

THE WORD



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First Contact 1963



Constructing an Airstrip



New Airstrip Ready to Use



New Bibles Arrive 2010



The Chief Celebrates



The Word of Life

In the beginning was the Word

The island of New Guinea in the South Pacific is shaped somewhat like a bird lying with its head to the west. Divided east and west between Papua New Guinea and Papua, Indonesia, the bird's backbone is a spine of high mountains running the length of the island. Perched in these mountains on the Indonesian side is a place called Korupun. Inhabited by the Kimyal people, Korupun is a rugged and primitive place few others would ever want to be. But God had created the Kimyal, and Korupun to be their home. Although through the generations they had forgotten their Creator and had descended into fear and violence, the Word was being spoken to them.

In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind

In 1963, for the first time ever, white men climbed the ridge into Korupun. Phil Masters and Bruno DeLeeuw spoke a tongue that made no sense to the Kimyal, but set about learning to speak, and building a home. They hired men to clear gardens, level earth, and build an airstrip. Then, one day, a little MAF airplane settled into this new place on the map.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world

Others joined Masters and DeLeeuw: their families, the Klines, the Kidds, the McLeays, Jessie Williamson and Eleanor Young. They were all transported and supported by flights of the little MAF planes as they learned the language, wrote it down for the first time, and began to translate the Word of God into it. Kimyal were hired to help with the translation, and as they learned the Word, it spoke to them, revealing their Creator and Savior. They believed, and a church was planted.

To all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, he gave the right to become children of God

Finally, after decades, the translation of the New Testament was complete. And in March of this year, two thousand pounds of newly printed Kimyal New Testaments were flown in on MAF airplanes. Thousands from around Korupun hiked in for an eleven-day celebration of the Word, *in their language*. The Word was spoken; the Light was revealed; and the Kimyal were given the right to become the children of God. This season, praise God for His Word, spoken to us for salvation, and spoken in Kimyal!

(Scripture taken from John 1 in the NIV)

New Word-Bearers

There have been many MAF pilots who have served in Papua, bearing the Word to the Kimyal and the hundreds of other tribes living there. The pilots I knew during my childhood there in the '70's have moved on, many retiring. New pilots are taking their place. This is where our ministry comes in: training. MAF has placed us on-loan to Moody because they need new pilots—new pilots trained to take the Word *beyond* the Kimyal to the other ridges and valleys, not only of Papua, but to the millions around the world waiting to hear the Word spoken in *their* language.

These last few months I have had the privilege of working with recent graduates of our training program as they earned their own teaching credentials. It is a thrill to see the skill and passion these young men have as they put the polishing touches on their training and prepare to set out around the world. Jonathan and his wife, Amy, are in Indonesia now, exploring the work of MAF on the island of Borneo. They have passed the technical part of their candidacy with MAF, and hope to serve in central Asia after they have fully joined MAF. Kars and Missy are looking to join JAARS, the aviation arm of Wycliffe Bible Translators, and may return to Papua, where Kars was raised. Lance and Caroline are joining South America Mission, and looking forward to serving in the mountains of Bolivia. Thanks for your part in praying for us and supporting our ministry with MAF, so that people are trained and the Word is spoken.

The Girls' news

At the start of November we sent off a huge packet of papers to Haiti for Carmelle's and Néhémie's adoption. It should be everything the orphanage there needs to present to the various government offices. Additionally, the day before Thanksgiving, we filed the last major pieces of paperwork (we think) with the US government. These were the forms that needed to be filed before Carmelle's sixteenth birthday. They will be used to process the girls' US citizenship in conjunction with their adoption. We expect the process will take a few months yet. Please pray with us that all this paperwork, on both sides of the Caribbean, will be accepted and processed without problem.

From All of Us

We wish you a most blessed Christmas. Rejoicing in the Word,

Gene Jen Nate Andrew
(Carmelle and Néhémie)

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete.

1 John 1:1-4 (NIV)

Praise God with Us!

- For the Word in Kimyal
- For students completing their training and joining missions
- For filed paperwork

Please Pray with Us

- For the acceptance and processing of the girls' paperwork
- For our financial ministry support need