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## ANNUAL REPORT

SERVING THE ISOLATED





# YWAM SHIPS KONA

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SECTION ONE

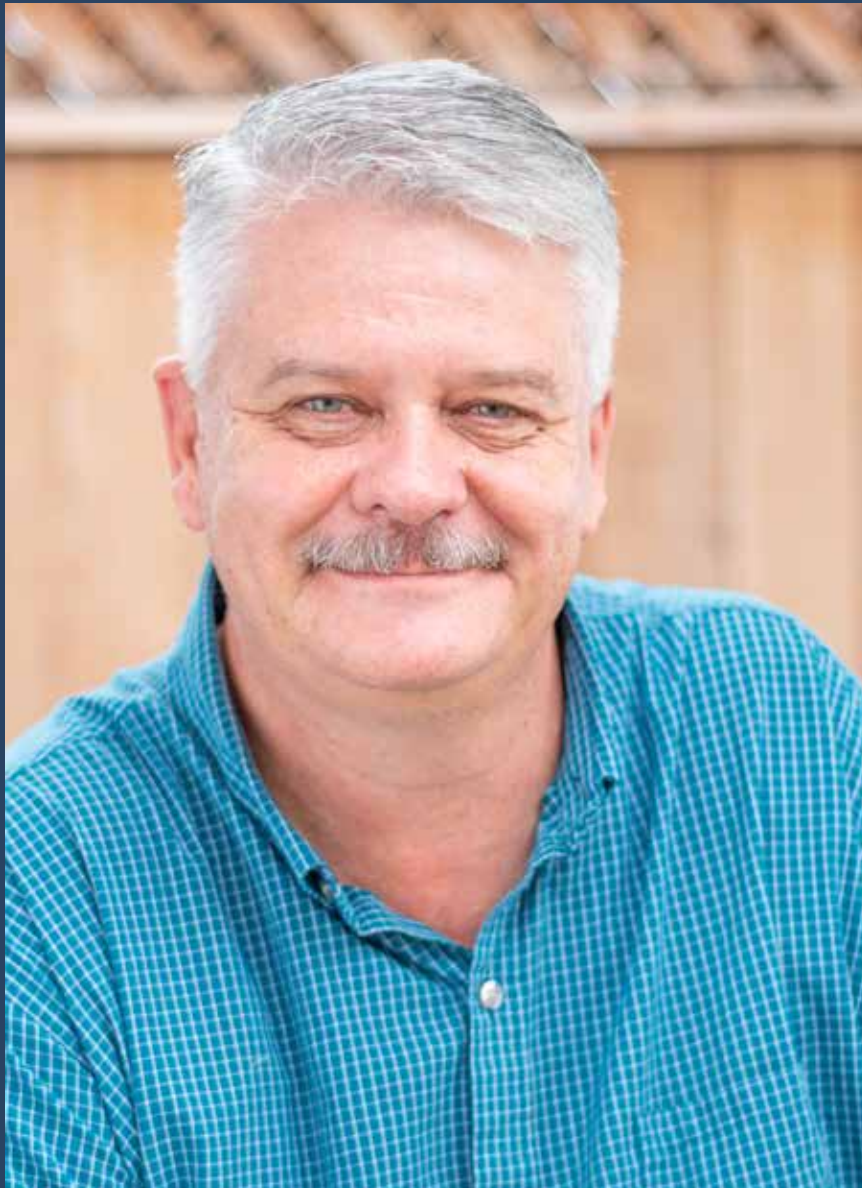
# 2017 AT A GLANCE





# 1.1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**Reflection over this past year always brings a sense of gratefulness to the many international volunteers and financial supporters who worked tirelessly and diligently alongside us to provide healing for hurting people.**



Since its inception in 2011, Youth With A Mission (YWAM) Ships Kona has established operations in Hawaii, Panama, the Marshall Islands, and Cambodia. In 2017, we began ministry in Haiti and New Zealand. Founded in Orange County, California, we are now headquartered in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.

In Papua New Guinea (PNG) alone 368 people volunteered onboard our vessels. Many more worked hard in support locations to facilitate all that occurred.

Our newest vessel, the m/v YWAM LIBERTY, joined the fleet in 2017. She was made ready for deployment mid-2018, conveying a variety of new operational tools through the use of containers. She is currently the only ship in the YWAM fleet that can carry containers, so we are very excited to see what innovative solutions can be discovered in service to isolated islands around the world.

