

MIKE and PAT MOWER
JAARS--Supporting Wycliffe Bible
Translators

A burden for Bible translation, coupled with a desire to use Mike's aviation training in service for the Lord, led the Mowers to Wycliffe Bible Translators and JAARS in 1981. Assigned to the Philippines in 1984, Mike and Pat have been a vital part of the ministry of providing God's Word in the heart languages of the Filipino people.



As an airplane pilot and mechanic, Mike provided for the transportation needs of Wycliffe missionaries working in remote areas of the Philippines. Over a span of twenty years, he logged nearly five thousand routine flight hours, as well as flights for medical emergencies, evacuations, and disaster relief. A particularly memorable flight was in May 1999 when he flew a single engine Helio Courier aircraft from the JAARS Center in North Carolina across the Atlantic Ocean to West Africa where the plane is used to serve missionaries working in Cameroon.

In conjunction with his flight responsibilities, Mike's management and leadership skills were an asset in his positions as Chief of Operations, Chief Pilot, and Aviation Department Manager. In his additional role as Director's Assistant for Public Affairs, Mike was a crucial link in maintaining important relationships with the Philippines government and key individuals. He was also Chair of the Crisis Management Committee and served as liaison with the American Embassy.

Pat combined her energy and organizational skills to fill a number of roles during their years in the Philippines. Initially, she taught pre-school and kindergarten and later served as housing and clinic bookkeeper. Once their children entered school, Pat took on the role of Housing Coordinator and then Guest House Manager in Manila. She found these latter ministries particularly fulfilling and rewarding as she ministered not only to her Wycliffe colleagues but also to a multitude of others within the Christian community, quite often cross-culturally.

Mike and Pat are presently assigned to the *Missions at the Airport* program at the Wycliffe/JAARS Center in Waxhaw, North Carolina. In their respective roles as program Manager and Administrative Assistant, Mike and Pat are drawing on their field experience and aviation background to challenge churches and individuals to be involved in missions.

Mike and Pat have two children. They lost their 23 year old son Joshua in a traffic accident in January 2004. Daughter Elizabeth is a CPA in Charlotte, NC.