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Broken things suggest accident, calamity, disappointment, failure. They are all the result of sin, and sin itself represents the broken law of God. It broke Adam and Eve from God and Eden; the death of Abel broke up the first family. Because of sin, God broke up the earth with the Flood.

But broken things will not remain so. God will not leave these fragments always broken. He sent His Son that a broken world might be mended. God "will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death. . . . I am making everything new!" (Revelation 21:4-5). To accomplish this, Jesus Himself had to be broken. "He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities" (Isaiah 53:5). He was broken by the whip that cut His flesh. He was broken by the thorns that tore His head. He was broken by the nails that pierced His hands and feet. He was broken by the sword that opened up His side. Finally, He was broken by the burden of our sins that He assumed.

All this was represented in the emblem of the broken bread. And in partaking of it in the communion service, we acknowledge that we, too, must be broken. "He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities" (Isaiah 53:5). He was broken by the whip that cut His flesh. He was broken by the thorns that tore His head. He was broken by the nails that pierced His hands and feet. He was broken by the sword that opened up His side. Finally, He was broken by the burden of our sins that He assumed.

Taking the pieces of our broken lives, God fashions a beautiful mosaic, a portrait suitable for His throne room.

by Raymond H. Woolsey

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Quiet Hour Ministries Supports its 53rd Airplane for Mission Service

by Michael Porter

For Adventist mission aviation, this was truly a milestone. On April 19 the very first Kodiak destined for Adventist mission service was dedicated. This aircraft will be flown to Papua, the Indonesian half of the island of New Guinea, in the next several weeks where it will be operated by Adventist Aviation Indonesia (AAI).

For Quiet Hour Ministries (QHM), an Adventist supporting ministry based in Redlands, California, the occasion was no less auspicious. It was the 53rd mission airplane QHM had helped send into mission aviation service in the ministry’s 74-year history.

Quest Aircraft Company, makers of the Kodiak, hosted the dedication at their headquarters in Sandpoint, Idaho. More than 100 people attended, including area church members, honored guests and Quest employees.

Among the speakers were Michael Porter, Quiet Hour Ministries CEO, Bob Folkenberg, Jr., Upper Columbia Conference president, and Hartley Sakul, a pilot for AAI. Others in attendance included Ralph Lombonaung, a mechanic for AAI. Both Sakul and Lombonaung hail from Indonesia. Not in attendance was Bob Roberts who heads up the AAI program and will ferry the Kodiak to Papua.

During the service, Sakul remarked at the tremendous capability of the Kodiak airplane. Across Papua there are hundreds of mountain villages accessible only by aircraft operating in and out of landing strips, some of which are at high altitude and extremely short. Flying an airplane specifically designed for such demanding conditions will open many new doors for AAI’s outreach.

Folkenberg told the audience how excited the Upper Columbia Conference was to be neighbors with Quest aircraft and to have such a close connection to worldwide mission aviation.

"This Kodiak is the first of what we trust will be several Adventist Kodiaks," said Porter. "Today we’re here to rejoice in this marvelous tool designed and built to help reach some of the 800 million people who can only be reached with the gospel by airplane."

Concluding the program, all the attendees encircled the plane for a prayer of dedication. “It is our prayer today that God will use this airplane to carry His marvelous saving grace to lost people,” Porter prayed as everyone laid their hands upon the Kodiak.

The Kodiak will now join AAI’s fleet, based in Sentani, Papua. AAI was founded in 1972 with a single Cessna 180. Today AAI transports missionaries, medical patients and vital mission supplies to remote villages across Papua.

Quiet Hour Ministries was founded in 1937 and has reached more than 135 countries. QHM has been active in mission aviation since 1965, when the organization sent its first aircraft to Papua New Guinea.

Download hi-res photos (Link opens a new browser window.)