At the end of 2017, we saw the m/v PACIFIC LINK deliver over 40,991 medical services while on deployment in Papua New Guinea. I am deeply moved each time I see someone who has been blind for years regain their sight and is able to engage in a productive life again. What a privilege!

I recall Willie, who'd been without sight for the past eleven years, coming onboard our vessel anchored eighty-five miles up the Sepik River. He grew excited as his eye patch came off and he could see! He was keen to return home

in his canoe to be re-introduced to family members he hadn't seen since their birth. Stories like Willie's happened 360 times in 2017 due to the skill of medical teams from around the world and across PNG.

We love training future indigenous generations, and it is a privilege to regularly see up to 30% of our crew on board the m/v PACIFIC LINK and m/v YWAM LIBERTY come from PNG. They serve in all kinds of categories: medical, marine, stewards, as well as general volunteers.

We're also happy to report that we were able to provide a total of 72,011 services (medical and development) to 52 villages in the Momase and Islands Regions. The time and labor donated by our volunteers in 2017 are estimated to be just over \$5,000,000 (USD).

The efforts of many go into this 2017 annual report. We wish to communicate our gratefulness for all of your kindness and support this year as we served. Wrapped around every service and activity you will read about, are the hearts of volunteers and financial supporters committed to conveying the love of the God who fills our lives and motivates our care for others. It is an honor to know and serve alongside every one of you.

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Brett Curtis".

**BRETT CURTIS**  
President / CEO



# 1.2 MILESTONES AND HIGHLIGHTS

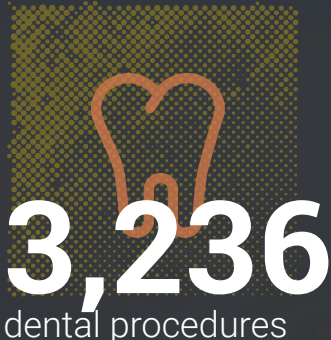
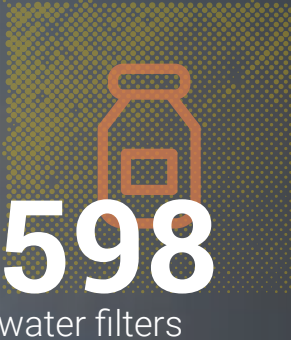
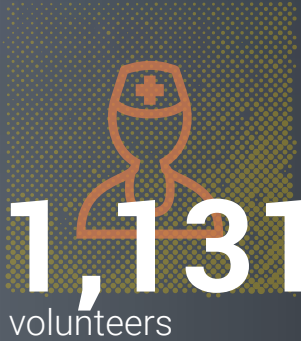
## MARITIME & LAND-BASED OPERATIONS

Many of the communities served by our ships lie in uncharted coastal waters. We had teams that worked on the ship and in villages ashore each day. We also executed advance work to confirm village interest in collaboration with ship personnel and to identify specifically suitable anchorages.

- A summary of 2017 milestones and highlights are as follows:**
- Reached over 90% of the coastal and island regions of West New Britain with training and medical services.
  - Achieved 26 surgeries in one day, the highest number to date supported by local PNG eye surgeons.
  - Accomplished the highest number of outreaches to date supported by local PNG eye surgeons. Five out of the seven outreaches offered eye surgeries.
  - Realized the highest number of Papua New Guinean volunteers to date with up to 30% of our ships' company from PNG.
  - Sustained partnerships with New Britain Palm Oil Ltd and Hargy Palm Oils Ltd who sponsored outreaches into West New Britain.
  - Saw the highest number of locals ministered to at Outpost Panama base, one of our outreach destinations doing work among the Ngobe Indians in and around the Bocas Del Torro region.
  - Delivered Bibles and medical care to the outer islands through our team in the Marshall Islands on Ebeye Atoll. Locals reported that YWAM Ships Kona's crew was the first in decades to come and offer such services.

# 120,773

HEALTH CARE AND TRAINING SERVICES  
ACROSS ALL OUTREACHES IN PNG, INCLUDING FROM OUTPOST PANAMA  
AND MARSHALL ISLANDS, DURING 2016 & 2017







## 1.3 HISTORY

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YWAM Ships Orange County began in 2011 and became known as YWAM Ships Kona on July 23, 2013. With a goal to reach otherwise inaccessible locations by using vessels of varying sizes and configurations, the organization has established a training and support location on the Big Island of Hawaii. Additional locations have been established in Panama, the Marshall Islands, Cambodia, Haiti and New Zealand.

