



Papua New Guinea, 2005

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Papua New Guinea is half of an island above Australia.



**It has a population of 5,545,268
and is smaller than Oregon. With
830 languages spoken.**



The people of PNG are either from the highlands...



–who are mainly farmers.

....the lowlanders and the
islanders.



They fish and
farm also.

Ukarumpa which is also called “little America” in PNG.



Consists of
departments
of..
construction,
aviation, auto
shop, print
shop, post
office,
schools, etc...

Ukarumpa is where the JAARS aviation center is located.



**JAARS stands for Jungle Aviation
and Radio Service, and is the
transportation arm of the Summer
Institute of Linguistics.**



**JAARS has a fleet of 8 aircraft
which I helped maintain while I was
there.**



These airplanes provide medical and educational support for many outlying villages.



**Providing transportation services
that would otherwise be impossible.**



The hanger has 60 workers, half local PNG people and the rest are from all over the world.



While I was there I helped put the wings on a Cessna 206.



I was able to lead the project!



**I also helped with a turbine tear
down for the King Air.**



**One of it's engines
was struck by
lightning...**

I was also able to explain aerodynamics to Andy so he could get his Boy Scout badge.



I was able to go to an outside village and attend a wedding – known there as “bilas”.



This included a big feast



....and a pig roast



Most of the food for the feast was cooked in a “mumu”.



I really enjoyed my trip to PNG, not only was I able to strengthen my Aviation Maintenance skills,



enjoy the beautiful scenery,



and make new friends, the trip gave me a whole new concept of how to teach aviation maintenance in a new culture.

