



Tim and Kay Hughes



Tim was captivated by aircraft since a very young age and because of many missionaries who stayed in his home while growing up, he soon learned that the aircraft could be a tool used to reach tribal people with the message of the Good News. Tim graduated from Bob Jones University and then went to Dakota Aero Tech in Fargo, ND, one of the few 1 year A&P schools at that time. It was there he met Kay at a local church.

Kay grew up in a Christian home and received a one-year Bible certificate from Northwestern College in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She worked for a state agency but felt there had to be more to life than that. Her church held a mission's conference where she dedicated her life to whatever God wanted for her, even if it meant being a "single missionary". That was about the time Tim arrived and they started dating, and a year later they were married with the plans of being involved in missionary aviation.

Tim worked at a couple FBO's doing maintenance work and then spent 3 years at Calvary Bible College in Kansas City, helping to set up the maintenance side of their aviation school. Eventually, Tim and Kay joined NTM Aviation and headed to Papua New Guinea in 1988.

Both Tim and Kay were very active in the Aviation Department with Tim being the Chief Engineer for several years while Kay helped in the office and did a lot of the bookkeeping. Eventually, Tim became Chairman of the PNG Aviation Department while Kay continued working in various positions as the need arose, including at one point running the Parts Department.

In 2006 Tim and Kay moved from NTM Aviation to New Tribes Headquarters Office in PNG where they worked doing various administrative tasks for 3 years.

In February, 2010, they moved to McNeal, AZ where Tim is now the Director of Operations as well as Director of Maintenance International and Kay spends her time working as a receptionist in the office and being an encouragement to the NTM Aviation ladies worldwide.