

The Wallpaper

Special Update Edition—Winter 2009



Mid-Winter Greetings from Sunny Arizona!

All is well in the land of dust and cacti...come on down to visit if you're in need of a little warm weather! We have some updates that we wanted to let you in on, so here is the latest on what is happening with regard to the helicopter training that we had mentioned as a possibility in our last letter.

What is going on?

Justin is going to learn to fly helicopters! As we shared at Christmastime, there is a great need for another helicopter pilot in Indonesia. The NTMA Flight Ops team believes that Justin would be a good fit for the helicopter program in Indonesia, so after much prayer and thought, we have decided to go for it. We are thankful for the encouragement and support we received from our churches and many of you.

Exciting things are happening in Indonesia right now! New Tribes Mission has many new families who have received visas and are now moving into extremely remote areas where people have never heard the name of Jesus. Some of these places are too mountainous for an airstrip, so they have no options for getting in and out quickly except by helicopter. Most of these flights up until now have been done by HeliMission, an awesome organization that serves many missionaries in different countries and provides disaster relief for people around the world. They have approached NTM Aviation with an amazing opportunity: they provide the helicopter, NTMA provides the personnel to operate it.

This month NTMA will get the helicopter flight program off the ground (no pun intended). We currently have one helicopter pilot in Indonesia and he will be starting up the program with the help of one of the men on the leadership committee here in AZ who will spend a few months in Indonesia helping to get the program started. The Flight Ops team hopes that we will be ready to fill in for the current pilot by the time he is scheduled for furlough/home assignment in approximately three years.

When will all of this happen?

Justin will begin his helicopter training in April. He will get his commercial rating hopefully this summer/early fall, and then continue on to get his flight instructor rating. This will allow him to train another pilot and therefore build the 250 hours needed in order to fly for NTMA in Indonesia. Most of you know that we had hoped to be in Indonesia this summer or fall. Taking on the responsibility of the helicopter means that we will stay here on staff in Arizona into **2010**. The new departure date will be dependant on how quickly Justin is able to build the hours he needs. We are very grateful for your continued enthusiasm and interest in what we are doing despite the long road we have been taking to Indonesia! In between helicopter training, Justin will continue to work on maintenance projects like the diesel 182 project he has been working on this year.



What Has to Get Done in the Next Three Years?

As we mentioned in our last newsletter, learning to fly the helicopter will be pricey...somewhere around **\$40,000**. We are absolutely floored at how **the Lord has already provided 65-70%** of this. We are humbled by your generosity and excitement about this project.

We also **need to be fluent enough in Indonesian (“Bahasa Indonesia”)** to be able to function in a professional manner in our new home. We recently got a language learning program and have started working through it. Courtney is learning a lot and Justin is getting a good review; we hope that this will significantly shrink our time in language study once we get there (typically 1.5 years).

Justin is **required to have 250 hours of flying the helicopter** before he will be allowed to fly on the field. In order for this to happen, the helicopter needs to not have any major maintenance issues arise. The helicopter he will be training in is due for a complete overhaul shortly after he begins training; this is a fairly major undertaking and if things do not go smoothly it can end up consuming a lot of time. However, this overhaul will give Justin good maintenance experience with the helicopter.

Justin will also **need to do a special course with Bell Helicopters** before we head overseas in order to be familiar with the particular helicopter he will be operating in Indonesia.

On top of this we will also **need to have our regular monthly support raised** by the time we are ready to head out (currently we have 54%) and we will **need to have our Indonesian visas and proper licensing for Justin in hand**. The Indonesian government can at times make it difficult to obtain paperwork.

Clearly we have much to trust the Lord for. We would appreciate your prayers in regard to the above concerns. We are thankful for each of you and pray for you regularly. Without you, we would not be here. We do not take that lightly!



Mike will be Justin's Instructor through his commercial rating. This is especially fun since Justin and Mike were in the same class at Moody Aviation. Mike took us up for a ride one day so Justin could get a feel for what the helicopter is like...it was our first (and only, so far) ride in a chopper!



Kelly and Courtney got in on the fun, too! They were good friends at Moody, also. Mike and Kelly are preparing to go to PNG in the fall to be part of NTMA's helicopter program there. We are thankful for the chance to have our paths cross with old friends for a while.

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