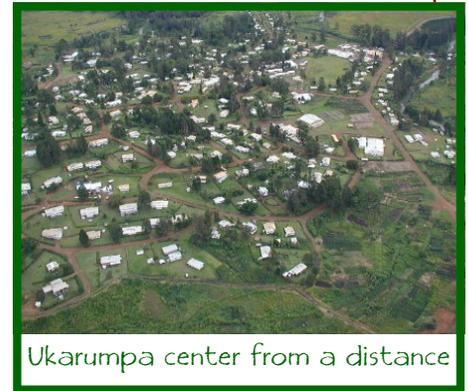




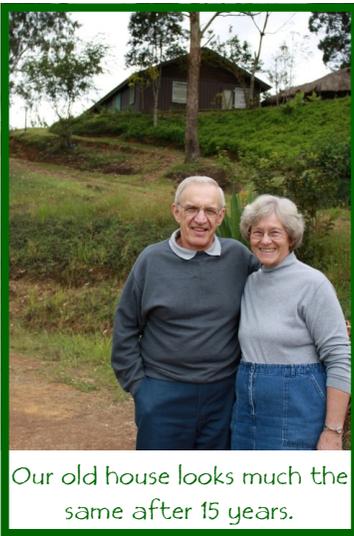
# Immel Update

Fall 2009

It all seemed so familiar. The decent through the scattered clouds, the mountainous terrain below us and then getting a glimpse of Ukarumpa in the Papua New Guinea highlands. The approach, then the touch down on the one way airstrip meant we were finally back again. What a treat! Then to be greeted by our kids who serve there, was special. After several months of planning we had finally arrived.



Ukarumpa center from a distance



Our old house looks much the same after 15 years.

Throughout our visit the “who would have thought” phrase crossed my mind many times. Who would have thought when we left here fifteen years ago that there would be an aircraft like the Kodiak to take over the duties of the older, aging fleet of piston aircraft? Who would have thought I’d be involved with the building of this aircraft? Who would have thought we’d be returning to train the maintenance guys, one of whom would be our son-in-law? It’s so interesting to see how the Lord has put things together for each of us.



The Kodiak training group

We had great family times with Jeff, Kristen, Nate and Mercy. Patsy spent time working in the personnel office updating training records. Although she had one of her fellow Furlough Personnel Administrators covering for her, she still had a lot of catching up to do after getting home.



Having a great time with Nate and Mercy

The Kodiak training course went well and the aircraft is now officially registered in the country as P2-SIB. It’s being phased into service as the crew continues learning exactly how it performs on the high altitude, sloped airstrips, often with less than ideal conditions.



Despite the many challenges of being remotely located in a developing country, the Lord has kept the door for Bible translation open over the years in PNG. There, as well as around the world, JAARS continues to put the latest computer and digital technology to work for Bible translation. PNG has 170 New Testament translations completed with work continuing in another 260. A focused effort of the folks from 18 different nationalities keep the work going. There is an ongoing need especially in the area of support workers. The greatest needs are for teachers, construction and maintenance workers, managers, and aviators. If you feel the Lord would have you volunteer, for even a short time, in any of these or other areas, we would urge you to contact Wycliffe or JAARS at the listed websites.

We consider it a privilege to serve in the areas of support the Lord has led us into. Thanks so much for your part in keeping us on the job!

We trust you all have a very blessed holiday season.

Serving with you,

Dave and Patsy

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