguese and English, playing with our kitten and (usually) resisting the urge to pull her tail.



**As a family, we want to express our deepest thanks for your friendship and sacrificial partnership that gives us the privilege of serving in ministry full-time. We are truly grateful! We wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas celebrating God who came to dwell among us, and a great start to the new year ahead!**

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