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Good Friday, 2010.

Samaritan Aviation’s first emergency call came for a woman from Kamanimbit village who was dying in childbirth. The weather was pretty bad that day and pilot Mark Palm and our aviation advisor, Bruce Johnson, were anxious, as this was the first life flight that either had done here in Papua New Guinea. They rushed to get the plane ready and loaded with a stretcher and nurse. After a 25 minute flight, they touched down on the Sepik River at the Timbunke Health Center. A completely lifeless woman, who they later learned was named Antonia, was carried to them. She was loaded into the plane and rushed back to Wewak. The next day the Palm family went to check on her and discovered that Antonia had delivered a baby boy via emergency surgery and that both mother and son were healthy! Antonia decided to name the baby Mark. Little Mark will be celebrating his 5th birthday on April 2nd! He and Antonia are both doing well. A special thanks goes out to everyone who has stood by us during the past five years of ministry!

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