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## Dear Friends,



Greetings from northern Idaho. The snowfall has tapered off in recent weeks but the temperatures don't want to get out of the thirties. The melt is slow and cabin fever has set in for many folks. We, however, are out and on the move. The walkway around our nearby park is clear so we walk when we want, our small group is together every week and there is always something going on around Sandpoint. We had a quiet Holiday season and good time with Amanda and Jason as they made it over from Seattle between snow storms.

Thanks to you all for your holiday notes and letters. We enjoy hearing from you and what is happening in your lives.

Patsy had a two day visit from her supervisor the first week of January. She flew in from Portland to do an annual review and work through some paperwork and questions. Since Patsy's assignment with the JAARS board ended last November her list of furloughing families to supervise has increased. The IT connections, webcams, etc. are working well allowing her to be efficient in her daily work.

# Immel Ministry News

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## Quest Delivery

January 8<sup>th</sup> was an exciting day for us and all the folks at Quest Aircraft. JAARS president, David Reeves, accepted the keys to Kodiak serial number 8 (officially S/ N100-0008) at a moving ceremony attended by the entire factory staff and several guests.

This is the first "mission field" Kodiak delivery with more to follow for Mission Aviation Fellowship, New Tribes Mission and Samaritan's Purse, to name a few. The JAARS plane was flown to Waxhaw and will remain there for training purposes prior to being flown to Papua New Guinea this fall. There is still a lot for us to learn about the plane as it is put into service on the field. Thankfully we have the expertise and commitment of the groups who will be operating these aircraft to help refine its systems and make it the useful tool it was designed to be.



Kodiak N498KQ arriving in Waxhaw January 10

Kodiak visionaries Dave Voteman and Tom Hamilton, hand the Kodiak keys over to JAARS President David Reeves



# Family Update

Jeff, Kristen, Nate and Mercy have been in Papua New Guinea now for a year and are doing well in their assignment there. Jason and Amanda are working to expand their landscaping business in Poulsbo, WA. Pray for Dan and Heidi who are in Michigan. Dan recently lost his engineering job and is looking for work. Heidi is still employed by Tricon, a small engineering firm.

Join us in praying for the final sale of our house in North Carolina. We have a family living in it with an "option to buy" agreement. They've had some interest in their house but need to sell before we can close on our house.

We're grateful that the Lord has opened the doors for us to be here. It's a privilege and we continue to trust the Lord to direct our steps in the future. Your prayers and financial support allow us to be here and continue serving Bible translation.

Thanks for serving with us!

*Dave and Patsy*



JAARS launched a redesigned Web site February 17, featuring intuitive navigation, fresh stories and personalized user accounts. To explore the new site, visit [www.jaars.org](http://www.jaars.org).

Our friend Jan Irish in PNG shared this encouraging note with us a while back. . .

*Dear Dave and Patsy,*

*I just wanted to write and say thank you for working on the plane for PNG. As someone who will most likely fly in the plane, I wanted to say how much it will mean to us all there. I know you know that from being here, but there isn't an SIL person in PNG who doesn't rely on the planes to do their ministry. You are touching nations -- even in business -- for the Kingdom.*

*Thanks so much,*

*Jan*

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