



**SAMARITAN**  
AVIATION

# 2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

Building on 25 years of lifesaving ministry



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**THIS YEAR HAS BEEN FILLED WITH GOD'S PROVISION** and your partnership in action. Together, we've celebrated **577 MISSIONS FLOWN** across Papua New Guinea, **264 PATIENTS RESCUED** and brought to critical medical care, and the expansion of service into the Gulf Province, opening doors for both medical and Gospel impact. Every number represents a life: a father healed, a mother reunited with her children, a child spared from tragedy.

Your prayers, generosity, and encouragement sustain this work and make it possible to continue serving the most remote communities of Papua New Guinea. To everyone who has stood with us—thank you. Your prayers, your gifts, your belief in this mission make every mile flown and every life touched possible. It's because of you that we can show up in the moments that matter most, when minutes mean everything and roads don't exist. Whether you've been part of this mission from the start or just joined our story, know that you are a vital part of bringing God's love and compassion to the most isolated corners of PNG.

Mark Palm  
CEO and Founder

# WHY WE FLY

*Korogu Village, Sept. 2025*

**PETSEN WANAM**, a 12-year-old boy from the village of Korogu, was out playing and climbing trees when he fell and broke his leg. It was a closed femur fracture that required immediate medical care.

Leaving his friends and school behind was difficult, but Petsen's father, Perry, stayed by his side and accompanied him on the flight to the hospital.

After a long road of healing, we're grateful to share that Petsen has now fully recovered! During his hospital stay, he loved listening to the King of Glory Bible lessons and coloring along with the pages. These moments in the ward open the door for us to share about the hope and love of Jesus.

Now, Petsen and his dad return home not only healed but carrying a message of Jesus' hope back to their village.



Every flight like Petsen's is made possible by Compassion Crew, our community of monthly givers who make it possible to respond quickly, fly patients free of charge, and share the Gospel with families in need. In places where help once seemed out of reach, these flights are rewriting stories of hope.

Wowobo Village, 2025

**THIS YEAR**, we flew to a new village called Wowobo, a place so remote that many of the people there had never seen an airplane before. As we touched down in our floatplane, kids ran to the shoreline, and others came forward to shake our hands and give us flowers. In this region, with no roads, no hospitals, and no quick way out, we're grateful for the ability to partner with nurses from Gulf Christian Services.

The presence of compassionate nurses often means the difference between life and death. There are so many more villages like Wowobo, in need of access to medical care. Villages yet to be reached by air. Each new location is a milestone of the expansion we will pursue until every village has access to lifesaving care.

# FIRST LANDING NEW BEGINNINGS

"There hasn't been a plane in this village since the 50s or 60s. This generation of Papua New Guineans has never seen an airplane up close, and they might see a nurse here once every few years. [It's now a] 16-minute flight versus a day of travel for them to get to the hospital."

– Mark Palm



**WEWAK** Samaritan Aviation Base and Hospital

**EAST SEPIK PROVINCE**

**GULF PROVINCE**

**KAPUNA**  
Future Secondary Base and Hospital

**WESTERN PROVINCE**



**SAMARITAN AVIATION SERVES** an estimated 750,000 people in Papua New Guinea's East Sepik and Gulf Provinces, where 80% of the population lives without roads, electricity, or access to basic healthcare. The 126 villages we serve are days from the nearest hospital by canoe, if reachable at all. Our floatplanes bridge that gap, turning three-day journeys into one-hour lifesaving flights and supporting outposts with medical necessities.

We're grateful for the opportunity to provide lifelines to these villages that would otherwise miss out on critical medical care.

In the Gulf Province, Samaritan Aviation has launched a new partnership with Gulf Christian Services at Kapuna Hospital, a vital facility serving more than 30,000 people in one of PNG's most isolated regions. Kapuna provides maternal health, emergency surgeries, and disease treatment with minimal resources—and until recently, without a reliable way to transport patients or receive medical supplies. Our floatplanes now deliver critical equipment, transport emergency patients, and expand the hospital's reach, making a life-or-death difference where the rainy season can turn rivers into walls and trails into swamps. Through this partnership, we are also extending the healing ministry of Christ deeper into the jungle.

