

SAMARITAN

AVIATION

WHERE HOPE TAKES FLIGHT





26 YEARS OF IMPACT

More than two decades ago, Mark and Kirsten Palm felt God calling their family to serve people living beyond the reach of roads, hospitals, and basic medical care. With young children and a growing burden for Papua New Guinea, they stepped into a mission that would require faith, sacrifice, and perseverance.

After years of preparation, prayer, and support-raising, the Palm family helped establish Samaritan Aviation's work on the Sepik River, launching flight operations there in 2010. Their vision was simple: use floatplanes to reach remote villages, carry patients to lifesaving care, and share the love of Christ in moments of urgent need.

For Mark and Kirsten, Samaritan Aviation was never just about airplanes. It was about families—mothers facing childbirth emergencies, children battling malaria or burns, and villages cut off by rivers, jungle, and weather. Every flight would be free for patients, made possible through generous supporters.

Today, that family step of faith has grown into a year-round ministry of emergency life flights, medical supply delivery, disaster relief, and hospital ministry. After 26 years of impact, the mission remains the same: to fly to save lives and share Christ where roads don't go.

HOSPITAL & SAMARITAN AVIATION BASE
ONLY HOSPITAL FOR 500,000 PEOPLE
ALONG THE SEPIK RIVER

WEWAK

**EAST SEPIK
PROVINCE**

**WESTERN
PROVINCE**

**KAPUNA
HOSPITAL**

**HOSPITAL & FUTURE
SAMARITAN AVIATION BASE**
EXPANDING OUR REACH BY
OVER 250,000 PEOPLE

**GULF
PROVINCE**



PAPUA NEW GUINEA THE LAST FRONTIER

Samaritan Aviation began flight operations in Wewak, serving remote communities along the Sepik River. In this isolated region, villages are scattered deep in the jungle, often more than 100 miles from the nearest hospital. Reaching care can mean a grueling three-day canoe journey.

Our Cessna 206 seaplanes change what is possible. Able to land on rivers or runways, they turn days of travel into hours—bringing patients, medicine, and the hope of Christ to places roads cannot reach.

Now Samaritan Aviation is expanding south to Kapuna Hospital in the Gulf Province, where mangrove swamps, heavy rainfall, and thousands of miles of waterways cut families off from care.

From Wewak to Kapuna, we serve more than 750,000 people with lifesaving flights, medical supplies, and compassionate care.

A BEAUTIFUL NATION. A DIFFICULT ROAD TO CARE.

Papua New Guinea is one of the most remote and challenging places on earth. Home to more than 10 million people and over 840 languages, 80% of the country lacks roads, electricity, and access to medical care. Samaritan Aviation serves more than 750,000 people in the Sepik and Gulf provinces, many living days away from the nearest hospital. Deadly wildlife, disease, and tribal conflicts make survival uncertain. In the Gulf Province, impassable rivers leave entire communities cut off from help.

For many families, access to medical care is limited not by desire, but by distance. Villages along the Sepik River and throughout the Gulf Province can be days from the nearest hospital, with no roads, limited infrastructure, and travel dependent on canoes, weather, and waterways. In a medical emergency, that distance can become the difference between life and death.

Samaritan Aviation exists to bridge that gap by bringing lifesaving flights, medical supplies, and the hope of Christ to remote communities that would otherwise remain out of reach.

OVER 300

**PATIENTS TRANSPORTED EACH
YEAR FOR LIFESAVING CARE**

When emergencies happen in remote villages, Samaritan Aviation helps turn dangerous, days-long journeys into urgent flights to the hospital—giving mothers, children, and families access to care when every hour matters.

OVER 18,000

**POUNDS OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES
DELIVERED EACH YEAR**

We distribute medicine and essential supplies to aid posts along the East Sepik River, helping remote clinics serve communities with little or no access to basic healthcare resources.

