

# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

# SAMARITAN

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# LETTER FROM THE CEO

Dear friends and stakeholders,

I'm writing to report to you on our most fruitful year ever and to make you aware of some critical challenges facing us in this turbulent time.

Another year has passed and, as I look back, I am grateful of what has been accomplished in 2019 through our ministry efforts in Papua New Guinea. 2019 was Samaritan Aviation's most impactful year through both aviation ministry and medical outreaches in the remote villages of PNG.

Some highlights and focus areas of 2019:

- 245 critical patients were flown from remote villages to the hospital
- We shared Jesus and showed God's love to each patient and their family members
- A new seaplane was launched for PNG flight operations
- 250,000 polio vaccines and over 21,000 lbs. of medical supplies were delivered
- We partnered with the PNG government to respond to flooding and sickness outbreaks
- We flew over 450 hours of life-saving ministry flights
- Our staff was trained through a Trauma Healing course

And this year in 2020, we are celebrating 20 years as an organization and 10 years of life-saving services and ministry in PNG!

The one challenge from this past year that I didn't see coming was being diagnosed with B-Cell Lymphoma in November. However, after 5 months of intense chemotherapy, I am grateful to report that the cancer is in full remission! I am grateful for my wife Kirsten, my three children, our staff, the board, and all of my friends and family that stood beside us during this difficult time.

I am so thankful for all of our partners who allow us to continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus serving those in need in PNG. I am excited as I look to the future and the impact that we will have in 2020 and beyond.

Sincerely,



Mark Palm  
CEO and Co-Founder



## DUE TO THE COVID-19 PNG NATIONAL SHUTDOWN AND OTHER ECONOMIC CHALLENGES, SEVERAL OF OUR PNG GRANTS HAVE BEEN REDUCED OR CANCELED!

We are now facing a shortfall of \$300,000 USD and this is needed to sustain all of our ministry needs in Papua New Guinea! This is just to continue current operations, without beginning to address the need to grow in our service to hundreds of thousands of people without access to medical care.

Aviation Services	\$200,000
PNG Staff & Missionary Housing	\$60,000
Ministry & Outreach Expense	\$40,000

