BABY JESSE **goes home!**

It was early in the morning when Mark Palm received the urgent call from Paliagui village, a remote village on the backside of Chambri Lakes. Despite the poor phone reception, it became clear that the village was suffering from a sickness outbreak. One child had already died, and two more were very ill.

Mark, Samaritan Aviation advisor Bruce Johnson, and Nurse Maggie flew to the small lake near the village. About one hundred villagers were waiting for the arrival of the “Saman Balus” (plane with outriggers).

It was obvious that one baby would recover, but baby Jesse was in bad shape. After the two mothers and their babies were loaded, Nurse Maggie started an IV on Jesse. A brief prayer was said with the village and Mark piloted the floatplane back to the Boram Hospital.

The first baby was released from the hospital a few days later, but over the next few weeks, the Samaritan Aviation staff visited baby Jesse several times, praying with the family and sharing the story of hope and redemption. We also sent a special prayer request to all our international supporters to pray for him as well.

It was an amazing moment for Mark as he dropped off a healthy baby Jesse and his mom back in their village after Jesse’s three weeks in Wewak! We are thankful for the Boram Hospital staff and for all your prayers. We are also thankful for each of you who give so generously, providing the opportunity to save more lives both here in PNG and for eternity!

**New Floatplane Arrives!**

The floatplane that was completed last year has made it to Papua New Guinea! We are so grateful for everyone that gave generously so that this aircraft could be used as a tool to bring hope and healing to the people of Papua New Guinea. The plane, which arrived in a 40-foot container, will be put back together over the coming weeks and will have an official PNG dedication in the next few months. Stay tuned as we share the stories of those who will be impacted by this new floatplane!
**Matching Grant Extended!**

Since we announced a special $500,000 matching grant opportunity back in December, we are excited to report that many of you stepped up to the challenge!

$247,806 has been raised so far!

If you weren’t able to participate at the end of last year, we have some exciting news for you... **the matching grant opportunity has been extended!**

If you would like to see your gift **doubled** by this matching grant, just go to www.samaviation.com/GIVE.

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**Cookes & Hamers Back in Papua New Guinea**

This month, the Cooke and Hamer families finished up their furloughs and made it back to Wewak. We are so excited to get our team back together and add more families in the coming months!

**What to pray for:**

- Pray for the Cookes and Hamers as they settle back into life in PNG.
- Pray for renewed energy and focus as our organization heads into 2019.
- Pray for the people and patients that we will come in contact with this year; that they will see God’s love in everything that we say and do.