

# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2016



**SAMARITAN**  
AVIATION

# PAPUA New Guinea

Papua New Guinea is an oceanic country that occupies the eastern half of the island of New Guinea. It 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. These strong societal customs and social life are overlaid with traditionally animistic religious beliefs. When measured in terms of money, many people in the country live in extreme poverty, about one-third of the population lives on less than US\$1.25 per day. Papua New Guinea is one of the world's least explored counties, both in a cultural and geographical sense.

Papua New Guinea 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. A lack of HIV/AIDS and basic medical awareness is a major problem, especially in rural areas.

In some remote tribal communities, infant mortality rates are often as high as forty-percent. Tribal communities face many physical challenges such as snake bites, tuberculosis, pregnancy complications, and malaria. Often times tribal warfare breaks out and many are severely wounded or killed. Options and access to healthcare facilities in these regions is extremely limited.

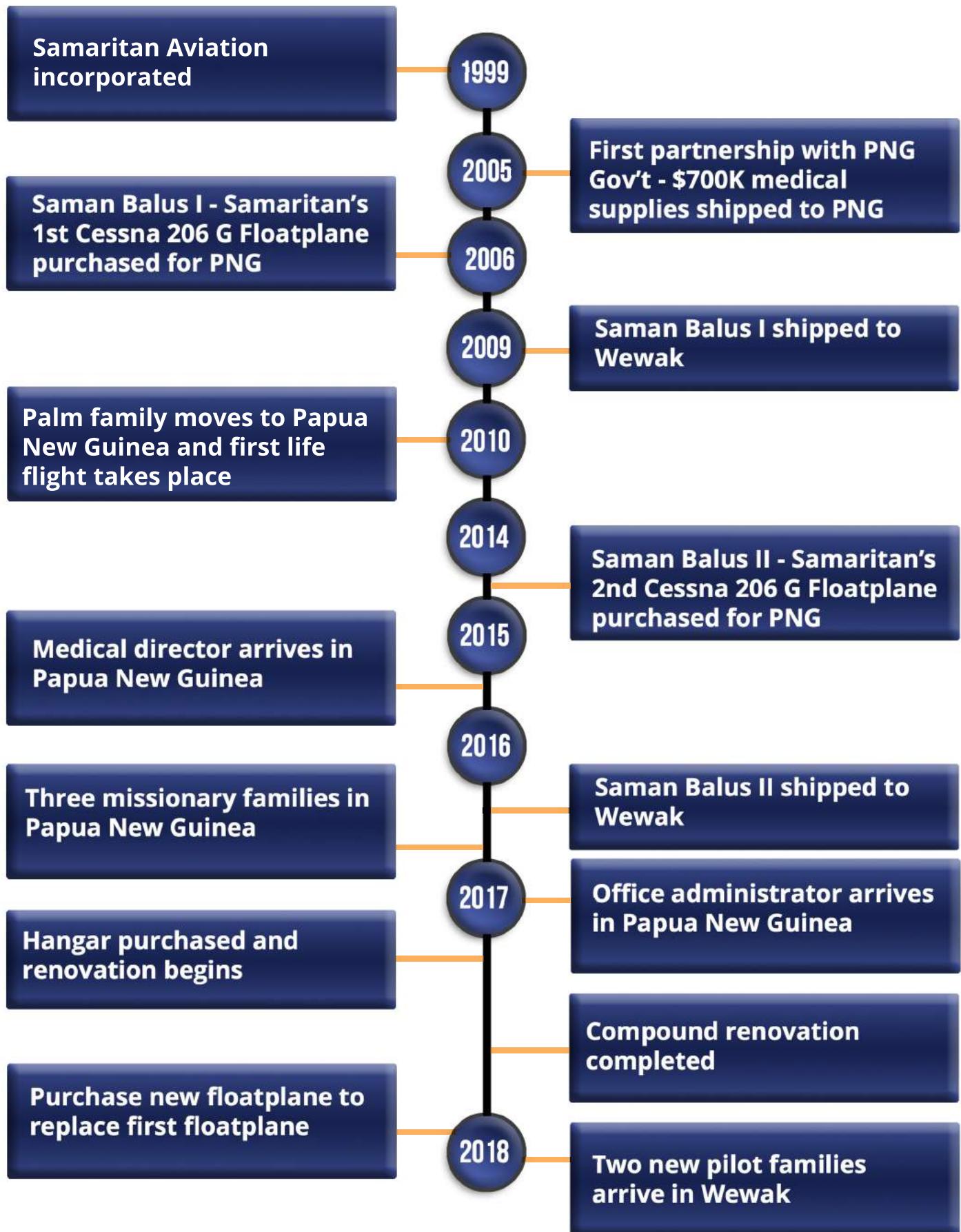
As a traditionally animistic culture, tribal beliefs do not separate the spiritual and physical world. Souls or spirits exist, not only in humans, but also in animals, plants, rocks, mountains, rivers, and other entities of the natural environment, including thunder, wind, and shadows. Animists believe that these spirits need to be appeased or respected. Rituals are often required to communicate with the spirit to dispel or pacify it.





