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EDITORIAL

FIFTEEN YEARS ON...

In Joshua chapter four we read that the nation of Israel was about to cross over the river Jordan into the Promised Land after forty years of desert wanderings. God was about to do something remarkable and He wanted the Jews never to forget it. He opened up the river to allow them to cross on dry land. He then instructed a representative from each of the twelve tribes to take a stone from the river bed and place them as a memorial to remind them and future generations of God's miraculous intervention on their behalf. When the children would ask their fathers, "What do these stones mean to you?" v6, "Then you shall let your children know, saying, Israel crossed over this Jordan on dry land; for the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you crossed over..." v22-23.

"WHAT DO THESE STONES MEAN TO YOU?"

We have a tendency to forget things we ought to always remember, and remember things we ought to always forget. God wanted them to never forget that whenever they faced the impossible and impassable situation, God made a way through. They must never forget God's past faithfulness. These stones would also be a reminder to Israel of God's global purposes and His desire that all the world's people would hear of Him and come to know Him.

In 1997 the leaders of NTM-UK became convinced that a larger property was needed to facilitate the training programmes. A former military base was found but it would require £500,000 to purchase it and about the same amount again to get the basics done to start to use it. We believed God had brought us to this place and we offered the half a million, knowing we didn't have the money!

"GOD HAD BROUGHT US TO THIS PLACE"

It was in facing this impossible, impassable obstacle that God revealed His mighty hand. A gift was received to buy the property in 1998 and in subsequent months God provided £750,000 to do the work. There have been many God interventions over the past fifteen years to continue the development of our training college and NTM headquarters.

Today there are missionaries globally who prepared here to go and make Christ known. When people ask the question, "What do these stones mean to you?", it gives us the great privilege to tell them how God made a way through when faced with an impossible and impassable situation and through it, "that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty, that you may fear the Lord forever."

by Frank Brearley, Chairman NTM-UK

NORTH COTES

BEHIND THE SCENES

I suppose Stephen and I don't have a very "normal" story. After meeting in Egypt in 2009 and getting to know enough about each other that we decided to pursue a relationship, we both headed off to different parts of the world and spent the majority of the first year of our relationship with about 10,000 miles between us. We are thankful for Skype!

Stephen was already working with NTM and so a year after we got married we headed for North Cotes so that I could do the missionary training programme. While I did the course, Stephen worked on the staff team. When we were first asked to consider staying in North Cotes, visions of Africa still danced vividly in our heads, so we did not consider it as a realistic option. However, over the next year, the Lord changed our hearts and challenged us about becoming a part of the team here.

"THE LORD CHANGED OUR HEARTS"

Romans 10:14-15 is often quoted when speaking of missions: "...how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent?..." But what if we also ask the question "How will someone go and preach if they have no idea what to do?" That's where NTM's training comes in, and we are a part of that.

Stephen splits his time between the Campus Management Team and teaching in the Biblical Studies Course and I'm taking on the English course that the college runs for prospective students who need to improve their English before they can attend the training programme here.

We don't know what the Lord has planned for us in the future, but for now our place is here, helping to equip others. And guess what? – we're thrilled about it.



Stephen and Heather Culbert, have been serving with NTM for ten years. Stephen is from Northern Ireland and Heather is from the USA. They have one daughter, Stella.

PHILIPPINES TYPHOON HAIYAN

His face was streaming with tears. Hugging pilot Steffan Pyle, the Filipino pastor spoke for his people: "Thank you for helping my fellow countrymen."

In the wake of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, NTM Aviation stepped up to help. Our pilots and planes were poised and ready, the only aviation service available to address the devastation. Guided by the logistical help of MAF disaster response personnel, they began delivering load after load of relief goods using two Cessna 185's, a Robinson R-44 helicopter, a Kodiak, and a Helimission Jet Ranger helicopter from a neighbouring country. The flying did not stop until 595 flights had delivered 83,264 kilos of goods to the affected islands, much of the cargo being packed by national churches and accompanied to the typhoon torn islands by the pastors themselves. "One village I flew for was closed to the Gospel in the past... But when we showed up with relief supplies, they told the pastor that they wanted him to come and begin teaching them the Bible!", relates Steffan.