**368 MINISTRY FLIGHTS**  
From evacuations and Gospel delivery, each flight showed our commitment to serve with Christ's love and hope.

**10,166 POUNDS OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES DELIVERED**  
These crucial and basic supplies are a lifeline to many who lack access to even simple healthcare items.

**264 AUDIO BIBLES/PATIENT PACKS GIVEN TO PATIENTS**  
Our hospital patients receive God's Word in the form of an audio Bible in their native language. They also receive patient packs with practical necessities and food.

**3 HOUSES BUILT**  
Safe and secure housing allows for our PNG staff members to deepen their roots in serving long-term with Samaritan Aviation.

**34 BABIES BORN**  
A large portion of our life flights involve mothers with pregnancy complications. We love celebrating new life and are reminded of God's provision with each newborn we deliver.

**365 DAYS OF PLANE AVAILABILITY**  
The consistency of generous givers allows us to operate year-round. Through the support of our donors, we can continue to provide free access to life flights, 365 days a year!

**OVER 750,000 PEOPLE AND 126 VILLAGES SERVED**

# FINANCIALS

**SAMARITAN AVIATION** exists because of faithful partners like you. Every flight we take, every patient we rescue, and every Bible we share is made possible through your generosity and prayers. But there is more work to be done! In Papua New Guinea, unreached villages have the opportunity to experience hope and healing, but we need your help! Join us in keeping planes in the air and the Gospel at the center. Together, we are bringing lifesaving care and eternal hope to those who need it most. Join the momentum!

TOTAL REVENUE  
**\$4.33M**

Contribution Revenue  
**\$4.27M**

Other Income  
**\$59K**

**IN 2025, WE INVESTED**

**\$2.93M** to keep planes flying, patients reaching care, and the Gospel shared.

**\$1.13M** to expand our reach into new areas of PNG.

**2025 CONTRIBUTIONS**

**\$3.05M** raised for operating expenses

**\$1.22M** raised for building/expansion projects

**NET ASSETS**

2025: **\$5.95M**

2024: **\$5.35M**

**1,285**

**SUPPORTERS** powered our mission across Papua New Guinea, sending lifesaving flights, vital care, and hope into some of the most remote and hard-to-reach communities.

**469**

**FIRST-TIME SUPPORTERS** took their first step with us this year, joining a growing family committed to making a lasting difference in people's lives.

**119**

**RECURRING IN 2025** joined Compassion Crew, our monthly giving community.

**43**

**HELPED FUND** building infrastructure and expansion projects, expanding our reach in PNG.

\*Disclaimer - These financial statements are unaudited. Audited financial statements, including year-end adjustments for 2025, will be posted once available.



# COMPASSIONCREW

SAMARITAN AVIATION'S MONTHLY GIVING COMMUNITY

WHEN EVERY SECOND COUNTS,  
YOUR MONTHLY GIFT IS ALREADY  
ON THE WAY.

**COMPASSION CREW** is Samaritan Aviation's committed group of monthly donors who make emergency medical flights possible in rural areas of Papua New Guinea. Each monthly gift of \$19 allows us to offer these services for free, and we get to show our friends what grace is before we tell them what grace is.

**DISASTERS DON'T WAIT**, and neither can hope. God is using Compassion Crew as the foundation that keeps this ministry flying, bringing both physical and spiritual healing to remote communities. Every life flight is a chance to share the Gospel, with our team providing each patient an audio Bible in their local language. We guide them through the King of Glory curriculum, helping them discover the hope and love of Jesus Christ. Monthly support allows us to respond the moment a catastrophe strikes.

The story of 2025 is one of lives saved, and it was written by our partners. This past year, **119 NEW MONTHLY DONORS** from **23 DIFFERENT STATES** joined the Compassion Crew, turning their compassion into life-saving fuel, vital medicine, and the promise of survival for families in desperate need.

JOIN COMPASSION CREW AT [COMPASSIONCREW.ORG](https://COMPASSIONCREW.ORG)

**BRINGING OUR MISSION TO**  
**EAA AIRVENTURE**  
**OSHKOSH**  
**2025**

**OSHKOSH**, the world's largest aviation celebration, is one of our most anticipated events of the year, and this year it was the biggest showing we've had! With a prominent spot for our plane at Boeing plaza, recruiting opportunities for 55 potential candidates, and lots of fun with aviation enthusiasts, this summer staple was a huge highlight of 2025 for Samaritan Aviation.