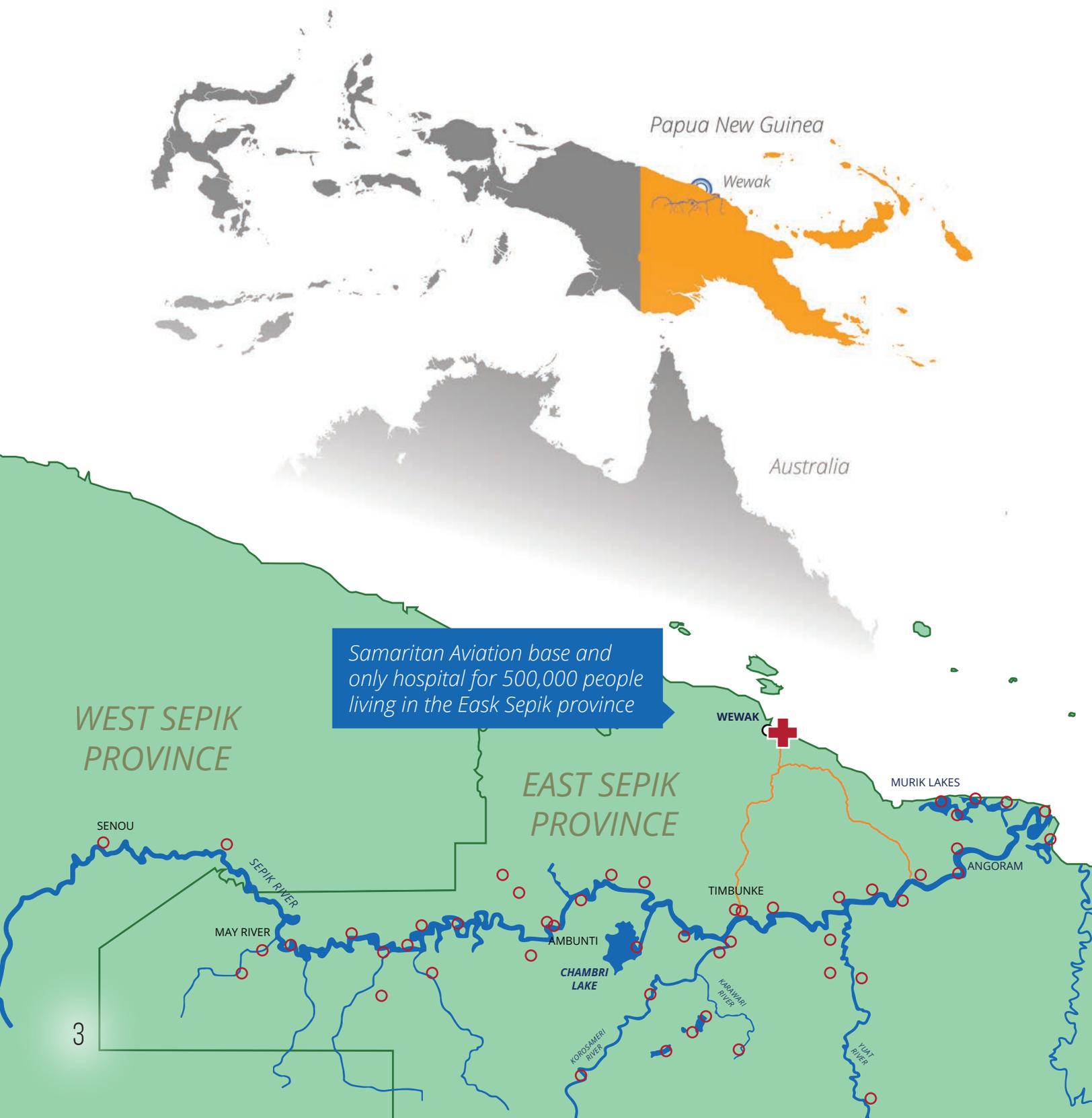
**FUNDING NEEDED FOR 2020:**

**\$300,000**



# PAPUA NEW GUINEA

- PNG has over 8 million people along with 840 languages
- Over 400,000 people in our region are without access to the hospital
- Infant mortality rates are often as high as 40%
- Tribal communities face many challenges such as malaria, other diseases, snake bites, tuberculosis, pregnancy complications, and tribal warfare





In an area devoid of runways, landing on a remote river is the only way to reach villages quickly



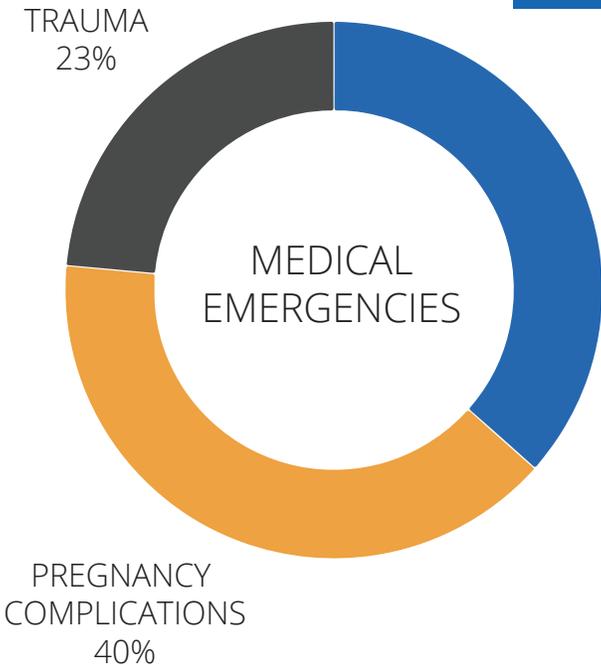
Our floatplanes can cut a week-long trip down the river by canoe into a one-hour flight



245

critical patients flown to the hospital in 2019

THE MOST LIFE FLIGHTS FLOWN IN OUR HISTORY!



TOP MEDICAL EMERGENCIES:

- Retained Placenta
- Obstructed Birth
- Fractures / Broken Bones
- Tuberculosis
- Malaria
- Snake Bite
- Bush Knife Attack

- Samaritan Aviation responds to emergency outbreaks and helps provide preventative treatment before outbreaks surface
- We administer vaccines that help protect against 12 prevalent life-threatening illnesses
- During the vaccine outreaches individuals are introduced to the Gospel in their own language

Since 2017, we have **vaccinated over 3,650 individuals** to protect against life-threatening diseases and **responded to numerous outbreaks of cholera, whooping cough, and other sicknesses.**



In 2019, we helped deliver the final round of polio vaccines in partnership with the PNG government



- Our team sits and prays with patients daily
- We provide Wi-Fi access to the Bible and Jesus Film, as well as clothing, blankets, and food for patients and their caretakers
- Our staff can now provide faith-based medical and trauma training to aid workers
- The ultimate goal of everything we do is to share a clear Gospel message of who Christ is



*Wewak Boram Hospital ward*

Through partnership with the PNG government, we are able to help stock health outposts with medicine, vaccines, and medical supplies.