YWAM Ships Kona is led by Brett and Karen Curtis, who began their shipping career in 1983 when YWAM's first hospital ship, the 12,000-ton m/v ANASTASIS, called into their home port of Tauranga, New Zealand. Several decades, multiple vessels and five children later, having served in over seventy nations on six continents, they work alongside an international team in Kona serving those in isolated locations.

In 2015, YWAM Ships Kona received the m/v PACIFIC LINK as a gift from YWAM Australia and began to serve the isolated islands and rivers of the Momase region in northern PNG.

In 2017, the m/v YWAM LIBERTY was added to the growing global fleet of YWAM. She was acquired through P&O Maritime in March of 2017 in Hobart, Tasmania. She has since been reflagged, surveyed and dry docked with just over \$900,000 (USD) spent in 2017. Her inaugural deployment was set for mid-2018. She brings a new capacity to the mission of ships—containers! She also has a helicopter deck and is registered as 1760 gross ton special purpose ship.

In March 2017, YWAM Norway joined with New Zealand and Hawaii in a collaborative effort to see more Europeans join the m/v YWAM LIBERTY.



# 1.4 WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO



## Serving the Isolated

### WHO WE ARE

YWAM Ships Kona exists to serve isolated islands and remote shoreline villages through health and healing services. Using ships to serve is not just a good option for these locations, it is the ONLY option. Islands without airports, and shorelines with no roads or bridge access, are limited to ships able to reach them and provide services.

A primary goal is to reach remote Pacifica islands without airports. It can take weeks to sail to remote islands across the vast ocean. The Big Island of Hawaii is ideally situated in the great expanse of the Pacific Ocean to achieve this mission.

The YWAM Ships Kona training and logistics center, known as Port YWAM, was a former hotel nestled right in downtown Kailua-Kona. Port YWAM sits across from the pier where the first missionaries arrived in Hawaii in 1820, and where in the latter 1800s, five different missionary ships known as Morning Star I through Morning Star V were sent out from Kona to serve in Pacifica. It is a historic legacy that continues today with a new generation of seafarers committed to fulfilling the great tradition of Hawaii serving the islands of the Pacific. This campus is our primary training and field support facility. We are also just one mile from the University of the Nations Kona campus, our "twin" in ministry.

### University of the Nations Kona (UofN)

On the Big Island of Hawaii sits the University of the Nations Kona campus, also known as YWAM Kona. It was YWAM's first university campus and now trains thousands of students every year, sending them out all over the globe. The legacy of this island continues as vessels carry these students on field assignments serving their neighbors around the Pacific Rim.

### The Christian Magna Carta

YWAM Ships Kona affirms the Christian Magna Carta, which describes the following basic rights as implicit in the Gospel. Everyone on earth has the right to:

- Hear and understand the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Have a Bible available in their own language.
- Have a Christian fellowship available nearby, to be able to meet for fellowship regularly each week, and to have biblical teaching and worship with others in the Body of Christ.
- Have a Christian education available for their children.
- Have the necessities of life: food, water, clothing, shelter and healthcare.
- Lead a productive life with spiritual, mental, social, emotional and physical fulfillment.

### WHAT WE DO

YWAM Ships Kona is part of a movement of international volunteers who seek to serve the most difficult-to-access islands across the globe. YWAM has been using ships as a mobile outreach platform since 1978.

We can overcome isolation and lack of access using ships, while allowing local health workers and other volunteer personnel transport to many communities struggling to receive basic services. Both ship-based and land-based (usually deployed from the ship to reach further in-land) activities occur. Our ships bring medical aid, along with doctors, dentists and ophthalmologists on board. We provide primary health care, health promotion, preventive medicine and oral health, and correct reversible vision loss and cataract blindness.

The medical focus of the ship also gives us the opportunity to speak into the lives of those we serve. Through this connection, we provide translations of the Bible in their spoken language, encouragement in community development along with educational skillsets such as midwifery, navigation and safety principles, rainwater catchment and clean water technology training.





# 1.5 MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Looking back over the previous twelve months, we are all encouraged by the potential of our new ship, the m/v YWAM LIBERTY, as we have seen her successfully through her reflagging, surveys and initial dry dock.

