



ANNUAL REPORT

2017

Spreading hope to a nation.



PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Papua New Guinea is located in the southwestern Pacific Ocean, north of Australia. The island of New Guinea is the second largest island in the world, behind Greenland. Its capital city is Port Moresby and it is located along its southeastern coast. Papua New Guinea is one of the most culturally diverse countries in the world and has over 840 languages. Most of its over 7 million people live in customary, tribal communities, many of which have animistic religious beliefs.



Papua New Guinea is also one of the world's least explored countries, both in a cultural and geographical sense. It is often labeled as potentially the worst place in the world for gender violence and has the highest incidence of HIV and AIDS in the Pacific region.

In some remote tribal communities, infant mortality rates are often as high as 40%. Tribal communities face many physical challenges such as snake bites, tuberculosis, pregnancy complications, and malaria. It is estimated that over 20% of those living along the Sepik River suffer from malaria. Oftentimes tribal warfare breaks out and many are severely wounded or killed. Access to healthcare facilities in these regions is extremely limited.

- ROAD
- ⊕ AIDPOSTS AND HEALTH CENTERS
- † TRAVEL TIME BY BOAT AND ROAD
- * THE SEPIK RIVER IS 700 MILES LONG







1999-2016

1999 - Samaritan Aviation incorporates

2006 - SA purchases its first floatplane for Papua New Guinea

2010 - Palm family moves to PNG and the first life flight takes place

2014 - SA purchases second floatplane

2015 - Medical Director arrives in Wewak

2016 - New pilot arrives in Wewak

2017

2017 - SA purchases third floatplane and retires first floatplane

Two new pilots arrive in Wewak

SA partners with YWAM Ships to provide medical and evangelical outreaches

"1,000th Flight" milestone celebrated

PNG Government commits funds with 5-year agreement

New Hospital Ministry Staff added

Vaccination outreaches provide the opportunity to share Christ with thousands

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT/FOUNDER

Each year I look back at what has been accomplished through Samaritan Aviation: the lives saved, those we have spent time with through the Hospital Ministry, the relationships that have been forged, and the lives that have been changed and have come to Christ. But I also reflect on those who we tried to save and couldn't, those who needed care but, for various reasons, we were not able to provide it. There have been moments when our progress has felt like we've moved three steps forward, then two steps back. Although the work is not easy, in 2017 we have gained ground. We have seen many lives saved, outbreaks prevented, close to 2,500 kids receive various vaccinations, and most importantly many have come to Christ and are earnestly seeking to be Christ-followers.

If it were not for the support of people like you, the lives that I just mentioned would not have been saved or come to Christ. I know at times it is hard to develop a compassion for those living so far away when there is very little information and communication that can tie hearts together. Somehow, you have made that connection and we, as well as they, will be forever grateful. I hope this next year we are all able to celebrate even more lives that have been saved and become followers of Christ.

Thank you for your partnership!



MARK PALM
PRESIDENT/FOUNDER





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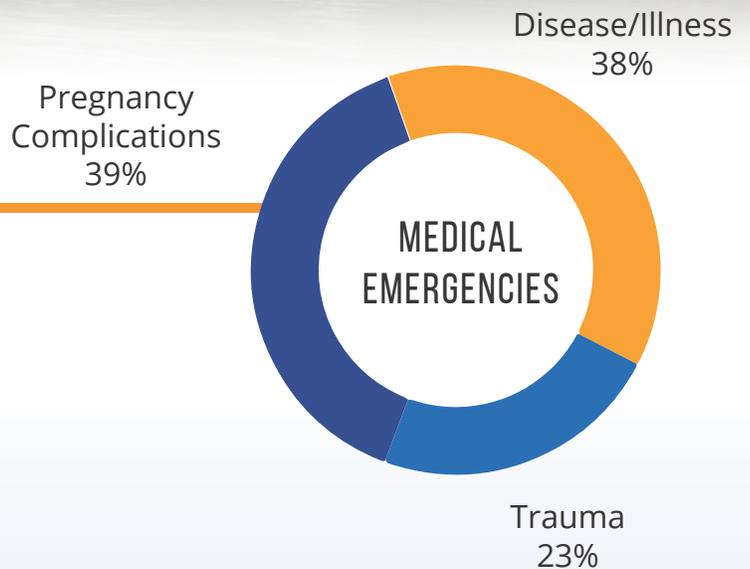
OUR TEAM IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA





LIFE FLIGHTS

140 PATIENTS FLOWN TO
THE HOSPITAL IN 2017



Samaritan Aviation’s floatplanes are essential to our mission; in an area devoid of runways, landing on the 700 mile-long Sepik River is the only way to reach remote villages quickly. Our floatplanes can cut a week-long trip down the river by canoe into a one hour flight, bringing a dying person in desperate need of medical care to the only hospital in the region.

For the people of Papua New Guinea, our floatplanes represent access and hope as we share God’s love through action.



Each patient that is flown in is prayed for and has multiple opportunities to hear the Gospel through our dedicated team.



HOSPITAL MINISTRY

The Hospital Ministry is at the heart of what Samaritan Aviation does in Papua New Guinea. When one of the floatplanes picks up a patient and flies them to the hospital, our work has just begun; patients stay at the hospital anywhere from three days to six months.

Our team sits with patients daily, praying with them and helping to meet both their physical and spiritual needs. We provide WiFi access to the Bible and Jesus Film for patients during their stay at the hospital. The ultimate goal of everything we do is to share who Christ is.

