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A medical worker from a village a few hours upriver had come to Daniel's village and was pleading for help. I rushed out of the door and headed for the haus sik (hospital) in town to pick up a nurse and a birthing kit. The Wewak Boram hospital serves the entire population of 500,000 people in the East Sepik Province. Eighty percent of those living on the East Sepik River are three to five days away from this hospital by canoe or road. Ninety-eight percent of the people living along the river have malaria. The people suffer from tuberculosis, cerebral malaria, water-borne illnesses, snake bites, frequent tribal conflicts which result in spear and machete wounds — and have the highest infant mortality rate in the Asian Pacific Rim.

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Last July, while our second floatplane and staff were at the Oshkosh Airshow, a commercial pilot by the name of Paul Forehand and his grandson Daniel saw a front-page story about Samaritan Aviation posted on the AirVenture Today Newspaper. After reading the article, Paul began searching for our booth at the Oshkosh Airshow and met both President Mark Palm and COO Bryan Yeager and engaged in a lengthy conversation.

When Paul walked away, he felt the Lord wanted him to challenge his men's group and the United Methodist Church of Garner, NC to raise a $1000 dollars a month. This amount would fill our floatplane with one tank of gas, an equivalent of saving five lives a month.

As a result of this challenge, Pastor Greg Jenks invited Bryan to Garner in February to speak at a missions conference held at their church. One of the church's goals is to be more "missions minded". Bryan was the keynote speaker at their mission's banquet held on Friday night. At the conclusion of the conference, this congregation pledged $46,000 to help mission projects both locally and internationally. Continue to pray for Paul as he works towards his $1000 dollar a month Fuel for Life goal.

Samaritan Aviation is very grateful to have people like Pastor Greg Jenks and Paul supporting our efforts. If you are interested in helping us share Samaritan Aviation's story at your church, business, small group or if you want to organize a backyard BBQ event contact us at: contact@samaritanaviation.com or call 970-249-4341.

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We left the hospital that day praising God for another three lives saved and feeling humbled and thankful for having the opportunity to be a part of it.

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