

Wycliffe Bible Translators

Tom and Mary Beekman

Tom and Mary Beekman have been members of Wycliffe Bible Translators for 31 years. Tom



has worked as a pilot/mechanic.

God has blessed Tom's skills as a pilot and he has been the Chief Pilot of the Indonesia program and currently is the Flight Standards Coordinator and a training pilot. He is responsible for the flight standards for our U.S. base as well as fields around the world. These fields are Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Cameroon, and Peru. He has helped field the Pilatus PC12 aircraft to Indonesia as well as develop the turbine training program using the Pilatus PC6 at JAARS in Waxhaw, NC where they are currently based.

Mary has a gift of teaching. She taught at the mission school in Indonesia and continues to help develop Sunday school materials for the Papuan Church they attended while in Indonesia. The

Sunday school there is going strong and she continues to help by editing materials they have translated over the years to develop a five year program that the teachers can use. Each week she communicates by e-mail with the teachers. Most of the current Sunday school teachers were once our first Sunday school kids years ago.

Tom and Mary went to Indonesia in 1987 and worked there 22 years. All of their five children were born overseas. Today their oldest, Daniel, 28, is working near them and is engaged to be married in October. Elisa is married to Andrew Cantrell. Elisa is an art high school teacher in a public school and Andrew is completing his degree in ministry while working as a Youth Pastor. Isaiah, 22, will be a senior at Toccoa Falls College (a Bible college) in Georgia in the fall. He is studying Adult Education/English as a second language. He is working on an internship this summer in China and hopes to work overseas in the future. Nathan, 20, is also at Toccoa Falls College studying for a degree in Business Administration. He hopes to use that degree in an aviation field and train as a pilot. Joshua, 18, will be attending Montreat College this fall and studying Cybersecurity.