EVERY PATIENT

**HEARS THE GOSPEL IN THEIR
OWN LANGUAGE**

Every patient we fly in is cared for with compassion, prayed for, and given the opportunity to hear the message of God's love. We also provide an audio Bible with God's Word in their language, offering hope beyond the hospital.

FOR **87%** OF PEOPLE IN
PAPUA NEW GUINEA,
**MEDICAL CARE IS
OUT OF REACH.**

OUR SEAPLANES CAN BE
THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
LIFE AND DEATH.





FOR SO MANY, **SAMARITAN AVIATION**
IS THE ONLY **HOPE** THEY HAVE.

**BE THE
REASON
HOPE
ARRIVES.**



EACH YEAR WE TRANSPORT
OVER **300 PATIENTS** FOR
LIFESAVING CARE.

TOGETHER WITH THE LOCAL CHURCH, CARRYING THE GOSPEL WHERE ROADS DON'T GO.

Samaritan Aviation partners closely with local churches and mission organizations across Papua New Guinea to help the Gospel reach some of the most remote places on earth. We fly missionaries from organizations like New Tribes Mission, Liebenzell Mission, To Every Tribe, and Wycliffe Bible Translators—serving Bible translators, church planters, and disciple-makers who are working among unreached people groups. Along with people, we transport vital supplies like food, ministry resources, and equipment needed to sustain long-term work in isolated villages.

We also serve as a lifeline of compassion for these partners and the communities they serve. Our aircraft provide medical evacuation flights for missionaries and villagers, reflecting the love of Christ in moments of great need. We support discipleship efforts through pastor training, audio Bibles, and ongoing relationships with village churches. Our missionary families regularly serve alongside local congregations through teaching and Sunday school. In recognition of this Gospel-centered work, Samaritan Aviation was also selected to receive a significant grant from the PNG Country Church Program to support ministry throughout the country.



**SUPPORTING CHURCH PLANTER
JASON CIZDEJEL IN WABAKU VILLAGE**



**SAMARITAN STAFF TEACHING AT THE
KAPUNA BIBLE SCHOOL FOR LOCAL PASTORS**



PASTOR DISCIPLESHIP CONFERENCE IN SAMBAN



OUR CORE MINISTRIES

Samaritan Aviation provides emergency flights, medical care, and the hope of Christ to remote communities in Papua New Guinea.

LIFE FLIGHTS

We provide emergency medical flights, turning treacherous, days-long journeys into a one-hour flight to lifesaving care. Every flight is an opportunity to share God's love in moments of critical need.

DISASTER RELIEF

In the wake of natural disasters, we respond quickly with essential aid like food, water, and medical supplies. Our team provides immediate relief and reassurance to those facing loss and devastation.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Our team delivers vital medical supplies to remote villages that would otherwise have no access to lifesaving treatment. With these deliveries, hope reaches even the most isolated communities.

HOSPITAL MINISTRY

We pray daily with patients and encourage families during their most difficult time. Every patient we fly in hears the Gospel and the story of God's love.

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.

