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Yuspiter

Licenses finally granted: In April Yuspiter Yambung was granted his national mechanic's license and Nomad Nelman received his national pilot's license. As written by the Nelmans,

"We have been waiting for this moment for 10 years when our mission here in Asia-Pacific told us of a need for a national worker to join the flight program here. And after 10 years of being in the process of taking all the schools they recommended for us, now we can look back and see God's faithfulness and trust Him firmly for the years ahead to serve Him."

Both Yus and Nomad worked really hard (knowing very little English when they began classes in Michigan) and waited a long time for these licenses to be granted. We want to say congratulations to both men on a job well

done. We are praising God that they can now fully perform their job responsibilities with our team there in Asia-Pacific. We ask that you pray for Nomad as he begins his flight training to the different airstrips in his area.



Nomad

Kodiak Departure

The Kodiak left Thursday morning, June 28, to fly to Kansas where it will

begin the ferry flight to Asia-Pacific. June 27, the McNeal fellowship came together at the hangar to commit to the Lord and pray for John Mark Estelle's 4 hour and 20 minute flight to Wichita, the ferry flight by a private company, entry into the country, and all

the other details. We also gave thanks to the Lord as he has provided all the funds for this brand new aircraft, all the funds to fly it to its destination, duty free entry, and funds to subsidize the startup of the program.

What began in February 2001, when we sent a letter of intent to what would later become Quest Aircraft Company, has been a long journey. The first Kodiak arrived here in McNeal on January 10, 2010, and at times we wondered if we would ever see it depart for the field. Now after raising funds, completing inspections, and doing tons of paperwork, the trans-oceanic flight will begin around July 16 and take four days. We praise the Lord and ask you to pray with us for all the details of this journey. You can find out the details and monitor the flight by

going to: www.ntm-kodiak-news.org



Prayer Send off

We are still trying to wrap our minds around the new, wonderful provision of the use of the airplane...It will save our team (and our families) SO much time, money and energy. Thank you for all you've done to help us this far - and thank you in advance for your help in the future!... We are so thrilled to be able to enjoy these good things from our Good Shepherd -Shelly S.

NEW AIRSTRIP: Based on email from Daren Spence and Gerhard Buettner:

Our thanks go out to all of you who have been praying for the opening of the new airstrip in the South Ketapang area. On the morning of June 8, Daren and Gerhard departed to try out this new airstrip. Praise the Lord, the flight was a success, and this is a huge encouragement to our missionaries as you can see by Shelly's comments above. It has been years since this missionary team started talking to villagers about using some land to build an airstrip. Since last year Daren made 3 long, grueling trips on a trail bike in order to survey 6 different pieces of land. Even before that, Tim U. had looked at several other pieces of land. In the end, this one spot, located less than 2 miles from the missionaries' homes, was found to be suitable.



After making a few low passes, Daren and Gerhard set up for a landing. Upon touchdown, they immediately realized that the team and villagers had done a great job of smoothing out the surface since the last time Daren had been there. What a great privilege it was to be able to finally fly to this difficult to reach village. After greeting the villagers who came out to see the airstrip, they set about installing end markers, a windsock, and distance markers.

Then it was time for some takeoffs and landings...

Since that first day went well, Daren was able to fly Tim and Andrea U. back to the village after

their recent return from their home assignment in the US. Daren said he couldn't tell you how satisfying it was to be able to deliver them safely to their village of ministry in just over an hour. This is especially true because he knows how difficult it would have been for this young family to make the trip in by land. He also realizes that each of you who pray for them and support this ministry had a part in getting Tim and Andrea and their 2 little girls back to the village so they can continue with Bible translation as they get ready to teach God's word within the coming months.



L3 Long Ranger: Justin Wallhoff just returned June 25 from ferrying an L3 Long Ranger helicopter from Malaysia for Helimission, with whom we partner...thank you for praying for safety over all that water! Check out Wallhoff's blog for a few pictures of their arrival there: <https://wallhoffs.wordpress.com>.

Andy O'Dwyer has been in Spokane, Washington, for the month of June taking the Kodiak training at Spokane Turbine Center. He started on June 7 and was in class from Monday through Friday for the rest of the month. Once the intense course is over, Andy will be equipped to do the maintenance on the new Kodiak in Asia-Pacific.