We look forward to this coming year with great anticipation for the many who will be impacted by this new vessel and her international crew.

The container capacity of the m/v YWAM LIBERTY means that we can now grow our innovative tools—deploying whatever device is needed. It will widen the impact in the remote villages where we provide many services; dental, ophthalmic, midwifery birthing suites, a pharmacy—even a tuberculosis testing container with X-ray equipment! These specialized containers are being built now for her cargo hold. Classrooms and teaching labs such as woodshops, small engine repairs, well drilling and a Jesus Film recording studio are a few others in development. The innovations for consideration are endless.

We are grateful that YWAM Medical Ships New Zealand has taken on the fleet support responsibilities for the new ship. Spreading the technical load to additional locations like this ensures that critical roles receive more help.

As you read this year's report, you will see how our international volunteers are accomplishing some amazing outcomes as they work together. The tireless effort, dedication and hard work in fundraising by our friends around the world is inspiring.

I trust that you will enjoy reading this year's annual report, witnessing the fruits of our labor from a wide, collaborative effort by YWAM Norway, New Zealand, Australia, Canada, the United States and the Caribbean. In 2018, we trust that our combined efforts will help many more thousands receive sight and freedom, both physically and spiritually.

Join us by making a difference in the isolated islands of the world onboard our ships. Together, much is possible!



*Jack P. Minton*  
**JACK MINTON**  
Chairperson





## 1.6 MESSAGE FROM PATRON: PAPUA NEW GUINEA

What a privilege, in my sixth year as PNG Patron, to be a part of the vast expansion that has once again taken place with YWAM Medical Ships in 2017. I am amazed at the rapid rate YWAM Medical Ships continues to expand and develop and 2017 was certainly no exception with the biggest year yet.

The continued expansion comes from a deep passion and a belief to see great change in our nations as we work together. This is evident from the many stories of lives that have been transformed.

Over the past seven years, YWAM Medical Ships has brought together thousands of volunteers from PNG and across the world to the most remote parts of PNG. At the end of 2017, we saw the m/v PACIFIC LINK deliver over 40,991 medical services while on deployment in PNG. We thank each one for their commitment, compassion,

and enthusiasm. I am committed more than ever to see YWAM Medical Ships not only continue its success but continue to expand year after year. The strong continued partnership from the National, Provincial and Local Level Governments is to be commended as we work together toward breaking down isolation to reach the rural majority; where essential health services are desperately lacking.

I would like to congratulate YWAM Medical Ships leaders, volunteers, and partners for their incredible sacrifice to see so many wonderful outcomes achieved in 2017.



*Rabbie Namaliu*

**RIGHT HONOURABLE  
SIR RABBIE NAMALIU GCL, KCMG, CSM**  
Patron: Papua New Guinea

## 1.7 MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT: MARSHALL ISLANDS



*President*  
REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

September 11, 2014

Julie McLaughlin  
YWAM Ships Kona

Dear Ms. McLaughlin,

It gives me great pleasure to extend my endorsement of YWAM Ships Kona, specifically the YWAM vessel s/y Hawai'i Aloha that visited several of our atolls earlier this year bringing invaluable humanitarian services and good-will to some of the most isolated communities of the Marshall Islands. I truly appreciate missions such as YWAM, who embrace the concept of "people helping people" and creatively identify ways to meet the practical needs of the communities.

Since its arrival in the Marshall Islands in April 2014, Hawai'i Aloha and its crew and volunteers have visited villages and churches on the atolls of Majuro, Ebeye, Kwajalein, Lib and Ujae. They provided a variety of health services ranging from vaccinations, to OBGYN, to primary health care, to optometry, to audiology. Professionals offered training and opportunities to improve existing skills, while volunteers assisted with numerous service projects throughout the communities. These efforts improved the lives of many citizens of the Republic.

