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Paul and Norma Duffey

Mr. Paul Duffey, V.P. International Services for JAARS

I was born in Nashville, TN. I grew up in Greencastle, PA. My parents live at Apt. 66 Mt. Vernon Terrace, Waynesboro, PA 17268. They both became Christians when I was very young, so I was raised in a Christian home. My folks are both retired, but active in their church and community. I have 2 married sisters who live in Waynesboro, PA.

I accepted the Lord as my personal Savior at age 12. Even though I grew up in a Christian home and was active in church, I didn't submit my life fully to the Lord until high school. While I told the Lord He could have my life, I was still making my own plans. I attended Penn State Univ. with hopes of a flying career in the Air Force. Just before my sophomore year, during a meeting at the YFC, the MAF film, "In Flight," was shown. Through a friend and reading several books, the Lord confirmed His calling for me as a missionary pilot. I have claimed Ps. 119:9-11 as my life verses. Knowing I had to have specialized training for missions, I transferred to LeTourneau University and graduated in 1967 with a B.S. in Aeronautical Technology. I worked as an engineer at Boeing Vertol, Div. of Boeing Aircraft Co. in Philadelphia for 3 years.

While at LeTourneau, I met Norma Jones, and we married 3 years later. I was laid off at Boeing in April, 1970, and we moved to Harrisburg where I took an engineering job for a year while I finished my flight training. We candidated for Wycliffe's support arm, JAARS (Jungle Aviation And Radio Service) in summer of 1971. We were accepted and received specialized flight orientation at Waxhaw. We underwent 14 weeks of Jungle Training in Mexico. With our training completed, we went on deputation to raise our support.

Norma and I have 2 sons, Timothy Paul (30) and Joel Matthew (29). Tim is married, lives in Altoona, IA and works with computers. Joel is married, living in Fort Mill, NC and works for Forest Pharmaceuticals as a Sales Representative.

While at Waxhaw, I was assigned the task of developing a cargo pod for the JAARS Helio Courier and helped prepare a new aircraft for service in Columbia, S.America. This assignment lasted about 10 months.

After language school in Costa Rica I was a line pilot at Wycliffe's Jungle Center in Ecuador. I served as line pilot 2 years until April 1976 when I was assigned the responsibility of chief pilot and program manager for Wycliffe's Jungle Program. This assignment lasted for 6 months until I had an accident in October 1976. After recuperating from the accident, we took an active assignment at Waxhaw. I worked for a year and a half as the Technical Assistant to the Director of Aviation, a liaison with the field programs.

November 1979, I was appointed the Director of JAARS' Aviation Research and Development. My responsibilities included development of safety equipment for our aircraft and the development and use of alternate fuels. My primary task was to seek and implement better ways of doing things that would expedite Bible translation.

From June 1981 until December 1983, I was Assistant to the Director of Aviation. This assignment included ordering and equipping new aircraft for field service and the ferrying of these aircraft to the field. I assisted the director on a daily basis in decision making regarding personnel assignments, equipment selection, and aviation department management. I acted on behalf of the director in his absence.

In December 1983 I was appointed Director of Aviation. I was responsible for the aviation department at the JAARS Center and for 14 aviation programs overseas. Most of my interface with the fields was counseling them in matters dealing with equipment and the assignment of personnel. My job required a considerable amount of domestic and international travel.

In July 1990, I was appointed Director of Administration. I had the general oversight for the daily running of the JAARS Center, Master Planning and for facilities development. In April 1995, my title changed to Vice President Administration. My responsibilities include the above and acting as Executive Director in the absence of the Director. I was appointed Vice President International Services in June 1996 and am currently serving in this capacity.

It is my continued desire to be a servant to my fellow co-laborers and to the Lord. Norma and I plan to continue in our present responsibilities at the Center, in our church, and in the community. We are open to an overseas assignment if this would please the Lord.

My goals are to challenge and support my staff – the five departments for which I am responsible are: aviation, construction and maintenance, purchasing and shipping and materials transportation and water travel safety. It will be my ultimate goal to see that our overseas programs have the people and equipment necessary to carry out the support ministry to Bible translation.

Mrs. Norma Duffey

I was born in Wilkes Barre, PA and raised in Harrisburg. My folks moved to Harrisburg when I was around 3 years old, so that is where I remember living. I was raised in a Christian home. My mother was a housewife and my dad worked in Civil Service at an Air Force Base, and later at an Army Depot. My mother died when I was 21; I am an only child. My father remarried, retired, and lives in Harrisburg, PA. I was saved when I was 9 years old and grew up surrounded by a Christian family and atmosphere. I knew I had to accept Christ for myself in order to become a Christian. I was baptized shortly after this and enjoyed many Christian activities as a teen.

Paul told me of his call to be a missionary pilot and asked if I could become a missionary's wife. I had felt called to missions at camp as a child and thought of being a missionary teacher, so I felt this was God's will for us together. Phil. 4:13 is my favorite verse, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

I attended LeTourneau University and graduated from West Chester University in 1970 with a B.S. in Elementary Ed. This prepared me to be a missionary teacher which is what I did in Ecuador. I was also principal of the grade school for 2 1/2 years.

Since being at Waxhaw, I have worked at various jobs. I am working nearly full time at the JAARS "Boutique", helping JAARS personnel with their clothing needs.

Where presently serving: Wycliffe's JAARS International Headquarters, Waxhaw, N.C.

Date of present assignment: February, 1978

Date of next scheduled furlough: N/A

Date of COD's beginning support: December, 1979

Birthdate:	Paul	April 16, 1943
	Norma	February 26, 1948
	Tim	June 20, 1970
	Joel	December 7, 1971

Wedding Anniversary: May 31, 1969

Paul's hobbies: Restoring antique furniture and learning computing.

Norma's hobbies: Reading and couponing.

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