The thanks relayed by the national pastor really redounds to all who contributed in any way to relieve the plight of the typhoon-stricken Philippine islands.

"THEY WANTED HIM TO COME AND BEGIN TEACHING THE BIBLE"

Disaster relief, though, is not the typical daily fare of our pilots. With NTM bringing the spiritual relief of God's Word to an unreached people group about every 45 days, NTM Aviation specialises in transporting the missionaries who teach God's message in the native language of the people.

For example, this past year, we delivered the completed New Testaments to both the Siawi tribe and the Yembiyembi tribe - the culmination of a long-term effort on the part of the church planters, as well as innumerable flights and countless hours of aircraft maintenance over the years.

To continue the support of church planting teams in PNG, NTM Aviation sees a critical need for a Quest Kodiak airplane in Papua New Guinea. The Kodiak can reduce the number of flights needed, maximise the amount of supplies taken on each trip and increase the available time for Bible translation and teaching.

In Indonesia, NTM Aviation continues to uphold the efforts of the Wana tribal church by flying Wana believers and missionaries to other villages and tribes. However, as aviation costs rise, those who benefit from the flights are less and less able to afford the transportation. We are asking God for sponsors for NTMA flight costs. NTMA also continues to lay the groundwork to import a plane into Brazil where flight service in the Amazon Basin near Manaus would enable missionary families to safely locate in virtually unreachable tribal settings. NTMA is planning to work in partnership with Asas de Socorro, a mission aviation organisation

originally established by MAF. After several years of setbacks, we are on the verge of seeing God provide transportation for tribal teams who struggle to function without it.

"WE ARE ON THE VERGE OF SEEING GOD PROVIDE"

After the Yembiyembi New Testament was dedicated, the translator observed, "It was so encouraging to see the Yembiyembi bring their new translations to the church leader gatherings and see them marked up, and used. It continues to be surreal to think about how many hours of work went into that book, and that it is finished...incredible."

The least we can do as NTM Aviation is support these servants of God who bring God's Word to those who need it!

by Jeff and Wonita Werley.

They have worked at NTMA for sixteen years.





Reception, Headquarters

NORTH COTES UPDATE

We are continually humbled and excited about the way God provides for work to be done around our campus.

“WE ARE HUMBLLED AND EXCITED”

On top of the constant day to day maintenance that is necessary on a site this size, there are also a few significant projects that have been completed in the last year.

These include major work done on the bathrooms in one of our student accommodation buildings, the refurbishment of a small bungalow on campus used for staff housing, and the replacement of the windows in our Headquarters building.



New doors and windows

God has also provided for some major repairs to our dorm heating systems and campus roads. Projects on the go at the minute include a dedicated reception area in our Headquarters building and the refurbishment of bathrooms in another of our student buildings.

We are also blessed by Friends in Action work teams who give of their time to come and help with these types of projects.

“WE ARE LOOKING TO THE LORD”

There is always more work to be done and our maintenance/building team is quite small, so we are looking to the Lord to bring more help our way.





BOLIVIA AIRCRAFT MECHANIC

My ministry as an aircraft mechanic is to keep the mission plane flying safely and to be an active member in a local church in Cochabamba, attending as a family, helping with the preaching, teaching and counselling.

Ingrid helps with the women's meetings, our two daughters Deborah and Esther help with the music and the Sunday school and our little one, Leah (3), attends the nursery.



WITH NTM AVIATION



They are learning the language and culture of the Yuracare people so they can teach them the Bible.

From Cochabamba, where their home church is, a trip by land would take around two weeks if everything goes right and the river allows it. With the mission plane, this trip takes only an hour and a half and it is also much safer.

If they need to leave the village for any reason, flying enables them to continue on again with the translation work on their return, which makes it much easier to recover than after a trip that otherwise would last two weeks or more.

The country of Bolivia is connected only by a few roads. There are around 3000kms of paved roads, all the other ways of connection are loose gravel, scree and earthen roads and there are few bridges.

