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## New Hope in the Darkness

by Don Starlin

The radio antenna of PFM against the moonlit night sky. Maila Dizon using one of the radios to have worship with their missionaries.



“Praise the Lord for radios! Thanks to Jeff Green, his family and all the donors Philippine Frontier Missions now has eight radios installed!”

Abner Dizon, Director of PFM stood in my office beaming. I spread a map of the Philippines on my desk and asked him to show me where they were located.

Pointing to the rugged relief shading of Northern Luzon he said, “We have one here among the Kalinga people, another right there in the Cancaneay tribe, and here in Tinok at the Kalanguya project.”

Working his way south he continued, “We have another one just north of Mount Pinatubo among the Sambal Aeta people and then another over here in Bato among the Dumagats” (The people Cliff wrote about last quarter). “We also have one at our office in Silang, just south of Manila.”

“HF radios have changed the way PFM

does business,” Abner said as his finger traced half way down Palawan. “PFM has two projects among the Tagbanuan people, one among the Samal tribe, and another among the Molbogs.”

“Having radio communication has not just helped us, it has taken PFM to a whole new level!”

“Morale among the missionaries is good. My wife is having daily worship with them over the radio. Filipinos from as far as Indonesia are listening in. One man, a radio operator for his military unit, called in before they mounted an attack on an Abu Sayef position. He asked for prayer not knowing if he would come back alive. We haven’t heard from him. I hope we see him in the Kingdom.”

“Now that the radios have done so much for us, we can’t wait for the airplane!”

We sat talking about plans to reach the cave-dwelling Taut Batu who stick their children’s little legs down snake holes in the cave walls to catch their next meal. We talked about the Batangan who live as they were created and will only accept missionaries without clothing. We discussed another sub-tribe just discovered on Mindoro whose practice it is to bury their children alive. Our conversation included the Alangan deep in the mountains that hang their dead in trees.



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The radio antenna above PFM headquarters hums with conversation.

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## ALASKA PROJECT

AWA Alaska Aircraft N8287Q \$150,000



AWA Alaska Aircraft N2019G \$45,000



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# I Can Tell You Tell You Tell You


by Andy Klein

I can't tell you a lot about the people I'll be working with first hand, I've never been to the Philippines. What I can tell you is that there are a lot of people there who have never heard of or experienced the peace, joy, and love that comes with the wonder of salvation through Jesus Christ.

I can tell you there are workers ready to carry the gospel to these people, but without support, what should be a joyful task, can become burdensome. It can even get to you over here, where conditions are relatively good.

I can tell you how Clif installed large tires on his '68 Beetle in the hopes of being able to shorten the hike when he carries missionaries into the mountains. I just hope the 1300cc 40 hp engine will still be able to pull the load. He's doing the best he can to support the mission work as he prepares for the airplane.

I can tell you that the two-way radios already installed are making a difference. Philippine Frontier Missions is now having morning worship together over the airwaves. In fact, it is reaching farther than planned! They have had responses from others listening in. At times when the missionaries' schedules prevented them from meeting on the radio, listeners called on the frequency asking about them.

With your help and by God's grace I am looking forward to the first-hand experience. 



PFM missionaries take a break on the trail.