WHY WE FLY



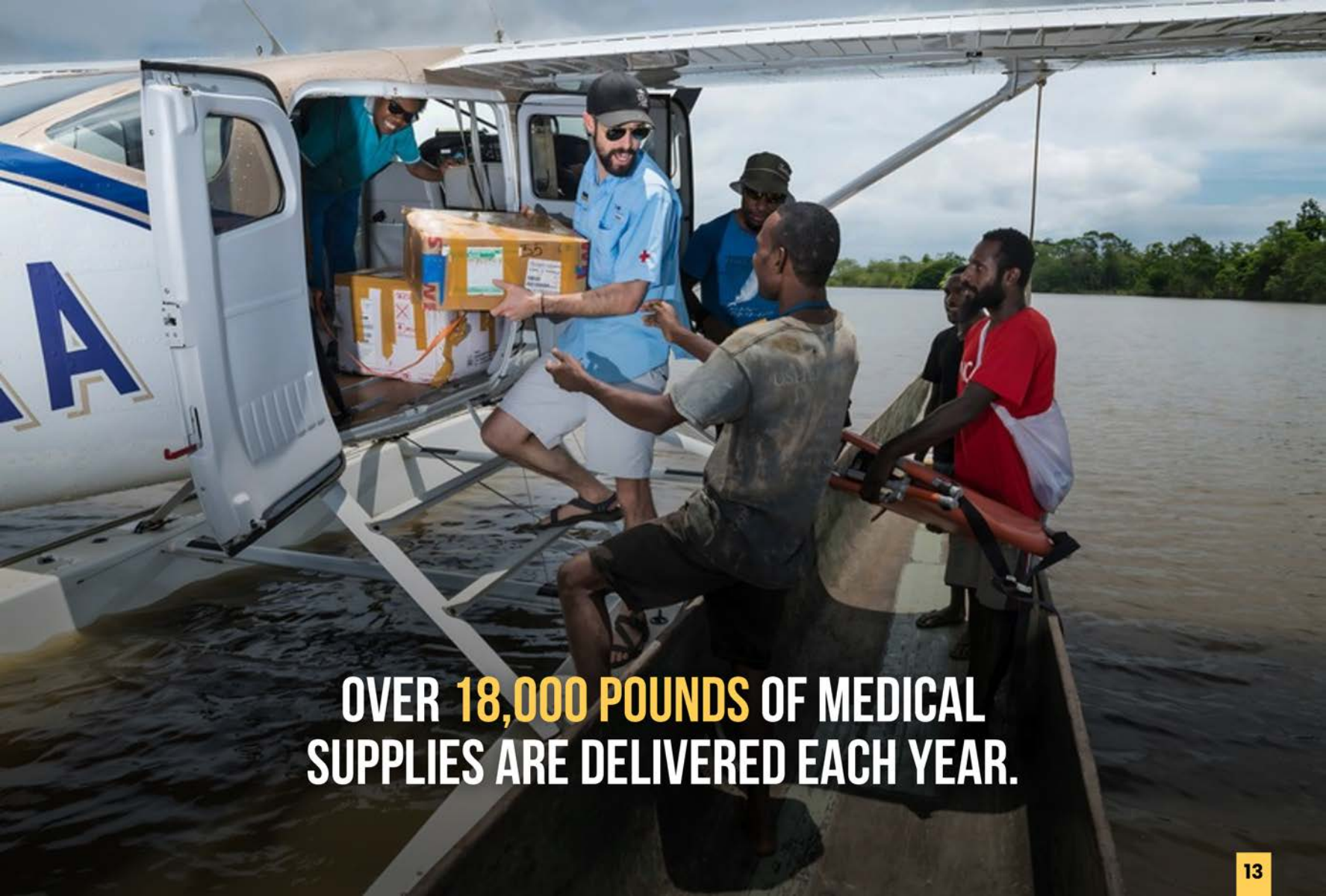
A woman with a tattoo on her chest sits beside a young child lying in a hospital bed. The child has a nasal cannula and a smartphone resting on their chest. In the background, another patient is visible in a separate bed.

**EVERY PATIENT WE FLY IN
HEARS THE LIFE-CHANGING
MESSAGE OF GOD'S LOVE.**

An audio Bible is given to every patient
so they can hear God's Word in their
local language.



**WE HELP DISTRIBUTE
MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO
CLINICS ACROSS
THE EAST SEPIK.**



**OVER 18,000 POUNDS OF MEDICAL
SUPPLIES ARE DELIVERED EACH YEAR.**



**FAMILIES ARE FINALLY RECEIVING THE
LIFESAVING HEALTHCARE THEY'VE LONG NEEDED,
DELIVERED WITH HOPE AND COMPASSION.**

EVERY SECOND COUNTS

SAVING A LIFE FOR A MOMENT TO SHARE JESUS

We were on a medical supply run when the call came in—an 8-year-old boy named Junior had just been bitten by a death adder, one of the deadliest snakes in Papua New Guinea. In this part of the world, **a bite like that means you have just 3 to 8 hours to live.** When we reached him, Junior was barely conscious, frothing at the mouth, his eyes rolling back, completely delirious.