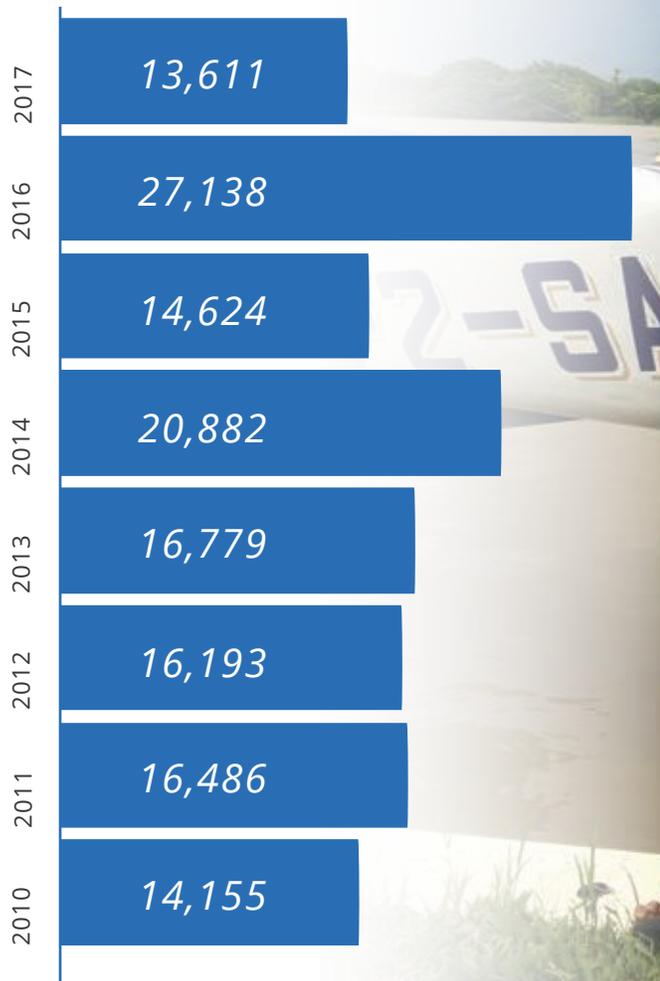
VACCINATION OUTREACHES

In 2017, we created a new ministry opportunity that also met an important need in the villages. When conducting a vaccination outreach, three or four of our team members will spend an entire day vaccinating children and pregnant women for 12 life-threatening illnesses. Throughout the day, individuals are introduced to the Gospel in their own language both one-on-one and in large groups. Our hope is to communicate the love of God through both our words and our actions.



- 8 VILLAGE OUTREACHES CONDUCTED
- 2,500 CHILDREN VACCINATED FOR 12 LIFE-THREATENING ILLNESSES
- THE GOSPEL SHARED WITH THOUSANDS

MEDICAL SUPPLY DELIVERY



Pounds of medical supplies delivered per year



Samaritan Aviation partners with the Boram Hospital in Wewak and assists them by providing medical supplies in large shipping containers through our US partners. We have also assisted in sending international experts and doctors to the Boram Hospital to conduct medical training and critical surgeries.

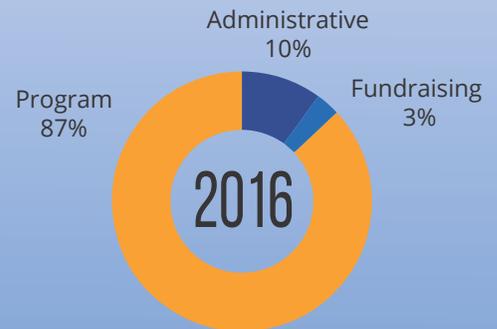
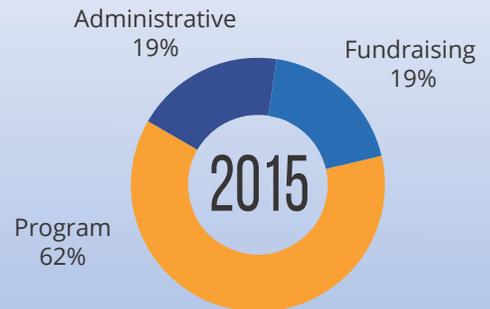
In addition, Samaritan Aviation works with the PNG National Department of Health to stock health outposts with medical supplies through the Area Medicine Storehouse in Wewak. These services are done in partnership with:

THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT • CATHOLIC HEALTH SERVICES • PACIFIC ISLANDS MINISTRIES • SDA MEDICAL OUTREACH
PROJECT CURE • SOUTH SEAS EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION • SAVE THE CHILDREN AUSTRALIA • OXFAM AUSTRALIA
NORTH AMERICAN RESCUE • HEART TO HEART INTERNATIONAL

FINANCIALS

2015-2016

	FY 2015	FY 2016
Revenue	\$1,534,040	\$1,528,876
Expenses		
Program	\$701,817	\$1,156,318
Administrative	\$215,172	\$137,679
Fundraising	\$207,593	\$41,936
Total Expenses	\$1,124,582	\$1,335,933
Excess (or Deficit)	\$400,723	\$192,943
Total Change in Net Assets	\$400,723	\$192,943
Total Assets	\$1,023,416	\$1,288,087
Total Liabilities	\$7,895	\$66,696
Net Assets	\$1,015,521	\$1,221,391



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ONGOING NEEDS

Increased monthly support

Completion and shipping of new floatplane
for Papua New Guinea

Housing renovation for Papua New Guinea compound

