

I was born in St. Paul, MN, April 18, 1960. We moved to Lake Park MN, 8 years later, where I spent the rest of my childhood years. At age 12, I came to a saving knowledge of Christ at a local youth outreach. Throughout my high school years, I was involved in a Christian lifestyle, but was not disciplined and so never really matured as a believer. After high school, I joined the Air Force and ended up in Tacoma, WA. During this time, I became aware that I needed to develop a deeper commitment to Christ, so I could grow and mature as a believer. I joined a local church that faithfully taught the scripture and I began to grow in my understanding of what it really meant to be a Christian. As my time in the military came to a close I had a desire to become involved in Missionary Aviation. As a result I enrolled in the aviation program at Moody Bible Institute. During my 2 years at Moody I took the pre-aviation bible school courses. It was at this time I met Kathi and after a 2-year courtship we were married. I was not chosen to go on to the flight training portion of the school and so chose to continue my aviation training at Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music (now Cornerstone). After 3 years more of Bible school, flight and aircraft maintenance training, we began to look at mission organizations to go out with. We chose New Tribes Mission as because we liked the way that the aviation portion of the mission fit into the whole mission objective. During our time in the Mission Training Institute, I went through a flight evaluation at which time it was recommended that I look at a different ministry to be involved in. I did not have the qualifications to be a successful pilot in the demanding conditions of flying in mission field conditions. We continued on with NTM anyway as we felt that the reasons for God leading

us to begin the training with them had not changed and we wanted to be involved in reaching tribal people. We continued on with the training and when we were nearly completed with the Language Institute phase of it we were asked if we would consider filling the need of flight coordinating in PNG because of my aviation background. We felt that was what the Lord would have us do and proceeded to prepare to go to PNG. We continue to work with the Aviation portion of NTM on PNG.