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God's
Word is
reaching isolated
people groups
around the world,
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is there to help.

THE WORD IS OUT!

Since 2017, Ethnos360 Aviation has been serving the team reaching the Maliyali people group. Pilot Josh Verdonck remembers helping them move in, flying them to the closest airstrip in the Kodiak airplane. From there, the helicopter shuttled them into the village. Now, five years later, Josh himself is flying the R66 helicopter to deliver supplies to the team. Every one of those flights has helped to bring the Maliyali to this decisive moment

Beginning on August 29, 2022, the Maliyali team taught a series of lessons, starting from the very beginning of the Bible. Actually, they introduced the series with a geography lesson to show the Maliyali the immensity of the planet.

Then from Psalm 8:1-4, they introduced God, bigger than all creation, who cares for them, even though they are just a small group in the vast world.

Day after day, the Maliyali heard the unfolding of God's Word: who God is, what He created and how some of the angels turned from God and became evil spirits. What a relief to them to hear that "God has the final say/judgment for [the spirits] who have tormented the Maliyali people for so long," posted David and Emily Rimestad. That was enough for the Maliyali to fall in love with God right then and there!

But then they heard how Adam and Eve fell into sin and that "those born under the line of Adam would be born with sin and into the clan of Satan. ... Today was hard for the Maliyali people, and after the lesson many of them were filled with tears," posted the Rimestads. Oh the joy, though, to hear from Genesis 3:15 that God promised to send the "Road-cutting Man" to make a way for people to get back to God, taking away sin. Who would it be?

They saw the horrible effects of sin, as when Cain slew Abel. One man said, "See, we are all the same. These are our ancestors, and we are all destroyed because of sin. I am waiting for this Road-cutting Man. You say He will help us, that He can get us back to God. I am waiting for Him."



photo by Emily Rimestad

And wait they did, as they faithfully came to the lessons. Day after day, they saw the all-powerful God at work. They saw the devastation of sin and the destruction of the world by the Flood. They saw the Ark as God's sovereign protection of the line that the Redeemer would come through. And they wondered, "What kind of road will God make for us to be rescued from our sin and from going to the created place of fire?"

They heard about the Tower of Babel — how languages were created and people were scattered. But they expressed hope to the team: "You said something today that gives us happiness. Even though He scattered us, we are not forgotten. He is thinking of us still and that is why you have come. He desires to bring us His own message and we are here, hearing it now. Thank you."

When they heard that Abraham believed God, they wondered, "Will the Road-cutting Man bring us talk to believe? We don't know. So we will keep coming to hear if He does."

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Story after story, they could see God's goodness, His provision, His unchangeable character. When they heard the law, they realized they couldn't keep it any more than the Israelites who strayed from God. But they had hope in the Road-cutting Man: "We will bow our knees . . . Is there anyone like Him? No one is like Him."



photo by Emily Rimestad

Finally, a baby was born in an unusual way. They pondered: "His name is Jesus. He is the only one through whom God will cut the road in getting people back to Him. Is there any other road? No way." Through the story of Nicodemus, they were blown away by a new concept: "God loves me. I have never

heard this; this is the first time. And through His love for all peoples He has made one road, Jesus. There are no other roads, it's just Jesus."

And when they heard what Jesus did for them — how He "cut the road" through His death, burial and resurrection — many Maliyali looked to the Road-cutting Man and put their trust in Him. May God be praised in Heaven and on earth!!

BEADS IN A JAR

How does a remote people group ever hear the gospel? It starts small, like one bead dropped into a jar.

On Luzon Island in the Philippines, Alex and Erin Williams are finding out what it's like to start at the very beginning. July 5, 2022, signaled their first day of language learning in a branch of the Isnag language group. "We start out by listening and pointing to the correct [drawing of a] thing our language helper is saying. The little victories come every time we recognize a word. Understanding comes first; producing speech will come later," recounts Alex.

To measure progress, Alex and Erin have a jar of beads: little beads for each hour of study, one large white bead for 100 hours. After three months of work,



Alex started a new color of beads to indicate he's in Phase 2, and Erin followed a few days later. It's progress, but lots more needs to happen. They alerted their support team:

"Look for more language jar pictures each month... for the next two to three years. We're in it for the long haul!"

And Ethnos360 Aviation is in it for the long haul too, bringing the Williams family supplies they need to keep living as they learn. Their diligence will pay off, as it has for their co-workers Cole and Hannah Hinderager, who are now writing Bible lessons in Isnag in preparation for teaching. In a few years, the Williams will be working right with them, translating God's precious Word and teaching the people in a language they can fully understand.

HELICOPTER PROJECT FOR PAPUA NEW GUINEA

What a marvel to see the R66 helicopter serving the Maliyali people group to bring them God's Word and to follow through until a thriving group of believers is standing on its own. But one R66 alone cannot handle the workload of supplying 15 locations reached only by helicopter. Three helicopters are needed to sustain the existing church planting teams. R66 #2 — which God has graciously provided through the gifts and prayers of many people — is delayed in being delivered from the factory to our Ethnos360 Aviation center in McNeal, AZ. Pray that it will soon arrive. And then pray that the remaining funds will come in for R66 #3. With three helicopters in the fleet, all 15 locations on three separate islands should be well-served — with room for expansion to the people groups asking and asking for missionaries. Please enjoy our new release about the project. Go to ethnos360aviation.org/helicopter-project and click to view the video.