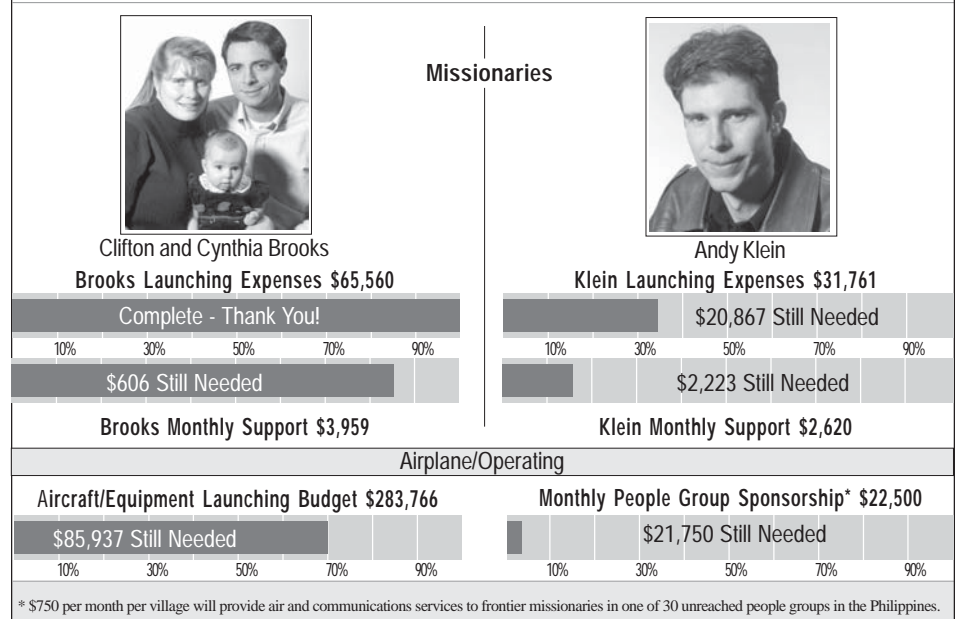


Missionary gear loaded onto outrigger boat.



Counterclockwise back to front: Jeff, Evelyn, Stefanie and Jeffry Green volunteered to raise funds to install radios for PFM.

## PHILIPPINES PROJECT



\* \$750 per month per village will provide air and communications services to frontier missionaries in one of 30 unreached people groups in the Philippines.





# The Least of These

by Clifton Brooks

Manila Bay from the cockpit—this is the scene most people envision when talking about the Philippines.



Clif with the catch of the day! He's hungry—better send help!

“**C**ould you hand me that number ten open-end wrench?” I asked Roger.

My '69 Volkswagen was up on ramps in the front yard. This time it was the ignition wiring.

The juice wasn't getting to the coil. There had to be a short somewhere.

Roger, “Could you hold this side while I try to pull this shroud out?”

Roger Galicia is the missionary supervisor for Philippine Frontier Missions. He was just back from one of his rounds to check on PFM missionaries in Palawan. As we worked on the car, he brought me an update.

“You know,” Roger began, “last April (2002), the missionaries (stationed in Daan in central, western Palawan) left the project area. For six months they were here in the Manila area for training and fundraising. On

returning to the project, the missionaries inquired about various missing villagers. They were told that four ladies had died giving birth. Evidently, they were ‘hemorrhaging’ and no one knew how to stop the bleeding. That is one of the greatest problems there, lack of medical training or service.”

Roger explained to me that another problem is the lack of transportation. This problem is compounded by the fact that the villagers can't afford transportation even if it were available, let alone clinic or hospital care, should they get that far.

As we worked on the car Roger continued, “Last November, when we returned, we did a little medical outreach and training. After just one hour, there were a lot of mothers with children lined-up asking for



This is the scene missionaries envision—a GOOD road on Palawan.





help. We didn't know how to handle the needs or take care of some of them. With only a little training in natural remedies, we do our best to try to help them."

"What do the missionaries normally do when there is problem?" I asked.

"It is the obligation of our missionaries to help the people and to take them to where they can receive medical attention, to help them survive and try to keep them from dying."

"What a sobering responsibility," I thought. I knew that the missionaries' budgets are already stretched to the limit. There is no extra money for health care. I thought about what was involved.

Saving lives would include transporting the people to and from Puerto Princesa, buying the necessary medications, and caring for the patients while they are in the clinic.

