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New Kodiak Aeroplane arrives in Papua New Guinea

When people ask, 'what's needed for Bible translation?' they would be forgiven for not expecting the answer, 'pilots and planes'. However, this week has seen the arrival in Papua New Guinea (PNG) of a brand new aircraft called the Kodiak, to provide support to those working in remote locations.

The Kodiak, owned and operated by JAARS, one of Wycliffe's key partners, has been built to a tough specification. Able to land and take-off on short jungle runways, and run on jet fuel rather than the more expensive and difficult to obtain 'avgas', the Kodiak is a real and practical answer to prayer.

As David Reeves, President of JAARS, says,

"With 2,000 translation programs currently underway worldwide and almost 2,400 languages still needing Bible translations to be started, we looked into the future of aviation for a safe, effective solution to our passengers' unique transportation requirements,". He added, "The Kodiak is well-poised to meet the challenging needs of the translation community in remote operations."

The arrival of the Kodiak, the first of four of this type of aeroplane due to enter service in PNG, marks the culmination of five years of hard work. It will quickly be put to work, providing support to the 185 translation projects currently in operation around the country, as well as being able to provide a vital link to those in remote areas.

The aeroplane was designed and built by Quest Aircraft in the USA, in consultation with several mission organisations such as MAF, NTM and JAARS, and funded by generous donations.

About JAARS

JAARS speeds the Bible translation process by providing quality technical support services and resources. These include air, land and water transportation, information technology, and non-print media options in vernacular languages. These services support the Wycliffe Bible Translators family of organizations in their dedication to providing Scriptures in the languages of all the world's peoples who need it. Information on JAARS and its flight renewal project can be found at www.jaars.org.

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