

“Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens and thy faithfulness reaches unto the clouds.” Ps. 36:5

Dear Praying and Supporting Friends, Christ’s faithfulness so long ago secured our destiny... Christmas, 2006

## Our faithfulness will secure the Kodiak’s destiny...

**Destiny** is a powerful reality! God has chosen you and Quest “for such a time as this!” Our passion remains fixed on God’s mandate in Matt. 28 for the **eternal destiny** of the lost who live in those “uttermost parts” beyond the end of the road. Our Quest project specifically targets the millions of destitute, lost people who live hidden beyond mountain ridges, in dense jungles, in economic poverty and in isolation. Most of these can only receive God’s hope, healing and salvation via a missionary airplane!



Like many of the jungle airstrips I used in my 10,000 flight hours and 25 years of MAF flying, there is no way in or out of **beautiful Allison Ranch** in this North Idaho Wilderness except by foot or airplane. More often in the jungles of Africa, South America or New Guinea the only way out is by plane! I often thought how short my life would be if the engine ever quit! I would love to start all over again with the safety of a turbine powered Kodiak! Imagine the safety of Kodiak’s Garmin 1000 GPS glass cockpit, the Pratt and Whitney turbine engine reliability, as well as the increased payload, speed and performance of the Kodiak... *I can only imagine.....!*

The Kodiak will revolutionize the lives and ministry of future missionary pilots since the Kodiak will handle airstrips like these **better** than the smaller Cessnas now in use. Increased safety and ministry will occur daily. Lives will be saved!

## Current progress...



1. This first production Kodiak is out of the jig and the next one is already started
2. The FAA is about finished with the first phase of their Kodiak flight testing
3. The wing fuel tanks passed the rigorous 15 psi and 9G crash test loads
4. Our factory is functioning and the workforce is growing... *with wonderful people!*
5. Sales continue strong and will increase once we are in production
6. Missions are ecstatic in anticipation of soon having their new efficient Kodiaks
7. Much prayer is needed to complete the remaining items for FAA Certification

## Quest’s destiny in missions is clear but our task is not easy...

I share with you the new target date of March to achieve our elusive FAA approvals. The FAA has been cooperative and the uncertainty of the end date has more to do with the magnitude of our daunting task. This is a huge endeavor with a huge learning curve as we grow from 36 employees a year ago to over 100 today. Most of our team are new so have never built our Kodiak before. The many improvements to this first production Kodiak must all be documented and implemented. Flight test weather is a factor. We have had engineering and computer problems getting our new CNC machines to correctly cut parts for the first time. There was a two month delay from our vendor in getting the 5-axis graceful but complex windshield and doorframe parts. The 9G wing fuel tank pressure test was very difficult and another delay as was the simpler solution to the dutch-roll flight problem. Once built, we must test this first Kodiak for about two months before we can expect

the FAA to issue the Type Certificate. As we face each unforeseen challenge we understand more clearly God’s amazing sufficiency in this monumental Quest endeavor. The eternal ministry results will be worth our perseverance so our resolve remains firm and our **destiny secure**. Thank you for being such a vital part of this faith walk with us!

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May we all rejoice in Christ’s gift to us this CHRISTmas.

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