This is no small task. I have made the trip to Daan. To get back to the city includes a three-hour sweat-soaking hike under good conditions. Then it's an hour and a half in a small boat with a roaring lawn mower motor. Finally, another hour and a half on a bouncing swaying jeepney brings the exhausted traveler to Puerto Princesa. These times are all under ideal conditions. Carrying an incapacitated patient can easily lengthen the hike by two to three hours. A little rain can do the same and make the jeepney ride to Puerto much longer.

"Also, one of the biggest problems is wind. When it gets windy, the waves become high. That is one of the most dangerous stretches of ocean. A lot of boats capsize in that area," said Roger knowingly.

I remembered the boat ride I had endured, the rain coming down in sheets, the waves whipping up.

But Roger continued, "The other big problem is the lack of communication. You know the other projects have radios now. They have been a big help. The missionaries can ask for assistance and the others listening can help. My workload as a supervisor is much less due to the radio network. However, Daan does not have a radio. There is no way for them to call for help. If they need to talk to us at the base, they have to go to Puerto

Princesa and call us on the phone. Their monthly budget limits them to about 10-15 minutes per month. It's very difficult."

I had laid down my wrenches, captivated by what Roger was saying.

"Listening to you strengthens my convictions again," I said.

What I was feeling was a surge of emotion. Why should our missionaries have to struggle so hard without the support that could so easily be given? Why should unreached people continue to die when simple medical care could so easily save them? How long will it be before we will have



When the road ends, take a boat.

the equipment that could solve these logistical problems so quickly and easily? If only we had the plane here... If only we could get a few extra radios for PFM's remaining projects.

"We will do all we can to see that your missionaries get the transportation, communication, supplies, and equipment they need to move forward," I pledged.

Reader, would you make a pledge to pray this prayer? **"Lord, that your gospel may go forward in the mountains of the Philippines, strengthen the ministry of AWA that they may in turn give wings to your missionaries."**

*"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good tidings, who publishes peace, who brings tidings of good, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns'"*

(Isa 52:7 RSV) 



Jeepney is stuck again for the upteenth time!



# Guyana: Where and Why

by Bill and Laura LaBore

As we visit churches across the country, sharing our burden for the people of Guyana, questions arise relative to culture, needs, and challenges experienced on a daily basis. Our audience often confuses Guyana with Ghana, Africa. This is a great opportunity to share with our readers about Guyana and the people who live there.

The population of Guyana, according to the 2002 CIA Factbook, is approximately 698,209 people. Rich jungle and savanna cover the country. Guyana, means "Land of Many Waters." Rivers and spectacular waterfalls are frequent.

Venezuela borders Guyana on the North-west, Brazil to the South and Suriname (formerly French Guiana) to the East. The capital city, Georgetown (where most of the population lives) is located on the North-east coastline of the country. The concentration of people in this region is a remnant of Dutch and British colonial times.

The Mount Roraima region located where Venezuela, Brazil, and Guyana all meet is where Elder Ovid E. Davis, president of the Guyana Conference of Seventh-



day Adventists made the first missionary journey to the jungle region of Guyana. He died in July 1911 after being with the Indians for less than a year. The Indians he taught about Jesus are known as the Davis Indians in memory of the one who brought them the gospel.

Guyana has a wide cultural mix of Africans and East Indians; descendents of slaves and indentured workers brought to Guyana to work in the sugar plantations during the eighteenth century (Agriculture, primarily sugar and rice production, accounts for 30 percent of the Gross Domestic Product today.) In addition, one will find Portuguese,

Chinese and, of course, Amerindians who live in the interior.

The following are demographic statistics on Guyana, which you might find interesting:

- ... Birth Rate: 17.89 Births/1,000 Population
- ... Death Rate: 9.33 Deaths/1,000 Population
- ... Net Migration Rate: -6.28 Migrants/1,000 Population
- ... Infant Mortality Rate: 38.37 deaths/1,000 live births
- ... Life Expectancy at birth = 62.65 Years avg.