**THIS YEAR** at AirVenture Oshkosh, we had the privilege of sharing the unique story of Samaritan Aviation with thousands of aviation fans from around the world.

Our featured floatplane display at Boeing plaza gave visitors a firsthand look at the aircraft that cuts a three-day canoe trip down to a one-hour flight in Papua New Guinea. All week long, we were able to share about the lifesaving missions we fly and how aviation can open doors for both medical and spiritual impact.

Oshkosh also provided valuable opportunities to connect with 55 potential missionary recruits, volunteers, and future pilots and mechanics who share our passion for aviation and Gospel mission work. Luke and Tracy Hamer met with recruits, shared our Saman Balus documentary, and told stories about what it's like on the frontlines of this lifesaving work.

Beyond the networking, it was a joy to spend time with longtime supporters and inspire new friends who had never heard of Samaritan Aviation before. From conversations at our booth to moments watching the skies together, AirVenture reminded us again how God uses the world of aviation to build bridges of hope.



# WHY WE FLY

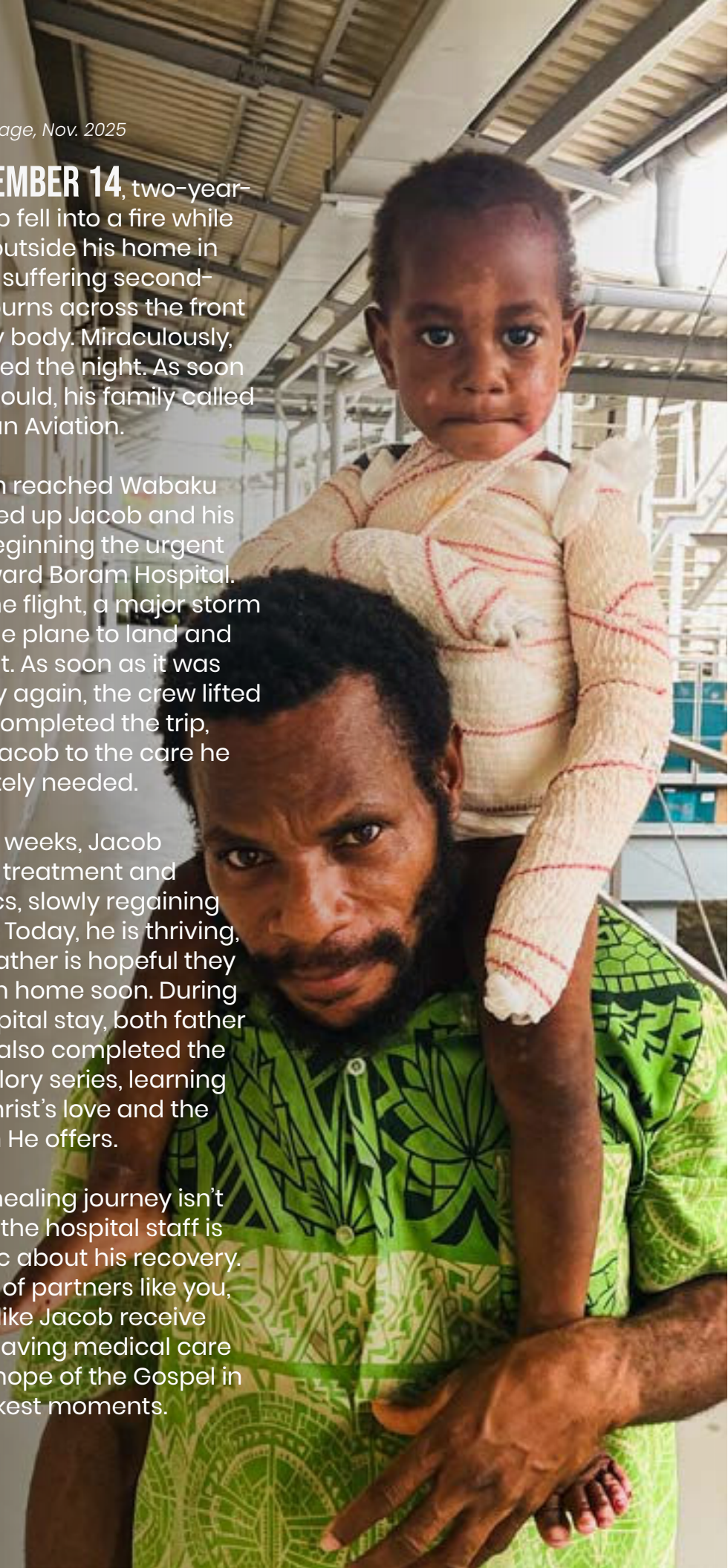
Wabaku Village, Nov. 2025

**ON NOVEMBER 14**, two-year-old Jacob fell into a fire while playing outside his home in Wabaku, suffering second-degree burns across the front of his tiny body. Miraculously, he survived the night. As soon as they could, his family called Samaritan Aviation.

Our team reached Wabaku and picked up Jacob and his father, beginning the urgent flight toward Boram Hospital. During the flight, a major storm forced the plane to land and wait it out. As soon as it was safe to fly again, the crew lifted off and completed the trip, getting Jacob to the care he desperately needed.

For three weeks, Jacob received treatment and antibiotics, slowly regaining strength. Today, he is thriving, and his father is hopeful they will return home soon. During their hospital stay, both father and son also completed the King of Glory series, learning about Christ's love and the salvation He offers.

Jacob's healing journey isn't over, but the hospital staff is optimistic about his recovery. Because of partners like you, children like Jacob receive both lifesaving medical care and the hope of the Gospel in their darkest moments.



