## Prayer **Points**

In support of: **Missionary Aviation Tribal Missions The Persecuted Church Muslim Ministries** 

# The **Martin & Gracia Burnham Foundation**

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#### Gracia's juggling act...

- Travelling & speak-
- Being a daughter to elderly parents who need time & help
- **Grandmother to** nearby grandchildren
- Overseeing a foundation
- Caring for a home

She often feels she isn't doing ANY of these things well. Pray she will be content to do what she can and not stress over the rest.

**Pray for the Philippine** and Indonesia radio program project. She needs time to write the programs and the ability to do "radio work".

Pray for strength to do scheduled events, for travelling mercies, and ideas of how to be a blessing to others. Pray that hearts would be touched to pray, give and GO.

It is an honor for Gracia to keep telling her story!! She doesn't take it lightly. Pray that she can keep her story and ministry "fresh" as the years pass by.

### A Tale of Two Helicopters

Tale # 1 - Recently I met a former CIA agent in DC who was involved in our hostage situation. In the few minutes we had to visit, he gave me some photos that he took the day of my rescue. His comment was, "Had I known that you were still alive, I would have spoken to you. I thought you were dead!" I guess I do sort of look dead in this photo, don't I? I am looking forward to meeting with him again someday to hear HIS stories. So many kind people were involved in our rescue.



Photo courtesy of Kent Clizbe



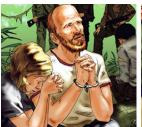
Tale # 2 - On another recent trip to New Tribes Mission Aviation headguarters in Arizona, I was able to ride in another helicopter! NTMA wants to purchase a Robinson R66 for the island of Mindanao in the Philippines. Martin flew a PLANE to the short strips there ... and boy! A helicopter would be so nice to have instead! The helicopter

from Luzon was a huge blessing during the recent typhoon emergency in the Philippines. To have one on Mindanao as well, would just be fantastic! NTMA's hope is to complete the purchase before the end of this year. The Burnham Foundation will do what it can to make this dream a reality.

Did you know that you can order *The Burnham Story* in "flashcard form" so you can tell our story to your Sunday School Class or Junior Church group? Child Evangelism Fellowship did the visualized Bible Lessons several years ago. There are 8 full color flashcards with the whole story written out to help you. The main teaching point is that "You can use what you are good at to serve God." If you would like to order a set, please call (816) 866-0406 and leave us a message or visit www.mkt.com/mybooks.









### Because You Gave

At our last Foundation Board meeting, it gave us great joy to authorize the following disbursements:

Project Hannah Radio Broadcasts (matching grant)—\$ 20,000

Ibaloi Translation Project—\$ 15,000

Martin Burnham Scholarship Fund for missions students— \$ 6,000

Mission Safety International—\$ 1,000

New Tribes Mission Aviation contingency training—\$ 2,000

New Tribes Mission Aviation Robinson R66 helicopter (matching grant)— \$ 15,000

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### "Caretoons" to Live By

I spoke at a Prayer Breakfast in Independence, Missouri – sponsored by Habitat for Humanity. Their premise is that, "Everyone in the world should have a decent place to live." I agree. And they are doing what they can to make that happen. One house at a time.

The night before the event, I met with the lady who had invited me to speak. I learned that she is a cartoonist. She draws "caretoons" (she calls them) based on stories she hears. Here is the one she sent me several days later. Thank you Linda Thorpe @ Corkyfoto (http://www.corkythumbprints.com). I love it!



These were some of Martin's last words to me. We had been hiking and sat down for a rest and he said, "I have been thinking all day about Psalm 100. Especially the first verse that talks about serving the Lord with gladness. You know, this doesn't seem much like serving the Lord. We have been walking through this jungle for over a year! But, let's by faith, believe that that is what we are doing. That we are somehow serving the Lord here. And let's do it with gladness." Minutes later, the military came over the hill, there was a gun battle, and Martin was dead. Some of his last words to me. Good words to live by, don't you think???

Treasuring your partnership, *Gracia*