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## NEWSLETTER

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My wife and I arrived in the Himalaya and were greeted by a wonderful staff member. Soon after, our suitcase was lifted on to the roof of the car and we drove off into the night. The roads, the vehicles, the potholes, the buildings, everything reminded me of an ex-communist country where, in the past, I had once lived as a missionary.

The next morning I opened the curtains and noticed a lady next door, waving her arms as if she were casting away spirits! When I opened the curtains again it was a boy paying his respects to some idol at the family shrine. After that I noticed a woman offering a sacrifice.

I had opened the curtains only 3 times before breakfast, yet witnessed a ritual every single time! What a far cry from an atheistic ex-communist country. This place was full of gods and idols.

In less than 12 hours I had experienced once again that **familiar looks can be misleading**. It reminded me how important it is to **gain local knowledge** and to **listen carefully**.

In the last 5 years, HFA has had the privilege to assist local missionaries and ministries in various countries to find ways to bring the gospel to isolated people groups. We have been there to **help** and to build on their local knowledge.

The first question we ask such ministries is  
*“How would you like us to help?”*



And yes, you guessed it!

There is no **“one hat fits all”** when local experts respond.

There are a number of reasons why a people group may be isolated:

- Some people are ruled by terrorists and live in the middle of conflict or war
- Other people are governed by regimes that do not tolerate Christianity
- Tribal people exist in so called “protected” nature reserves, without health care, education or the gospel
- Some people groups are nomadic and after a strenuous 3 week walk by the missionary to visit them, the people are “not at home”

It comes as no surprise, that the question **“How would you like us to help”** is answered differently each and every time.



**Above:** Pressure testing a balloon used for Bible transports

**Below:** Drones may be used for a range of reasons including aerial photography or the locating of a nomadic people group



## ONGOING PRAYER POINTS

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- Give thanks for Christ and His sacrifice on the cross.
  - Pray for the hearts of isolated people groups to be prepared, ready and receptive to the gospel.
  - Pray for the leaders and governments we deal with.
  - Pray for wisdom and discernment in our work.
  - Pray for laborers working in the harvest field.
  - Pray for our daily bread, that the Lord will provide the needed resources.

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***“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer.”  
-Romans 12:12***

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As a result we have provided weather balloon systems, flown drones, hired aeroplanes or, more recently, we worked with a partner organisation in South America to help organise a helicopter. **During the first 27 hours of the helicopter's flight, the missionaries discovered 10 settlements along the way, with people that they didn't even know existed!**

We are excited that we can **help** local missionaries and ministries by providing **aviation and technology solutions** to them, which otherwise may appear too complicated for them to realise on their own.

Above all, we are humbled and excited that God would actually have use for us tech-heads to bring the gospel to remote places! What a privilege to spend our day with this calling and **we thank you for your prayers and support!**

Know that you are much appreciated!  
Blessings,

Hans  
*Executive Director*

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**Above:** One of the 10 settlements discovered by our partners in South America while flying local missionaries in a helicopter



**Above:** The prayers of the missionaries for a helicopter have been answered! The helicopter lands in a rainforest clearing in South America

**Right:** Children and adults of a South American tribal group meet the team




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“Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous deeds among all peoples.”  
-Psalm 96:3

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