**IN A WORLD MORE CONNECTED THAN EVER**, social media has become one of our most powerful tools for sharing stories of hope and impact from Papua New Guinea to supporters across the globe. Through photos, videos, and real-time updates, we've been able to invite thousands into the journey, celebrating rescues, hearing patient testimonies, and showcasing the life-changing work you've helped make possible.



## DIGITAL REACH

Every like, share, and comment is more than engagement. It's a way our community comes together to spread the message of God's love and the hope that each flight represents.

**FOLLOW SAMARITAN AVIATION ON THESE PLATFORMS:**

- /samaritanaviation
- /samaritanaviation
- /company/samaritan-aviation



# DEEPER ROOTS LONGER REACH

**AS WE LOOK AHEAD**, we believe God is inviting Samaritan Aviation to go deeper and reach farther in Papua New Guinea.

After 25 years of faithful partnership in this region, trust has been built. By strengthening our foundation and expanding our reach, we can respond to growing medical needs and bring hope to communities that remain days away from lifesaving care.

**DEEPER ROOTS** reflects our long-term commitment to remain present where crisis meets compassion. By investing in permanent infrastructure in East Sepik Province, we are strengthening our ability to serve patients, train local leaders, and sustain ministry for years to come.

East Sepik Projects include:

- **PURCHASING THE ONLY HANGAR IN WEWAK**
- **DEVELOPING LAND AND BUILDING A TRAINING CENTER**
- **STAFF HOUSING AND AN ADDITIONAL VEHICLE**
- **RESOURCES FOR HOSPITAL AND MINISTRY OUTREACH**
- **AVIONICS UPGRADES FOR OUR SEAPLANES**

**LONGER REACH** focuses on expanding trusted medical aviation services into new and underserved regions, beginning with the Gulf Province, where access to healthcare is extremely limited.

Gulf Expansion Projects include:

- **PURCHASING AND BUILDING TWO STAFF HOMES**
- **EXPANDING THE DOCK WITH A LIFT AND PROTECTIVE ROOF**
- **AN ADDITIONAL VEHICLE AND STAFFING SUPPORT**
- **RESOURCES FOR MEDICAL AND MINISTRY OUTREACH**
- **AVIONICS UPGRADES AND THE SHIPPING/IMPORT OF AN ADDITIONAL SEAPLANE**

Together, these next steps will extend lifesaving care to mothers, children, and entire communities, creating a lifeline to hope for generations to come.

# BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE



## BASE CONSTRUCTION IN THE EAST SEPIK

In Wewak, Samaritan Aviation is laying deeper roots through the development of a new base. This year, we've made significant progress in staff housing and the purchase of the only hangar in the region.

We are overjoyed at the purchase of this hangar, an essential hub that keeps our flights operational. This purchase was critical to our operations, and our ability to be stationed at the Wewak airport is a major milestone in deepening roots of ministry in Papua New Guinea.

Next year, we anticipate additional staff houses and a Training Center to equip local leaders. We also look forward to hosting more short-term trips, where teams can experience the joy and adventure of this lifesaving work. By strengthening our infrastructure, we're building long-term sustainability so that emergency flights, hospital ministry, and outreach efforts can continue to grow and serve communities across Papua New Guinea for generations to come.



## DOCK EXPANSION IN THE GULF

As we expand into the Gulf Province, a reliable dock system is critical for long-term operations. The planned dock expansion includes installing a lift and roof, providing safer and more efficient support for floatplane operations in Kapuna.

Beyond the water's edge, we are also building fencing for future staff housing, securing the land needed to support the growing team that will call this region home. This investment not only strengthens our ability to deliver patients, supplies, and the Gospel into this hard-to-reach region, but it also creates a lasting foundation for future ministry as Samaritan Aviation extends its reach across Papua New Guinea.

Pledge to new projects at  
[SAMARITANAVIATION.ORG](https://SAMARITANAVIATION.ORG)



# RECRUITING THE FUTURE OF SAMARITAN AVIATION

In 2025, we hit the skies and the campuses to find the next generation of aviation missionaries. From representing Samaritan Aviation at the IAMA Conference and Oshkosh to visiting California Baptist University, Moody Aviation, MATA, Kingdom AIR, MMS, SMAT, and Liberty University, we shared our mission with students and graduates ready to take flight. Each conversation sparked excitement for serving remote communities in Papua New Guinea, combining aviation skill with Gospel-centered care and the chance to make a real, lasting impact.

At Samaritan Aviation, every flight is a lifeline. From delivering urgent medicine to rescuing patients from remote villages, we combine aviation excellence with Gospel-centered compassion. We're seeking pilots, mechanics, and support staff who bring skill, resilience, and a heart for ministry. In Papua New Guinea's rugged conditions, every task—flying a patient, repairing an engine, or praying with a family—is an opportunity to share Christ's love. Together, we're more than an aviation team; we're bringing hope and healing to some of the world's most isolated communities.



BRING HOPE WHERE FEW CAN GO.  
**APPLY TODAY**  
 AT SAMARITANA.VIATION.ORG

**THE CESSNA 206 SEAPLANE** is a rugged and dependable seaplane designed for quick access in the challenging environments of PNG. With the ability to take off and land directly on rivers or land, Samaritan Aviation relies on this aircraft to provide direct access to villages that are otherwise unreachable.

### New Paint

Along with looking beautiful, the paint serves a very important function of protecting the aircraft from corrosion. A new coat of paint helps us make our aircraft last longer in the harsh sun conditions. There is also a special sealant used for float planes that is applied to keep water from getting into cracks and between panels where corrosion can start.

### Quick-release Seaplane Seatbelts for Pilots

These seatbelts allow for quick donning and removal in the very dynamic time when beaching or connecting with a boat to load patients.

### Robertson Short Take Off & Landing (STOL) Kit

When full flaps are used, the ailerons droop to improve lift, allowing the aircraft to take off and land in small, confined areas close to patients and their villages.

### Wing Tip Extensions

These extensions provide extra lift to help us take off and land in shorter distances in the hot and humid flight environment of PNG.

### Pilot Side "Bubble Window"

The bubble window allows pilots a much-improved view when surveying the landing lane, search and rescue operations, maneuvering on the water, and beaching.

### The Propeller

At 86 inches, our propeller allows the engine to develop more thrust. Retractable Water Rudders section; When moving slowly on the water, they allow us to steer. When moving faster on the water or flying, we stow them in the up position.

