

Jeff & Wonita Werley New Tribes Mission Aviation

Jeff & Wonita are involved in planting tribal churches as support missionaries. They work in Arizona, USA through the home office of NTM Aviation.

Jeff is from Pennsylvania and has been interested in aviation since childhood. He attended a Christian aviation camp as a teenager where he became aware of many missionary aviation needs and opportunities. He completed Bible training and missionary aviation training (pilot and aircraft mechanic certification) at a small school in Michigan. Not sure of which mission to join he served as a volunteer aircraft mechanic in Colombia, South America with New Tribes Mission in 1991; after which he decided to become a full-time NTM missionary. Completing the NTM missionary and aviation training in 1996 he was enroute to Africa but before he left he became reacquainted with Wonita, whom he had met in Colombia. Since 1997 Wonita has been his wife and best friend.



Jeff holds a Commercial Pilot certificate with multi-engine and instrument ratings, and is a licensed aircraft mechanic. After a major illness in 1998 Jeff diverted his energies from flying into organizational positions, coordinating the Candidate Dept. and other US-based projects for NTM Aviation.

Wonita is also from Pennsylvania. She wanted to be a missionary among tribal peoples so she decided to become a teacher as a way of financing the missionary training necessary to accomplish that vision. After becoming aware of the need for teachers to care for missionaries' children, and equipped with a Masters degree in elementary education and several years experience, she joined New Tribes Mission.

In Colombia, South America Wonita taught various subjects to missionary kids (MKs) from 1989-1996. She also worked with MKs who had learning difficulties and served as the co-administrator of the NTM school before it was closed due to insurgent activity. Continuing to work one-on-one with MKs and other students who have learning issues she has recently taken on the role of Media Manager for NTM Aviation.

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