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Opening an Airstrip

Last month Jonathan had the privilege of making the first landing to re-open Sopus airstrip in Central Province, Papua New Guinea (PNG). Sopus serves the Tauade language group and has been closed for 20-30 years. It is in a remote area about a 2 or 3 day walk from the nearest road. This past year, the Rural Airstrip Agency of PNG has been working with the local community to fix up the airstrip so that it could be opened again.

Sopus is 6,000 feet above sea level in the Owen Stanley Mountain range. It is 1,750 ft long and has an average slope of 11%. As you look down the runway it looks like a ski jump because it starts down at 16% slope and "levels off" to about 1% slope at the bottom.

Update on Ministry Roles

As of March, Jonathan is back in the Chief Pilot chair for our Aviation Department here in PNG. He had managed to give that up 9 months earlier and enjoyed the reprieve from administration. But personnel changes landed him back in the role. As you know, he loves being in the cockpit much more than sitting behind a desk, but he doesn't mind the Chief Pilot role and still gets some time in the cockpit each week.

Jonathan will be traveling back to the US for a few weeks in September. The main purpose of the trip is to attend an Aviation Technical Conference at Jaars in Waxhaw, NC. Jonathan will be representing our Aviation Department in PNG. The trip to the US will also



Posing for the official re-opening of Sopus airstrip which you can see stretching downhill in the background.

afford Jonathan a chance to stop and see Nathan and Julia along the way.

Carrie is continuing in the roles that we've mentioned before. She is a substitute teacher at the primary school that we have here for missionary kids. She gets called in quite often, sometimes to fill in for several weeks. Carrie also is the adviser for the Student Representative Council (SRC) at the secondary school.



Financial Update

We are very grateful for those of you who have responded to our financial needs and increased your giving or sent a special onetime gift for our ministry this past year. Thank you!

The shortfall for our ministry budget is at about 10%. Please contact us if you have questions or would like more information.

Kids' Korner

We really miss **Nathan** and **Julia**, who stayed in the US this summer. We haven't seen them since they started college last year. They spent the summer with Jonathan's mother, Alvina, in Waxhaw, NC. It's a real blessing that they have that "home away from home." They are now back at Concordia University Wisconsin for their sophomore year.

Leah has started her senior year of high school! She is the Student Representative Council (SRC) Secretary again this year - a role she does well at and really enjoys. She also is a Soul Purpose band leader this year - leading one of the two high school praise bands that lead worship songs for Sunday evening youth group.

Rachel is in 8th grade and just turned 13 in August! That means all of our kids are teenagers now! Rachel just joined the middle school Soul Purpose band. She plays keyboard for the band. Rachel's favorite pastime is reading - she's quite the bookworm!

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Prayer and Praise

- Praise the Lord for a safe landing at Sopus when Jonathan re-opened the airstrip. Pray that the airstrip will be a blessing to the Tauade people, not only for supplies and medical care, but also for reaching *them with God's Word*.
- Continue to pray for us in our respective ministry rolls: Jonathan as he flies and Carrie as she teaches missionary kids.
- Continue to pray for Nathan and Julia while they are separated from us while they are in college. Praise the Lord that so far things seem to be going very well for them.

Your Partners in Christ,

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Jonathan and Carrie
Nathan, Julia, Leah and Rachel



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