The boat driver slowed to navigate the hazardous waves in the dangerous strait. The rented canoe climbed the waves and smacked down into the water. Without any handles to cling to, Daren and Nathan hung on as best they could. The driver skillfully crested another large wave. But just then a wave came diagonal to the canoe. Tipping uncontrollably to the right, they were going to capsize for sure! Just at that moment, Nathan flew out of the boat—into the sea, almost a mile from shore. But without his weight in the boat, the vessel righted itself and stayed afloat. Nathan dragged himself safely back into the canoe, and they continued on, hammered by the waves for the next hour. Quite an adventure! But they would not have to make this trip again. They knew the tribal airstrip was finished!

Just weeks before, the airstrip had rung with the singing of children as they worked in pairs like little machines to move dirt to the center of the strip. Just as many adults—about 150—worked to smooth the dirt as the children dumped it. For the first time since a landslide had obliterated the former airstrip 14 years ago, the plane would...

...but only by the Grace of God!
The fact that this valuable tool is here, licensed, maintained and flying into tribal locations is evidence of God’s mighty power moving and working to build His church. The Good News is getting out to people living in the farthest reaches, and bringing the Light of Life to people living in darkness. It is only by His grace, His power, and the prayers and support of His people.

- by Zach (pilot/mechanic) & Jane Keller

Here are just a few things that this little helicopter has hauled in the past few months:

- Solar Panels
- 50 pounds of powdered milk
- Birthing Kits
- Chocolate and coffee
- Snake bite victim
- Ointment for boils
- Tax forms that needed signatures
- School supplies
- Mangos
- Suture kits
- Birthday gifts from Grandma and Grandpa
- Three year old with a dog bite to the face
- Soy formula for a baby with severe milk allergy
- Bags of cement
- Books (lots of them) for an 8 year old super reader
- PVC pipe for village water project
- Cloth diapers
- Squash and bean seeds
- Little old lady with back injury
- Blood pressure cuff and stethoscope
- News from home
- Prenatal vitamins
- Termite-proof file cabinet
- Mozzarella cheese
- Sick newborn
- Flash drives filled with blog posts, emails, pictures
- Insect killer

Our favorite “cargo” by far is the wonderful families (tribal church planters) that we are privileged to work alongside. What they do is very difficult, and they have sacrificed a lot, but they are dedicated to the cause and consider it a joy to be part of what the Lord is doing here in the Philippines, as are we.

***Please pray! The “little chopper” is now down with serious engine problems. Pray for quick repairs. ***
The Kodiak airplane can do almost twice the work of our current Cessna 206. To maximize the efforts of our pilots in PNG, NTM Aviation would like to place a Kodiak aircraft in the country before the end of 2013. Can you help? Send your donation to NTM Aviation, 3870 W Volunteer St, McNeal, AZ 85617. Designate it for the PNG Kodiak. Our tribal missionaries are depending on us to assist them!