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Giving Wings to The Good News

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TO EVERY NATION

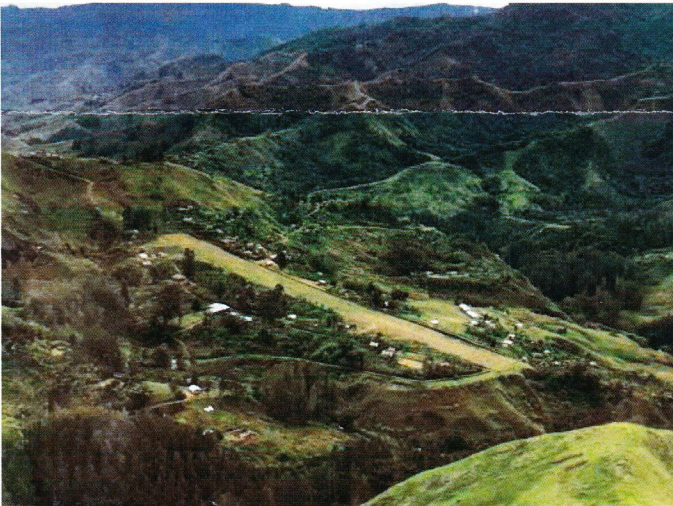
Serving at
JAARS

From the Ends of the Earth.

This month the JAARS team welcomed a group of new pilots and mechanics for advanced training. Most of these students and their families are from the USA, but one student, Lenny, came from much farther away. Lenny traveled to JAARS all the way from “the Ends of the Earth”: the Pacific nation of Papua New Guinea (PNG). When his training is complete, Lenny plans to return to his home country and serve as a missionary mechanic.



Lenny first heard of JAARS when he was a small boy in PNG. His father, a local man from the highlands, was recruited by the JAARS team in PNG to work in the parts room in the hangar. So, Lenny grew up attending the mission school (where he learned English) and hanging around the mission planes. At the mission base, Lenny was compelled by the crucial role that missionary aviation plays in reaching his nation, which has over 600 islands and still about 300 people groups that do not have God’s Word in their language. And as he grew, Lenny sensed the Lord leading him to join the JAARS missionary aviation team in order to help reach his people with God’s Word and love.



What an awesome asset Lenny will be to the PNG aviation team: a young man with technical skills, who speaks the local language, is a native in local customs, and is passionate about reaching his people for the Lord! We are grateful to be part of helping Lenny along in this journey by providing the training he needs to return to “the Ends of the Earth,” ready to reach his people. Thank you for helping to make Lenny’s training possible!

Picture: One of the many mission runways in PNG. In this village, Wonenara, the slope of the runway is opposite of the valley in which it sits! It is very challenging, but the pilots are well prepared here at JAARS. (www.jaars.org/updates/touchdown-zone-wonenara/)

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Hangar Happenings.

In the hangar, Jeyson and the other mechanics are working hard to keep the JAARS fleet in the air for the current group of pilots-in-training. During the course, the mechanics-in-training will be mentored by Jeyson and the team through hands-on experience maintaining the mission aircraft. This will provide the new mechanics with valuable skills on the same types of planes that they will use overseas.

Brazil-Bound this Summer.

As you may have seen in our recent email update, we are so excited that our whole family will spend this upcoming summer in Brazil serving with our Brazilian aviation ministry (Asas de Socorro)! We will leave on June 6 and return Aug 16. While In Brazil, Jeyson will do in-depth maintenance projects that the local team has not had the ability to address. The kids and I also have opportunities to get involved through healthcare and at an orphanage. Please join us in praying for the many details that still need to come together for this trip. And praise God, some details are slowly getting resolved, including the renewing of all our passports and finding housing in Brazil.



In family news, a few weeks ago, Stephanie was able to spend a weekend with her three sisters in Virginia. This special sister time has been a dream for many years!

Doing Life Together.

Here in Waxhaw, NC, we were challenged to lead a life group (small group) through our church. We began this month and are praying the Lord will continue to draw those He has prepared to be part of it. Please pray that the group will not only be a place for believers to grow and find community but that it would also attract those who do not yet know the Lord; that they would come to know Him through the group.

Thank YOU so much for your partnership in ministry with our family!

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