Pastor Michael Porter is Quiet Hour Ministries’ CEO.
Thank you!
For many years Quiet Hour Ministries has helped support SULADS, an educational outreach to the Lumad people of the Philippines. It’s been exciting to see not only the educational benefits provided to the Lumads, but the many hundreds of people who have given their lives to Christ through this program. Recently we received a SULADS update from their field director, Daryl Famisaran.

The weekend graduation activities at SULADS Comprehensive High School for the Lumads brought parents, alumni, friends and just curious visitors to this Mountain paradise school in the wild. As usual when the bell rings the students bring the campus to a worship mood as they blend their voices drawing all of us to the chapel. Songs and more songs fill the air with a spirit of adoration for our Creator God. We feel God’s presence as thick fog drifts through the church perched on the mountaintop. Butterflies flitter about the flower garden outside.

The leader stood and announced, "Our speaker this morning is a visiting alumnus who is now a student at ACT, Adventist College of Technology, Marvin Ginang."

Brethren, he started, I don't have any relatives to graduate this week-end but I just came because I missed my alma mater so much. This campus has played a very important role in my life because this is where I was shaped to be what I am now. This is where I was made a man. When I first came here from Slong Mission School in the mountains of South Cotabato, I was just a boy. I learned to appreciate our work here on the farm. I appreciated our worship every morning and evening, the classes, and instructions from our teachers that need to be heeded. But the lessons of truth from the Scripture taught in our classes blended with our life in this campus amidst nature made me strong as a rock to stand firm in our faith to God. NO MATTER WHAT! How could I forget when it was here where we have experienced the miracles of God first hand? Our food, supply everyday that was provided by our loving heavenly Father without fail. Our personal needs even though our parents could never send us any. How could I ever doubt my God?

Our training here at SULADS High School prepared me to face a more challenging life of sweet and bitter experiences as a college student now at ACT—trusting God only for miracles these three years. He saw me through.

One summer I joined the canvassing work. One really needs to work diligently everyday to bring the truth filled printed pages to every door. I learned it was not an easy task and to be honest I prefer to weed in the farm than to sell books. It is so discouraging to meet people who insult us and belittle us but Jesus was also treated this way or even worse. He was put to death on the cross just for you and me. Therefore I need to finish my summer task for the Lord. NO MATTER WHAT.

One day after a hard days labor and none of the people I approached were interested in books I said, "Lord, please give me just one person to whom I can be of service today."

Then I saw a rich man who seemed to be having a big problem. I did not present my books because it just seemed useless. "Sir," I broke the silence, "your face reveals that you are heavily burdened with something, I don't know what. May I be of help?"

"Young man." his eyes lit with surprise, "how did you know I have a problem?"

"Your face shows it."

"Exactly," he said, "but how can you help?" he seemed to be saying, "Who are you anyway I am a rich businessman. What help could you offer if I needed it?"

Quoting the scripture as Peter one of Jesus' disciples said "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. Acts 3:6. "I can only pray to our God in heaven. This God I have walked with. He has been with me and helped me, and saw me through in my everyday life."

"My wallet was lost," he confided, "and I have important papers in it. How can you help?"

"We'll pray for it," I said. "Will you bow with me?" I invited.

He was quiet and surprised but bowed his head. "Dear Lord, I don't know where his wallet is now but You know where it is. It is very important for my friend because of his valuable papers and IDs in it. Please, if ever it is found by anybody inspire that person to return it to this friend of mine, the worried owner. In Jesus' name I ask. Amen."

"Thank you, brother," he said. "Who are you? And what are you taking in college?"

I told him everything of my life. He said, "I will sponsor you in college and I want you to take up law."

"Thank you for your offer," I replied, "but I'm sorry because I will not change my mind. I will be a minister NO MATTER WHAT."

More surprised he said, "You said you sell books to help you in college, and now will you refuse my offer to study at any prestigious college or university all paid for?"

"No, thank you," I said. And I whispered to myself, "What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul." I was afraid of the many twists of ideologies I might
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