By contrast, average life expectancy in America is 79.4 years for women and 73.9 years for men. The infant mortality rate in the interior (much higher than the average) could be reduced significantly if transportation were available to transport pregnant mothers and other ailing patients to medical facilities in Georgetown. One of the goals of Project Airpower is to establish a radio communications network for the Amerindian tribes making medical related communication possible.

The leading causes of death are:



- ... Circulatory Diseases
- ... Respiratory Diseases
- ... Infectious Diseases
- ... Parasitic Diseases
- ... Other illnesses present include malaria, typhoid and tuberculosis
- ... Measles is also common
- ... AIDS is a growing problem (HIV/AIDS Adult Prevalence Rate was 3.01 percent in 1999)

The country is geographically divided up into 10 regions (compare numbers with map):

1. Barima-Waini



2. Pomeroon-Supenaam
3. Essequibo Islands-West Demerara
4. Demerara-Mahaica
5. Mahaica-Berbice

GUYANA PROJECT	
 <p><b>Missionaries</b></p> <p>Marcio &amp; Jane Costa</p> <p>Costa Launching Expenses \$68,418</p> <p>\$13,553 Still Needed</p> <p>10% 30% 50% 70% 90%</p> <p>\$3,536 Still Needed</p> <p>Costa Monthly Support \$3,974</p> <p>Project AirPower Aircraft/Equipment \$185,000</p> <p>Completed - Thank You!</p> <p>10% 30% 50% 70% 90%</p>	 <p>Bill and Laura LaBore</p> <p>LaBore Launching Expenses \$74,819</p> <p>\$52,352 Still Needed</p> <p>10% 30% 50% 70% 90%</p> <p>\$2,697 Still Needed</p> <p>LaBore Monthly Support \$3,419</p> <p>Monthly Village Sponsorship*</p> <p>\$12,750 Still Needed</p> <p>10% 30% 50% 70% 90%</p>
<p>* \$250 per month per village will provide air and communications services to Bible workers in one of the 56 unreached jungles villages in Guyana.</p>	






6. East Berbice-Corentyne
7. Cuyuni-Mazaruni
8. Potaro-Siparuni
9. Upper Takutu-Upper Essequibo
10. Upper Demerara-Berbice

Adventist World Aviation's goal is to reach 56 Amerindian villages, many of them, concentrated in Regions 8 & 9. Lack of ground transportation makes it difficult for villagers to access medical care, receive mail, obtain food supplies and other needs that most of us take for granted. The government maintains airstrips in these regions that can be used for ministry to the people groups.

Daily, these precious people live in fear of spirits and the forces of nature. They don't know the Creator God who made all things and who loves them unconditionally. They don't understand the Great Controversy between Christ and Satan nor how the enemy has kept them in bondage while Christ wishes to set them free.

Each day, Laura and I pray for the Lord to lead us to those He has chosen to be partners with us in this mission. We appeal to you dear reader, to consider helping us break the bonds Satan has cast upon these people. Jesus commands us in Mark 16:15 to "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." The word "every" is especially important for us to understand in this verse as God's people.

Satellite broadcasting, Internet, DVD and other tools are being used to reach those in urban areas. However, 40 percent of the world still remains unreached. Roughly one-third of that 40 percent live beyond geographical boundaries where aviation may be the only means of reaching them. Therefore, when you pray, or if you are thinking about volunteering in a short or long term capacity, or if you are planning your financial giving for the year, please keep Project Airpower and the people of Guyana in mind. Together, with God, we can make a difference! 

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# Around the World in 60 seconds

## Alaska

The Cessna 206 flies! On February 13 at about 10 A.M., the new engine cranked over and started on the first try. After leak-checking and setting the idle speed, N8287Q took to the air for about twenty minutes. Major items to be completed include radio and instrument installation, interior finishing and exterior paint.

Two excited groups of Pathfinders from the Iowa/Missouri Conference are making preparations for a trip to Alaska the first part of June where they plan to conduct Vacation Bible School in two tribal villages.