We loaded him into the floatplane and took off faster than ever before—off the water in under a minute. Every second was critical. His condition was deteriorating with each passing moment. When we landed, we rushed him straight to the hospital, where they had antivenom ready. Junior survived.

One year later, we met him again in his village—alive, smiling, and full of life. We gave him and his community an audio Bible with God's Word in their heart language. That moment was powerful. Years ago, Junior's grandmother died from a snake bite—there was no Samaritan Aviation then. **But this time, we were there.** And because we were there, Junior lived.

This is why we do what we do.

KAPUNA - THE GULF PROVINCE

RAMPING UP LIFESAVING IMPACT IN THE GULF

Samaritan Aviation is already serving families in the Gulf Province, and the mission continues to grow. Each year, more flights are reaching remote communities in this region—bringing emergency medical care, essential supplies, and the hope of Jesus to places where roads don't go. As the need increases, we are strengthening the infrastructure required for long-term ministry in Kapuna. Projects such as fuel storage, a functional dock, and staff housing are helping build the foundation for safe, sustainable aviation service in the Gulf Province. Step by step, Samaritan Aviation is increasing capacity so more families can receive lifesaving care, compassionate support, and the hope of Christ when every hour matters.

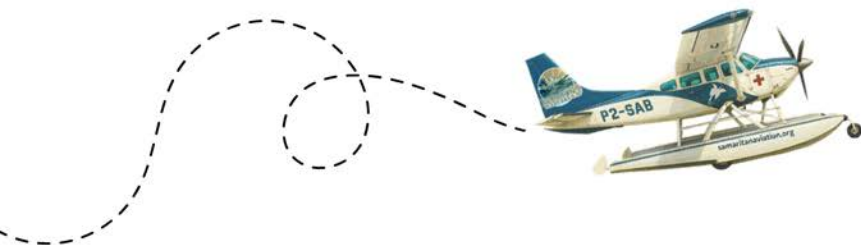
OUR GCS PARTNERSHIP

SAVING LIVES AND SHARING CHRIST WHERE ROADS DON'T GO

Kapuna Hospital is a lifeline in one of Papua New Guinea's most remote areas. Serving over 30,000 people, it provides essential care—despite limited resources—including maternal health, emergency surgeries, and disease treatment. Though isolated and accessible only by river or air, the hospital is critical for communities that would otherwise have no access to medical care. Through its partnership with Samaritan Aviation, Kapuna can receive supplies, transport patients, and expand its reach, offering both healing and the love of Christ.

The need for medical care in this region is urgent. Mothers die in childbirth, children suffer from preventable diseases, and tropical illnesses go untreated because of limited access. While hospitals like Kapuna do incredible work with few resources, reliable transport and supplies are essential to save lives. Samaritan Aviation provides that lifeline—our aircraft bring medical teams, emergency patients, vaccines, and hope to places no road can reach.

Kapuna's greatest challenge is its isolation. During the rainy season, rivers flood, and jungle trails become impassable. Transporting a patient by canoe to the nearest hospital can take days—and may not be enough to save them. Emergency care, surgical supplies, and basic medications are in short supply. That's where Samaritan Aviation comes in. Our floatplanes break through these barriers, turning life-threatening delays into lifesaving flights.





COMPASSIONCREW

SAMARITAN AVIATION'S MONTHLY GIVING COMMUNITY

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

Starting at \$19/month, you help provide emergency medical response and the hope of the Gospel in Papua New Guinea.



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Every dollar given to Fuel for Life helps fuel, maintain, insure, and sustain the aircraft that make lifesaving flights possible.

EVERY DRUM OF FUEL KEEPS HOPE IN THE AIR



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