OUR SECOND FLOATPLANE IS SOON TO TAKE FLIGHT IN PNG

With wings and floats dismantled and safely secured, “Saman Balus II”, our second floatplane, was carefully placed on a customized cradle within a forty-foot shipping container. The container, with its precious lifesaving cargo, was then loaded onto an ocean freighter and left the USA just a few days before the start of 2016. Its journey took almost three full months but finally cleared customs in Papua New Guinea in late March.

Since the arrival of the container at the small tropical port of Wewak, the Samaritan Aviation team has been working diligently to reassemble the aircraft for service to various villages and aid posts along the Sepik River. The team has experienced a few delays during the process, continuing life flights and delivery of much needed supplies, the first priority of Samaritan Aviation, but will soon have the aircraft ready for service.

A big red letter day is on the Samaritan Aviation calendar.

On May 14th, we will celebrate the arrival of Saman Balus II at the Angoram village waterfront. The Honorable Member of Angoram, Salio Waipo, will be in attendance with Mark Palm and the rest of the Samaritan Aviation team. Other dignitaries, friends of Samaritan Aviation and the local community will also be there to celebrate. Shortly thereafter, both floatplanes will take to the skies to meet the needs of those living in the East Sepik province and demonstrate God's love for them through aviation services and our hospital ministry.
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE BORAM HOSPITAL!
PARTNERSHIP WITH BAYLOR SCOTT & WHITE HEALTH’S “FAITH IN ACTION INITIATIVES”

Baylor Scott & White Health’s “Faith in Action Initiatives” has joined Samaritan Aviation in partnering with individuals and hospitals in Arizona and Colorado, along with International Aid based in Michigan. The goal is to supply Wewak’s Boram Hospital, remote aid posts and health centers with much needed medical equipment and supplies. This new partnership was formed last summer when President Mark Palm and Board Member Dr. Daniel Cranston met with Donald Sewell, Director of Faith in Action Initiatives.

As a result of the generous individuals and organizations involved, one forty-foot container has left the Faith in Action Initiatives warehouse in Dallas, TX, and is en route to Houston, where it will be staged to ship via an ocean freighter to Wewak, Papua New Guinea.

The staff of Boram Hospital sent a list of needs to Dr. Cranston and with the assistance of Faith in Action Initiatives we have procured much of the needed equipment for the hospital. The future plan of Samaritan Aviation and Faith in Action Initiatives is to send an additional container for the Boram Hospital, aid posts and health centers in 2017.

LIFE FLIGHT FOR MOTHER DYING FROM CEREBRAL MALARIA

A recent emergency call came to Samaritan Aviation to rescue Anita, a woman suffering from Cerebral Malaria. Mark Palm and Bryan Yeager responded immediately and flew to the Kaningara village. Bryan helped local villagers load Anita carefully into the floatplane. Anita left her village accompanied by two members of her family, one to help care for her youngest who was still nursing. Sadly, Anita was unresponsive during the flight and remains in critical condition. Chris Cooke our Medical Director has asked for prayers for Anita to have a full recovery.

Did you know that 80% of those living along the Sepik River suffer from Malaria?