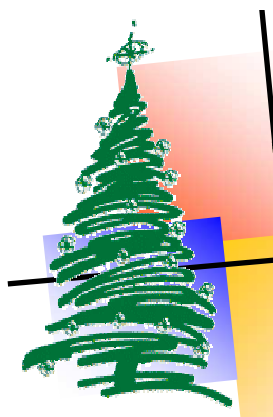


For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay ... For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Habakkuk 2:3, 14 (NIV)



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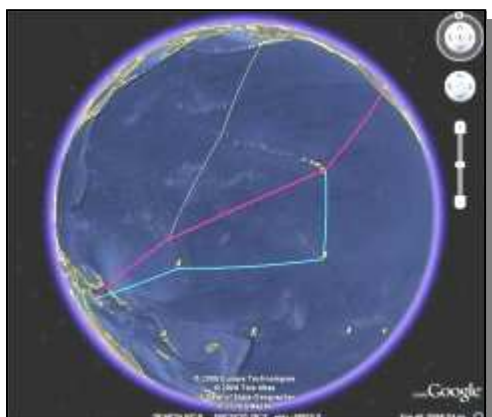
Christmas 2009

God Is Always Moving To Accomplish His Promises

There's been much excitement the last few months about a new aircraft that has joined the JAARS fleet. The turboprop Kodiak is able to carry more cargo with the added benefit that it runs on the much cheaper and easier to get jet fuel. As much as we



enjoyed seeing this plane in the sky over the JAARS Center, we knew it needed to travel to where it could help speed Bible translation. That day arrived on September 19th, as we watched the Kodiak, outfitted with a large internal fuel tank, lift into the sky—controlled by the experienced hands of ferry pilot, Steve Ottaviano.



Flight was on the more direct line from the US west coast to PNG

The 10,000 mile flight was made up of three 12+ hour flight days. The final destination was the SIL linguistic center, Ukarumpa, Papua New Guinea where its arrival was eagerly anticipated.

The reception given to the pilots was most joyful. Many dropped what

they were doing to be at the hangar to see the landing of this gift from God. With the arrival of the



new Kodiak, comes an increased ability to meet the travel and cargo needs of Bible translation in PNG. [To learn more about this kind of work and how it speeds Bible translation, see: www.jaars.org.]

Looking back over 2009, we have many reasons to praise and give thanks to the Lord. The most recent is the PNG Kodiak story above, but there is so much more. Here are just a few:

EAA AirVenture, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, is an annual air show attended by about one half million people. JAARS had wonderful opportunities to demonstrate the Kodiak and tell people how we use technology to serve minority cultural communities and to speed translation of the Bible.

The donated Pilatus Porter, turboprop PC-6 was delivered to our Indonesian work at the start of this year. It has been serving faithfully, meeting field needs that build relationships which open the way to receiving the Word of God. [See our February '09 letter.]

"JAARS Day" is held on four Saturdays during the year at the JAARS Center. These events are quite popular and people come a



Praise 'n Prayer

- Praise God for another special gift given to the SIL Philippine Branch, Koronadal Blaan Project Account, which has covered all that remained to release the Koronadal Blaan New Testaments. Praise God for this gift.
- Praise the Lord anew for His Word in Koronadal Blaan. Pray with us as events start to unfold for recording the whole of the New Testament in audio. The small players will help non-readers study and grow in the Lord. Faith Comes By Hearing is planning to do this recording in 2010. We just got a request from them for a copy of the New Testament. Pray for the Blaans who will be the voices—24 in all.
- Continue to pray for the eleven participants in the hymn-writing workshop. Their desire was to keep the song-writing project going. They had such a great beginning. We want to cheer them on.
- Pray for the distribution effective use of the recent batch of song cassettes.
- Praise for the opportunity to tell our story on radio stations in September

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long distance to see our work and have a chance to take a ride in one of our airplanes or helicop-



Sally views the display from Leon's department

ters. It's a wonderful opportunity to clearly show what we do and how we do it. The comments we receive from our guests are always positive and encouraging.

In Guinea-Bissau, my department installed solar power, satellite internet, computer network, and delivered parts to upgrade a water well. All in a remote area where Bible translation is going on for seven people groups. God answered prayer and the team returned rejoicing over what God had accomplished. [See our May '09 letter.] [See "Rev7" on our web: www.leonwinter.com]

Jungle Jump Off, a one-week program, gave us opportunity to host groups of young people who come to the JAARS Center for a taste of missionary life. These high school-aged young people are pursuing an interest in missions. We host groups at our home, feed them, and tell stories of our life in the Philippines. What a joy to pass the torch for missions to the younger generation.

The highlight of this year was in July when we returned to the Philippines for three weeks to run a music workshop. We had prayed and you had prayed that the participants would be diverse among the Koronadal Blaan believers. God answered and gave us eleven attendees from four different church groups. Ten of them were pastors, and one of the pastors was a woman.

We know God sent them, by their great excitement to use their own ethnic music for building strong worship within the Blaan church. We were amazed at the God-given talent that emerged. They created lyrics with deep feeling and then created beautiful tunes to match. The end result was a 12 song CD. More recently we had 50 cassette tapes made and sent to Pastor Cuma for distribution. [See our August '09 letter.]

To celebrate when our founder, Cameron Townsend took the first group of Bible translators into Mexico on November 11th 1933, WBT takes a day for prayer—called the Wycliffe Day of Prayer. Activities and prayer times focus on where God has led us and the future of Bible translation. One of the activities we have at JAARS is the display of Scriptures that have

been published in the previous year. One by one, they are named and placed on display. This year,



one of our members, who performs as John Wycliffe—for whom our organization is named—officiated over the presentation of the Word.

God's Word in the languages of all the world's people groups is the earnest goal and prayer of everyone in the Wycliffe family of organizations, which includes JAARS. Our aim is to use technology as a tool for Bible translation.

This picture is of a group in Africa who now have God's word in their heart language. The long awaited time for them has come and now they are opening boxes of New



Testaments, lovingly unwrapping each book. Is this not what Christmas is all about? Christ came to earth 2,000 years ago to bring His best gift to mankind—salvation, purchased by His blood—and the Bible tells the story of His love for us.

Reading in the newspaper or on the internet, we can't escape that there is turmoil in our world, and it seems to get worse with each passing day. Sometimes we are tempted to wonder where we are headed—then we turn to God's Word and find His rich promises for what is to come. God is in control. The day steadily approaches when His glory shall fill the whole earth. Thus we confidently live our lives with thanksgiving in the sure hope of a bright future.

Thank you for your love and faithful part in our lives.

Leon Sally



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