# Spreading Hope in PAPUA NEW GUINEA

# SAMARITAN AVIATION *Timeline*



# LETTER FROM THE President/Founder



Every day we experience a dream fulfilled, a dream that began in 1994 when my friend and I took a summer trip during college to a small island off the coast of Papua New Guinea. We saw how great the needs were among these people. They were some of the poorest and most remote in the world and had little or no access to medical services. I am overwhelmed by God's faithfulness to take that dream and make it a reality over the last 20 years.

Since January of 2010, we have been using aviation to bring hope and life to the 200,000 people who live along the muddy

banks of the Sepik River – at no cost. We fly emergency evacuation flights, medicine and vaccination deliveries, disaster relief, and community education outreaches. The need remains great, in many ways, even greater than in 1994.

When I think about the thousands of lives that have been saved through our work here, I feel such gratitude to all of you who have supported Samaritan Aviation. We are only able to do this because you have heard the desperate cry of those on the other side of the world and have not only heard, but responded.

Thank you,

Mark Palm  
President/Founder



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## **OUR TEAM IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA**



# EMERGENCY *Life Flights*

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.

Since 2010, we have conducted over **550** life flights for patients suffering from tuberculosis, cerebral malaria, dehydration, trauma, and a wide range of pregnancy complications.

For the people of Papua New Guinea, our floatplanes represent access and hope.



# 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. Because the hospital staff and facilities are limited, family members and friends are required to take care of patients in the hospital by providing food, bathing, clothes, and anything else a patient might need while at the hospital. For that reason, we always fly a "caregiver" to Wewak from the village along with the patient.

Our team sits with patients daily, praying with them and helping to meet both their physical and spiritual needs. The ultimate goal of everything we do is to share who Christ is.

**126,257**  
**TOTAL**

## MEDICAL SUPPLY *Delivery*

**27,138**

2016



**14,624**

2015

**20,882**

2014

**16,779**

2013

**16,193**

2012

**16,486**

2011

**14,155**

2010

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:

- Provincial Government
- Catholic Health Services
- Pacific Islands Ministries
- SDA Medical outreach
- South Seas Evangelical Association
- Save the Children Australia
- Oxfam Australia
- Project Cure
- North American Rescue
- Heart to Heart International

Since we began the ministry of Samaritan Aviation in New Guinea, we have delivered over 126,000 pounds of medical supplies to 38 remote aid posts in the East Sepik Province.

# COMMUNITY *Outreach* & DISASTER *Relief*

## Disaster Relief

In April of 2016, Papua New Guinea suffered some of the worst flooding in the last decade. With our floatplane, President Mark Palm was able to fly a government official and representatives from Oxfam Australia and Save the Children to assess the condition of numerous villages and develop the best response.

## Leadership Training

In partnership with ZimZam Global and New Tribes Mission, Samaritan Aviation sponsored two 3-day conferences that brought together church leaders from all over Samban and Wewak. By investing in leaders, we hope to make an impact on the culture and promote positive change within communities.