During the rainy season it is sometimes impossible to travel from one city to another. The major population centres are connected via these roads, but the countryside is not and there are many little villages in the Andean highlands and in the Amazonian jungle.

These villages are very difficult to reach and take a lot of time to get to; for example San Pablo, a small village in the Amazonian jungle, where Bolivian missionaries, Oswaldo and Claudia and their two small children work.



Carlos and Ingrid Chala, have worked in Bolivia with NTM Aviation for the last six years. They have three daughters, Deborah, Esther and Leah. Carlos and Ingrid attended North Cotes College before serving in Bolivia.

PHILIPPINES **SUMMIT TRIP**



live in a tribal village and the many hats the missionary has to wear – doctor, nurse, counsellor, banker, electrician, plumber, mechanic, Bible teacher, literacy teacher, translator and Bible lesson preparer. The team saw the difficulties of living in an isolated area. We had an easy ride over on the boat on our way in but on the way home the weather was bad and the sea very choppy. It made us realise how dangerous it can be for the missionaries travelling with their young children.

“GOD IS BUILDING HIS CHURCH IN THAT AREA”

It was exciting to return to the island of Palawan in the Philippines. We had been there with a team in 2009 when missionaries were just moving into the tribe. In May, 2013 the Gospel was presented and a new church was born. Our project was to build a classroom onto the Ingvaldstad’s house so they could home-school their girls. While we were working on the classroom extension we also saw first-hand what it was like to

The highlight of the trip was visiting with the people and worshipping with them on Sunday afternoons. We sang them a song – they did not yet have any songs in their language, and Nate (Ingvaldstad) said it inspired them to start writing some. Now they are singing every Sunday. It was a blessing to see God building His church in that area through the faithful labours of two young families.



PAPUA NEW GUINEA **SUMMIT TRIP**

Our trip to Papua New Guinea took us into the deep jungles of West New Britain.

The team had a bumpy drive for five hours to the end of the road. They then waded over the wide Pande river before hiking for five hours up through the mountains. It was an arduous trip and it made everyone see the importance of the job we were going to do; repairing the airstrip that had been eroded away with the heavy rains.

The men had lots of exercise digging trenches and levelling the ground but also they were able to experience life in the jungle, going on an overnight hunting trip with the Mengen men, sleeping in a lean-to and catching fish in the river.



On Sunday after the church service we visited with the believers in their homes and the missionaries translated some of their testimonies. It was challenging to hear their desire to go to other Mengen villages to share the Gospel. After we had left two families did just that and are presently living and teaching in a village twelve hours’ hike from their home.

“GO TO OTHER VILLAGES TO SHARE THE GOSPEL”

As a treat on our way home we went snorkelling on the beautiful coral reefs that lie around West New Britain. It was a trip no one will forget!

by Angela McCready.

Norman and Angela are the Summit leaders.





PHILIPPINES LIFECHANGING!

...That's how NTM Bible School student Naomi Born described her three short weeks with us in the Palawano tribe.

She thought she was just going to assist in the school for 80 Palawano kids. Little did she know that she would fall in love with them. Many of them have grown up in the utter darkness of animism, living with the fear of ancestral and jungle spirits. Others have grown up in the shadowlands of religion and syncretism, burdened with the deception that they just need to work hard to be "good", and then God will accept them. The kids fell in love with her too! It amazed them that someone from the "rich and comfortable" West, should struggle with the same temptations, pain and hopelessness that they do.



As Naomi shared her story with the young people, 17 year old Jeboy wept. He told me later, "I am just stunned at the grace of God!"

Recca, a 17 year old girl, who has suffered violent sexual abuse, also wept as she expressed the hope that God had given her through Naomi that she can be clean in God's sight, and one day be the wife of a good man.

"I AM JUST SO STUNNED AT THE GRACE OF GOD!"

Naomi says that the opportunity to share her story was a highlight for her. Seeing the kids being disciplined in tough, real life situations, and seeing them engaging with the Word of God challenged Naomi.

