

The Road to Indonesia

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Papuans surround MAF aircraft and its cargo


"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through US..."

1 Corinthians 5:20



Bibles loaded in the airplane, ready to go to Koropun!

A very special delivery.....


 The cries of celebration and cheering could be heard even up the valley, whooping and singing and dancing as the plane came in and was unloaded. Nearly everyone who lives in the valley surrounding Koropun (in Papua, Indonesia) knew then that the New Testament in their language, called Kimyal, had finally been delivered. Later on in the day, a special ceremony took place. The first New Testament out of the box

was given to the oldest believer, who then handed it to a middle-aged man, who then gave it to a young man, symbolizing how the Word of God will be passed from generation to generation. Now God's Word is in their hands and they can read it for themselves and know Him! The missionary couple God used to translate His word for the Kimyal spent fifteen years translating the Scriptures, verse by verse, with the help of committed Kimyal translators.

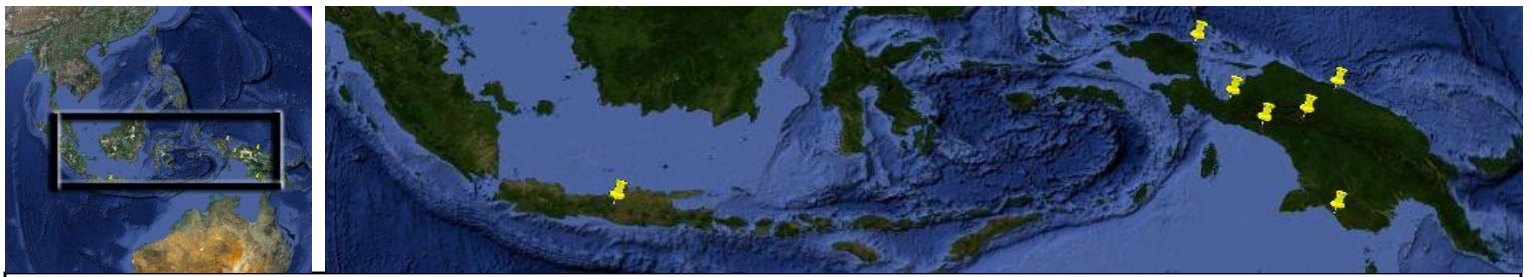
MAF airplanes played a critical role in supporting them, as manuscripts were flown in and out repeatedly so they can be sent to Canada to be checked and re-checked for accuracy. With the help of the airplane, years are shaved off translation projects like this one, and those living in the village are greatly served by the airplane as it brings medical help along with many other practical blessings.




Kimyal elder with first New Testament

 MAF pilot Kevin Lynne shares a conversation he had with a villager in another part of Papua: ***"One 'warrior' guy told me they were thankful to have us there and that he was glad not to be living 'in the old ways of our elders.' I asked him to elaborate and he explained their history of fighting and warfare, and how they live as 'one people' now because the Gospel had made their hearts peaceful."***

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Where will we live in Indonesia? We will spend our first year in a town called Salatiga on the island of Java (left pinpoint), learning “Bahasa Indonesia” which literally means “The language of Indonesia.” Next we will move to the province of Papua (right side of the map). Papua occupies the left side of the island of New Guinea. We will live and serve at one of the six bases pinpointed above. Papua is not to be confused with “Papua New Guinea,” which is an independent country on the right half of the island.

 Heather and I recently returned from two months on the road in Arizona and Michigan. It was a bitter-sweet time in Arizona, as my Grandfather passed away, but we got to see loved ones who came from very far away as we remembered and said goodbye to Grandpa. Over the past two months it has been very special to connect with people, and it has been an awesome privilege to watch God work as He calls individuals to join our ministry team. We are very encouraged as He has already provided 42 percent of our monthly support need, as well as 40 percent of our outgoing need. He has also laid it on many of your hearts to join us through prayer. Many of you have found creative ways to help us as well. We are so thankful for all of you! **Through your prayers, your giving, and your involvement, you are becoming part of the chain of hands that is taking God's Word and His love to people like the Kimyal mentioned on the front!**



Visiting Payson, Arizona, Ricky's home town

Columbia Friends....
We hope to see you soon! We plan to be in town for the two weeks following July Fourth.

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- For our relational and spiritual health as a family
- Perseverance and diligence for us as God builds our support team
- For the people who live among the 2000+ languages in the world who still have no scripture

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