**21,894 POUNDS OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES  
DELIVERED IN 2019**





Three missionary families returned to Papua New Guinea from the U.S.

Our Hope in Action Tour began in the U.S. with 22 stops all across the country



A new floatplane was launched in Papua New Guinea for flight operations

We distributed hundreds of thousands of polio vaccines in partnership with the PNG government!



Samaritan Aviation was featured on CNN Headline News

We flew a record number of flights (405) and a record number of flight hours (395) in 2019!



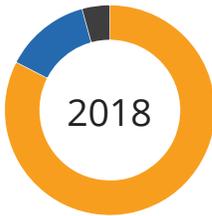
Our newest floatplane was showcased at the 2019 EAA AirVenture Oshkosh Airshow and won the Seaplanes Champion award

**116 VILLAGES SERVED IN 2019**

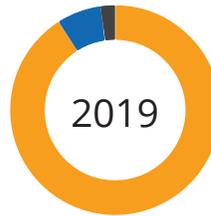
	2018	2019
Revenue		
Cash Donations	\$2,353,184	\$1,798,624
Noncash Donations	\$6,630	\$0
Other Revenue	\$34,536	\$86,507
Total Revenue	\$2,394,350	\$1,885,131
Expenses		
Total Expenses	\$1,373,808	\$1,654,874
Excess (or Deficit) for the Year	\$1,020,542	\$230,257
Total Change in Net Assets	\$1,020,542	\$230,257
Total Assets	\$2,526,478	\$2,720,627
Total Liabilities	\$126,588	\$90,540
Net Assets	\$2,399,890	\$2,630,087



91 cents of every dollar donated in 2019 went directly to ministry!



- 82.5% Ministry
- 13.2% Admin
- 4.3% Fundraising



- 91.4% Ministry
- 6.3% Admin
- 2.3% Fundraising

Samaritan Aviation has been awarded the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA) seal and has a Platinum rating on GuideStar!

*Less than 1% of organizations achieve a Platinum rating!*



## CURRENT BOARD & ADVISORY BOARD

**MARK PALM**

*CEO/Co-Founder, pilot, missionary*

**DR. DAN CRANSTON**

*Chairman, Doctor of Medicine*

**JOEY BURNS**

*CEO/Co-Founder Eagle Land  
Brokerage*

**DANIEL JONES**

*Pilot, former Dir. Nazarene  
Mission Aviation*

**JASON SCHWITTERS**

*CEO/Owner Schwitters Farm, pilot*

**JEFF PETERSEN**

*Owner/Broker Trans World  
Business Advisors of E. Texas*

**JOHN DAVIS**

*Executive Producer of movies and  
television*

**PAT CLOWES**

*Attorney, Real Estate Broker,  
Former VP of Promise Keepers*

**STAN ASKREN**

*Retired Chairman/CEO of HNI  
Corp.*

**JASON KENDALL**

*CEO of Kendall Farms, pilot*

**JEFF BERG**

*CEO/Owner of Planning Center*

**REVEREND MATT PALM**

*Founding Board Member of  
Samaritan Aviation, pastor*

**MICHAEL BANTZ**

*Professional Civil Engineer*

**BRUCE JOHNSON**

*Founding member of Quest  
Kodiak Team, pilot*

**RICK ORRED**

*President/Owner of Orred  
Financial Partners, Financial  
Advisor*

**DR. RICK MERRITT**

*Pastor, Clinical Family Counselor*

**REX SHERIDAN**

*Marriage and Family Therapist,  
Clinical Director*

**DR. PILLY MAPIRA**

*Doctor of Medicine, President of  
Public Health Assoc. of PNG*

**BISHOP PHILEMON WACHARA**

*Bishop of Harvest Center Fellowship  
denomination in E. Africa, pastor*

**JOY SCHWERTLEY**

*Owner of Discovery Profiling Inc.*

**PAUL FOREHAND**

*Former flight school owner, pilot*

**REVEREND JOHN POOL**

*Lead Pastor, accountant*

## EXECUTIVE STAFF

**MARK PALM**

*CEO/Co-Founder, pilot, missionary*

**BRYAN YEAGER**

*COO, former Dir. of  
Promise Keepers, author*

**TIM ASKEW**

*Dir. of Staff Development and  
Missional Engagement, bible translator for PNG*

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