"I left with a passion for discipleship because I could see what an impact it is making in these kids' lives. When we leave young people on their own they can stray away especially new Christians or those who don't believe yet. They need time, and they need to be shown God's love, and these kids are!"

"THEY NEED TO BE SHOWN GOD'S LOVE!"

Time and love was what Naomi gave the Palawano kids, and for them too, her visit was life changing.



Jeboy



Recca



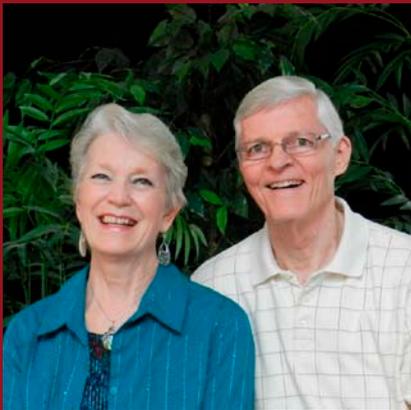
Elise Long,

a single mother with a married daughter, has been church planting among the Palawano people of the Philippines for 13 years. Her ministries include discipleship, Bible teaching and Literacy.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT INTO THE UNKNOWN

What reason can anyone give for leaving everything he knows to go to a place where he has never been? The early explorers often thought that they knew where they were going, but that was not always true. New discoveries were made because someone was willing to go into the unknown. Many of us enjoy travelling but we always know where we are going and what we hope to see when we arrive.

Abraham went into the unknown. All he knew was that God told him to leave his home and relatives and go to a place that God would give him as an inheritance.



Jim and Marge Finnamore,
from the USA, served for 41 years with NTM, working in five different countries. They are currently retired, living at the NTM Homes retirement village in Florida. They have two children and two grandchildren.

What would possibly make Abraham do such a thing? Abraham grew up in a family that according to Joshua chapter 24 worshipped idols. It was an issue of faith, trusting in a God that he knew very little about, but one in Whom he trusted.

Hebrews 11 tells us that Abraham went out not knowing where he was going and God honoured that faith. He led him step by step and once Abraham arrived in Canaan, God met with him and told him that this was the land. Following God is always into the unknown and is always a step of faith.

”FOLLOWING GOD IS A STEP OF FAITH”

When we get up in the morning the new day is a step into the unknown. Only God knows what each day will bring forth for us. He desires that we trust him by faith no matter where He leads.

As we look back on the life of Abraham we are amazed at his faith and how God led him in paths of righteousness. May each of us be willing by faith to follow our God into the unknown. The early explorers did it for fame and fortune. May we be willing to do it to reach our world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

IMPACT FOR ETERNITY PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

PHILIPPINES, AGUTAYAN

Since typhoon Yolanda hit and relief aid started Philip and Vina Le Roux and family have focused on their surrounding islands that were more devastated. Many people lost their homes and livelihood. Surveying the island means physically visiting every household personally. There is no reliable “list of the needy”, so Philip and Vina are making their own.

God has not forgotten the Agutaynens! Philip and Vina are getting weekly supplies to help people rebuild their homes. This is where they need your prayers! The weather has been terrible for sea travel, and boats are in need of repair. Pray for opportunities to get the supplies in so they can distribute them. Also pray for wisdom as they decide how to help.

The Lord has opened doors in amazing ways! People don't look at them suspiciously anymore, but welcome them. There is still much to do, and physically, everyday living takes time and work. Pray for them as they try to balance everything. Pray above all for the Lord to be glorified through their lives.

BRAZIL

In order to provide continuity, NTMA Brazil needs a second pilot, fully trained and ready to fly before 2015.

Also please pray for God to work out the paperwork tangles for the radio work, for the details to export an aeroplane to Brazil and to get the flight programme up and running.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA, GENDE

Paul and Susan Boothby are delighted that around twelve youngsters aged 12-21 attend the Bible study time at their house on Wednesdays and another evening too. Not all have made a profession of faith in Christ but they continue to challenge them with the Gospel. Translation is slow going due to other issues that arise but the rough draft of 1 Thessalonians is being polished up. Several lessons in Timothy are almost completed. Pray for wisdom to choose the right translation helpers.

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