### Engine

The Continental IO-550 is a powerful aircraft engine that produces 300 horsepower continuously. That power allows the aircraft to use a large 86-inch propeller, which improves performance, especially for short takeoffs, heavy loads, and operating in challenging environments.

### Right-hand Door

A standard Cessna 206 does not have this door. This allows passengers and medical staff to easily board and disembark the plane from the right-hand side.



### Retractable Water Rudders

When slow on the water they allow us to steer, when fast on the water and flying we "stow" them in the "up" position.

### Floats

Aerocet 3400 Amphibious floats. These lightweight and durable floats stand up to the demanding conditions faced in PNG.

### Airframe

Cessna U206. Just big and rugged enough to do the job, yet small enough to be able to be handled and held by the local villagers when we are beaching and re-launching in a flowing river.

### Float Kit

The float kit includes extended exhaust pipes, a taller and longer rudder, and an added ventral fin to help maintain control despite the added surface area of the floats.

# SAMAN BALUS

## THE STORY OF THE FLYING CANOE

A new documentary film that follows the 25-year-and-counting story of Samaritan Aviation's mission to bring hope + access to the remote regions of Papua New Guinea

**THIS YEAR**, we had the privilege of launching the premiere of our new documentary film following Samaritan Aviation's mission to bring hope + access to the remote regions of Papua New Guinea.

Thousands of viewers, spanning 26 stops around the country as well as 13 countries represented for our online premiere, got a behind-the-scenes look at the lifesaving flights that bring hope to remote communities in PNG.

**104 PEOPLE** in **13 COUNTRIES**  
FOR THE ONLINE PREMIERE

**3,770 PEOPLE** at **26 STOPS**  
FOR THE U.S. TOUR SO FAR



**"What a phenomenal story of growth and how God has blessed missionary activity down there and we see where SA is such a significant part of that, we were blessed by that."**

**"I love it specifically because it gave me encouragement that God is working out there and he's working to reach the nations of the world"**

Mar 1	San Diego, CA	25th Anniversary Event
Mar 25	Mesa AZ	Fat Cats Theater
Mar 26	Flagstaff, AZ	Presence Community Church
Mar 28	Prescott, AZ	Prescott Church of the Nazarene
Mar 29	Prescott Valley, AZ	Lifepointe Church Assemblies of God
Mar 30	Kingman, AZ	New Life Church
Apr 9	Tampa Bay, FL	Central Christian Church
Apr 13	Ramona, CA	Grace Community Church
May 1	Seminole, FL	Studio Movie Grill
May 11	T and C, NM	Hope Springs Community Church
June 1	Broomfield, CO	New Hope in Christ Church
June 4	Colorado Springs, CO	Fresh Wind Church
June 8	Monroe, MI	Monroe Missionary Baptist Church

June 21	Carlsbad, CA	North Coast Church
June 26	Grand Rapids, MI	Celebration Cinema
June 27	Tempe, TX	First Church of the Nazarene
July 12	Denver, CO	Venture X Denver Lodo Theater
July 18	Wilmar, MN	Willmar Assembly of God
July 24	Oshkosh, WI	EAA AirVenture Oshkosh
July 27	Muscatine, IA	Calvary Chapel
Sep 21	Oracle, AZ	Living Word Chapel
Sep 21	Kearny, AZ	Living Word Chapel
Sep 26	Payden, OK	Paden First Baptist
Oct 26	Vista, CA	Hope Church of the Nazarene
Oct 29	Palmyra, VA	Calvary Chapel Fluvanna
Oct 30	Lynchburg, VA	Liberty University



Learn more and watch the trailer at  
**SAMANBALUS.ORG**



## THIS YEAR MARKED A MILESTONE

This year, we celebrated 25 years of Samaritan Aviation with a special gathering of our core supporters for a weekend of sharing God stories, reflecting on how far the ministry has come, and envisioning where we are headed next. The celebration included a red-carpet premiere of Saman Balus, our documentary capturing the heart of our mission and the lives forever changed through each flight. The event not only honored our history but also launched us forward, raising an incredible \$350,000 to fuel future flights. Every dollar represents a story yet to be written—a patient rescued, a village reached, and a new opportunity to share the love of Christ in the most remote corners of PNG.





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