## Surf Ministry

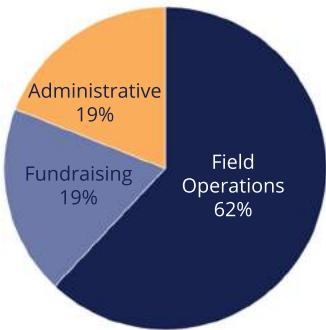
One of the ways that Samaritan Aviation is reaching out is through creating a surf ministry that is targeting the local youth. The lack of surfboards and equipment is taken care of by kind donations that are shipped over periodically by friends of Samaritan Aviation.



# FINANCIALS

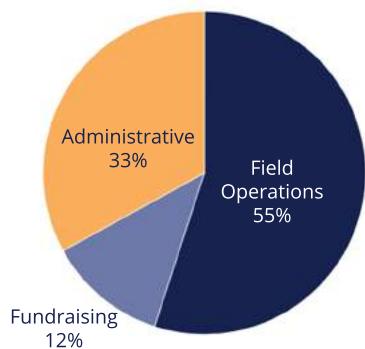
## 2014-2015

### 2015 Expenses



	FY 2015	FY 2014
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Cash Donations	\$1,534,040	\$912,846
Noncash Donations	\$0	\$0
Other Revenue	<u>\$-8,735</u>	<u>\$-39,312</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$1,525,305</u>	<u>\$873,534</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Program	\$701,817	\$454,732
Administrative	\$215,172	\$268,460
Fundraising	\$207,593	\$98,307
Other	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$1,124,582</u>	<u>\$821,499</u>
Excess (or Deficit) for the Year	\$400,723	\$52,035
Other	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Change in Net Assets	\$400,723	\$52,035
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	\$1,023,416	\$630,568
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>\$7,895</u>	<u>\$15,770</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>\$1,015,521</u>	<u>\$614,798</u>

### 2014 Expenses



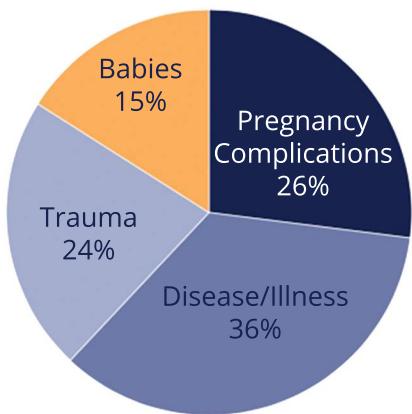
Financial accountability and transparency are important in every decision that Samaritan Aviation makes. We make it a priority to see that your contributions are used to provide access and hope to the people in Papua New Guinea.



# IMPACT 2015-2016

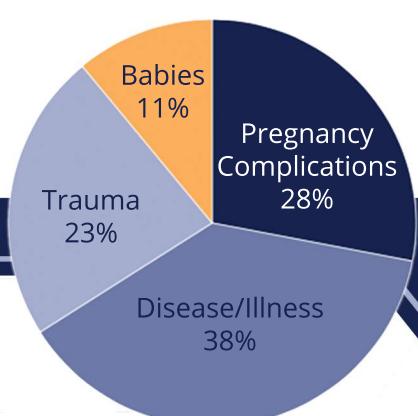
	2015	2016	2010-2016 Totals
# of Flights Flown	142	226	939
Medical Supplies Delivered (in pounds)	14,624	27,138	126,257
# of Patients	105	176	681

## Patient Medical Emergencies 2015-2016



Samaritan Aviation helped to prevent multiple outbreaks of measles and whooping cough in 2015 and 2016 through the delivery of vaccinations, nursing officers, and a vaccine refrigerator to affected areas. Prior to our operations, similar outbreaks resulted in the deaths of thousands of people.

## Patient Medical Emergencies 2010-2016



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# 39%

of our life flights from 2010-2016 were responses to pregnancy complications. These flights involved the lives of 265 mothers and infants.