## Guyana


The Guyana project was blessed with a \$30,000 grant from the Versa Fund for the purpose of returning the Pathfinder plane to Guyana! Among other things, these funds allow installation of navigational equipment to upgrade the plane for instrument flight capability. That work is nearly completed. Excited Pathfinder clubs are eagerly awaiting their turn helping spruce up the interior to reflect the noble nature of its mission.

## Philippines

Abner Dizon, Director of Philippine Frontier Missions reports that two-way radios are now operational in eight mountain villages where PFM missionaries work among seven tribes. "Communication capability has changed the way we do mission!" Dizon exclaims.

The labors of volunteer Jeff Green to secure funding and install these radios are the first phase of the communication and air support system that will eventually allow up to thirty tribes to be reached for the first time. Many thanks to The Quiet Hour, also a participant in this project. Clifton now holds Philippine Commercial Pilot and Aircraft Mechanic licenses and is now researching a base for AWA operations.

## Missouri

Fran Hansen accepts new volunteer position as *AWA Youth Ministries Coordinator*! Mike and Fran Hansen of Willard, MO are veteran Pathfinders. Experienced Area Coordinators in the Iowa/Missouri Conference, having conducted mission trips and represented Pathfinders in Mexico, Brazil, Alaska and other remote places, the Hansens have the know-how to conduct short-term mission trips. Over the past four years, the Hansens have promoted AWA activities at home and abroad. If your youth group is interested in scheduling a mission trip, e-mail Fran at [mikefran@mchsi.com](mailto:mikefran@mchsi.com). 



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

# T H E P L A N

Images of bunker-busting bombs, armor, troops, toppling statues and long oppressed people celebrating freedom flicker across the television screen. In less than a month, after decades of terrorizing Iraq and surrounding nations, strong man Saddam lost his position as the most feared, most powerful military figure in the middle-east.

Egomaniacal Saddam likened himself to great rulers before him, notably Nebuchadnezzar of ancient Babylon who, by the way, ate grass for seven years before acknowledging that, "those who walk in pride He (the King of heaven) is able to humble" (Dan. 4:37 NIV).

The U.S. Center for World Mission and the International Bulletin of Missionary Research have published some startling figures. Christians invest .1 percent of their income in foreign mission and send only .01percent of their membership as missionaries. This is in an attempt to reach

30 percent of the world's population that lies within cultural and geographic proximity as well as the 40 percent (2.4 billion) that live beyond political, cultural, & linguistic barriers. One third or 800 million people of the latter group is simply classed "unreachable" given current circumstances!

Eight hundred million! According to the National Geographic World Atlas, that is at least 20 million more than live in the entire Western Hemisphere!

What if, unlike Saddam, God's people humbled themselves to pursue with passion that which God has placed them on earth to do? Imagine what would take place if people rearranged their priorities and placed their God-given talents of time, skill, and financial resources into accomplishing God's strategic plan for reaching the nations!

Resources and talent would be freed to overcome these obstacles. Under a barrage of precision guided prayers offered up by the saints, armies of highly trained cross-

cultural missionaries supported by high-tech communication and transportation systems would advance into enemy held territory to liberate the oppressed!

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come" (Matt 24:14 NIV).

This planet, long held hostage by a cruel dictator whose terror squads kill, maim, and torture, will at last be liberated!

The Commander in Chief has a plan. What is your role in this battle for the liberation of planet earth?

Don Starlin  
*President*

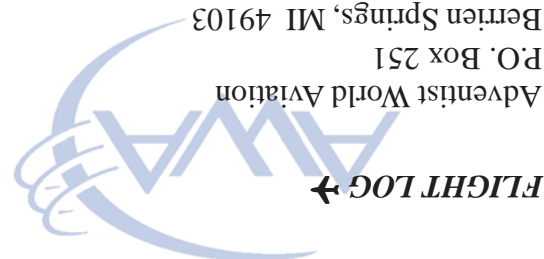


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