

In November of 2019, we received a call from some missionaries serving in Pei, an hour flight from Wewak. A woman named Maria was suffering from pregnancy complications and both her and her baby's lives were in serious danger. Luke Hamer and Jacinta, a nurse from Boram Hospital, flew to the village.

As Luke approached the area, there was no patient in sight. While circling overhead, a call came in from our Medical Director, Chris Cooke, with some urgent news. The Boram Hospital operating room had flooded and they could not accept surgical patients, including Maria. They were talking through options as Luke finally spotted a Maria in a boat.

Chris and Luke decided that the only option was to fly Maria to Vanimo, a city in the Sandaun province, which had the next nearest hospital. However, Luke wouldn't have enough fuel to get back to Wewak. As Luke landed on the river and prayed for Maria and her baby, our team in Wewak sprang into action. Pilot Nick Mosca quickly loaded additional fuel cans into the second plane and flew to Vanimo. Chris arranged for an ambulance to meet Luke at the airport in Vanimo.

In a coordinated effort, Maria was rushed to the hospital for an emergency C-section as Nick and Luke refueled Luke's plane. Then the planes took off together to beat the sunset back to Wewak. The next day, our team received the great news: Maria had delivered a baby boy, Jerod, and they were both doing well!

When Maria and Jerod got back to their village, the missionaries were ecstatic, not only because she and her baby were alive, but because they were just starting to present the Gospel to the village after many years of translation!



"To be honest, we did not expect to see a good outcome and now

THERE IS NEW LIFE!

It brought tears to our eyes to see them return!

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for making such speedy and loving steps, aiding in valuing life."

- Evelyn Leigh Jones
Missionary in Pei village

Jacinta on the flight back to Wewak

Hospital Ministry Improvements

This season our team has been focusing on ways to make our ministry at Boram Hospital even better! We are developing different biblical and trauma healing curriculum for patients based on the length of their stay in the hospital. This will help our Hospital Ministry Team make the most of every day that we are ministering to our patients!



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In 2017, this partnership was displayed in the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Samaritan Aviation and the PNG National Government, which allowed us to access funding directly from the National Department of Health. This landmark occasion enabled us to work in coordination with the PNG government better than ever before!