ALMOST HOME

Isn't it wonderful to get home after a long trip? The R66 helicopter that arrived in Brazil September 15, 2022, has a beautiful hangar to go home to, but the trip is taking a good, long time! God answered your prayers in getting the R66 safely to Brazil, but the paperwork still needs to be processed through various offices.

Thankfully, things are moving ahead. For one, it has a new name! After being de-registered from the USA and registered as a Brazilian aircraft, it has a new number on its tail. So that's progress. Keep praying!

Until the R66 is fully operational, families serving in remote locations do the best they can with the transportation available to them.

In some areas, the rivers can get very low and even unnavigable. When they went to town for a language conference a few months ago, Brian and Rachel found themselves running aground and having to push their boat multiple times. At worst, their trip can take up to seven and a half hours — all the while hoping they don't break down or get completely stuck. When they are in the village and can't get back out for supplies, they just have to stretch their provisions until the rains come. With the helicopter, the run to town takes a mere 20 minutes!

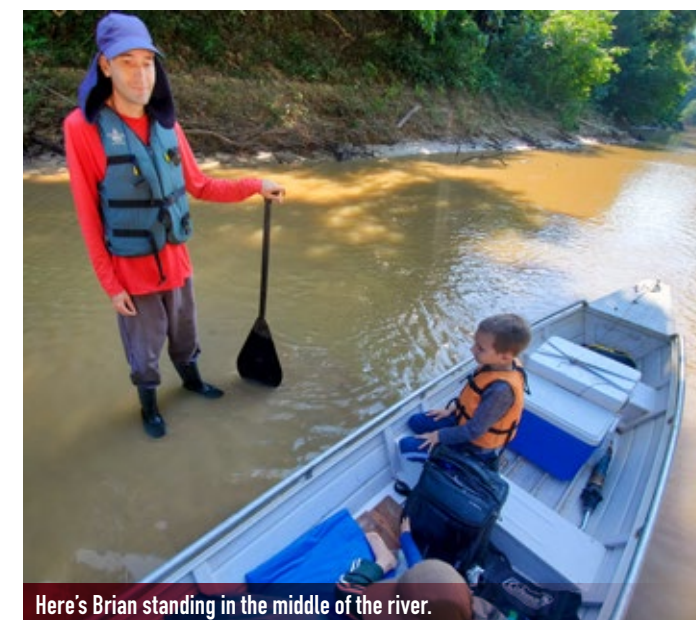
Difficult travel scenarios like that of Brian and Rachel make work discouraging. It's hard to learn language and to have continuity in relationships when travel for supplies, medical needs or conferences takes so long or is just not feasible. Please pray that all the paperwork is completed by the end of the year so the R66 can be flown to our hangar in the Acre region. At that time, pilot Bruno Siqueira will go through a field checkout and be ready to serve all the teams waiting for flights.

Sporting a new number! photo by Helicentro

You can be a part of the Ethnos360 Aviation team. Go to ethnos360aviation.org and click the "Give" tab to help with a project.



A strong hangar, built to withstand windstorms! photo by Joel Rich



Here's Brian standing in the middle of the river.



IN THEIR HANDS

October 23, 2022 — “Right now, while I am writing this, an historic event is happening on [an island in] Indonesia!” posted Andy Miles. “At this moment in a remote village, the Tugutil people are celebrating and dedicating the Bible in their own language!”



Keith teaching in the early days.
photo courtesy Andy Miles

Andy perhaps had a particular exhilaration over this occasion: “My Dad was able to return to the people he loves, and he is presenting the Bible to the head of the Tugutil church right now! God is faithful!”

Around 1979, Andy’s parents, Keith and Anita Miles, and his two

brothers entered into Tugutil territory with caution. Other “outsiders” had been killed before. But Keith recalls that he “started with making *them* feel like the teachers, not us,” and so gained their respect. An anthropologist encouraged them, saying that without intervention, this tribe was facing extinction — from forces both within and without.

“The Tugutil people received the Gospel with joy,” wrote Andy. “My dad focused on translating the Bible, while my mom developed a literacy program and taught the people to read and write.”

Keith continued on to translate the Gospel of John and key portions of the Old Testament into the language of the Tugutil people.



Keith places the bound Scriptures — a culmination of his life’s work — into the hands of the Tugutil church leader. photo by Christian Hall

In 1995, Bob and Debbie Clark (and others at times) joined Keith and Anita in the work among the Tugutil, and Bob translated the remaining 26

books of the New Testament — a 25-year endeavor that he affectionately calls his “magnum opus.” He and his wife, along with about 400 others, were in attendance on this joyous day. “The completion of the Tugutil New Testament was certainly not a solo endeavor,” said Bob, now Global Partners International Coordinator for Bible Translation. “So, it was very appropriate to be able to celebrate that great accomplishment with many of those who were directly and indirectly involved in the project.”

Among those celebrating was Ethnos360 Aviation pilot Jared Kresge. He was privileged to make several flights transporting Keith Miles, the Clarks, and other guests to and from the event — one-and-a-half hours’ flight from the mainland, compared to multiple days of long boat rides and overland travel.

Teachers and church leaders will continue to need flights to go and strengthen the believers. And a group overseeing the audio recording of the Tugutil Bible will need flights to complete that project. As it has in the past, Ethnos360 Aviation will keep serving the Tugutil church, making sure God’s Word continues to get into their hands.



Pilot Jared Kresge briefs the passengers before a flight. photo by Bambang Kadir