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JAARS AND WYCLIFFE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCE KODIAK PLANE WEB SITE

ORLANDO, Fla., June 2, 2006—JAARS and Wycliffe Foundation have partnered to promote KODIAKPROJECT.COM, a Web site to educate supporters of Bible translation, linguistics training and literacy about the need for new jungle aviation.

The KODIAK, often called “the ideal missionary aircraft,” operates with superior short take-off and landing capabilities, which allows it to take off in twice the length of a football field and climb at 1700 feet per second when fully loaded. The KODIAK also has a higher propeller ground clearance so it can land in gravel without kicking up stones, preventing damage to the propeller and the aircraft. But, most importantly, the KODIAK operates using highly reliable jet engine technology, ensuring missionaries can reach the people they serve, and also return home safely.

David Carman, a pilot and mechanic serving with SIL in Cameroon said, “If we had a KODIAK, we could use our short mountainous airstrips and carry more than twice the load we can now carry.” Carman says he currently turns down passengers or refuses baggage because of weight limits.

Carman went on to say that, “the KODIAK is also better as it uses jet fuel which is available here in the country and flies 50 percent faster than the Helio.”

Performing the necessary maintenance on the current aircraft consumes much of Carman’s time. “The KODIAK will require less intense maintenance compared with my 1963 Helio Courier, therefore freeing me to do more flying,” Carman said.

The KODIAK is on track to receive FAA certification this fall. The first KODIAK is expected to be delivered to Papua New Guinea next spring, with additional aircraft slated for Brazil, Philippines, Cameroon and Africa.

For more information, please visit www.kodiakproject.com.

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