We look forward to future visits from YWAM teams, building on the outcomes from their recent visit and exploring new areas for collaboration. I would like to extend my warmest invitation to visit our shores again soon.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

*Christopher J. Loeak*  
Christopher J. Loeak  
President



# 1.8 PARTNERS AND SPONSORS





SECTION TWO

# PROGRAM OVERVIEW







# 2.1 IMPLEMENTATION OVERVIEW

YWAM Ships Kona had set the following milestones and targets for 2017.

| MILESTONES  | TARGETS           | IMPLEMENTATION |
|---|-------------------|----------------|
| Operating the m/v PACIFIC LINK<br>12 months of the year | Throughout 2017   | Achieved       |
| Taking possession of the<br>m/v YWAM LIBERTY            | March 23, 2017    | Achieved       |
| Reflagging and initial survey work                      | April 10, 2017    | Achieved       |
| Maiden deployment                                       | June 3, 2017      | Achieved       |
| Getting this new ship through her<br>in-class drydock   | December 28, 2017 | Achieved       |







## 2.2 MARITIME OPERATIONS

The year 2017 saw the m/v PACIFIC LINK in operation for nine outreaches in the Momase and Island regions.

With an MOU signed from the Maritime College of Madang we were able to receive several cadets from the college throughout the year. Our officers and engineers conduct the training of these young men and women.

Up to 30% of our crew is from PNG. They serve in our deck, engineering, stewards, medical and general volunteer areas onboard.

Our multinational crew members, who primarily originate from the U.S.A., Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Europe, enjoy the opportunity to teach and learn from the PNG crew.

### MILESTONES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- Opened a Fleet Support office in New Zealand.
- Developed container concept for future deployment to isolated islands.
- Brought the m/v YWAM LIBERTY online for a pilot project next to the m/v PACIFIC LINK.
- Completion of m/v YWAM LIBERTY's five-year in-class surveys.
- Completed the m/v YWAM LIBERTY's first dry dock.
- Received deck and engineering professionals from Norway.







## 2.3 PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

The backbone of field activities continues to support the National Health Plan Key Result Area 4 (Improve Child Survival) and KRA 5 (Improve Maternal Health).

This is achieved through collaborative mobile clinics in areas where provincial and district health teams are currently not able to fully implement their planned quarterly Integrated Maternal-Child Health visits (also incorporating general healthcare needs as necessary).

### SUMMARY STATISTICS 2016 & 2017

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE  
CONSULTATIONS

**19,827**

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE  
TREATMENTS

**19,737**

IMMUNIZATIONS  
ADMINISTERED

**15,708**







## 2.4

### PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

# MATERNAL HEALTH FOCUS

One of the areas where the PNG government has requested our help is with children's health.

It's a pleasure for us to visit these extremely remote villages and engage with the mothers and grandmothers, where we are able to explain basics of children's healthcare along with serving the children by providing immunizations. One of the advantages we have with our vessels is that YWAM can reach across the sea to some of the most isolated and remote islands. Our crew is

also able to reach and serve isolated upriver populations. Providing immunizations for entire families is perhaps one of our greatest acts of kindness. Not long ago we reached the Island of Lib in Micronesia with one of our ships, where there had been no immunizations for over ten years.

**SUMMARY STATISTICS**  
2016 & 2017

WELL CHILD CHECK  
IMMUNIZATION CONSULTATIONS  
**7,808**







STORIES FROM THE FIELD

# VACCINATIONS IN REMOTE REGIONS



**WALIS ISLAND, Papua New Guinea — The ocean breeze stirred the palm trees as kids peeked out from behind huts watching the YWAM Ships Kona team bring yellow ice chests and big blue plastic boxes to a clearing on the beach. A baby scale was hung from a tree, gloves were snapped on, syringes lined up in a neat row.**

It was October on Walis Island when a team of two nurses and two Discipleship Training School students helped vaccinate almost 200 children in one day. The vaccinations provided protect children from diseases like Hepatitis B, tuberculosis, polio, whooping cough, and tetanus.

A few weeks before the m/v PACIFIC LINK left the Wewak Port, a woman contacted someone on board asking if a certain medicine could be obtained. Her four-year-old son had contracted tetanus from an infected cut and he'd never received a tetanus vaccination. The particular medicine used to treat tetanus was not on the ship at the time and the woman was advised to go immediately to the hospital for help. We were saddened to learn the child had passed away overnight because they were also unable to obtain the medicine at the hospital.

Tetanus is an entirely preventable disease to those who grow up in developed countries. Most people barely remember the shot that gave their immune systems the strength to fight off sickness. This is not the case in the remote villages and islands of PNG. Diseases like polio and tuberculosis that people in developed nations read about in history books run rampant among families and communities. Access to life-saving immunizations is often limited due to the village locations, medicine cost, and lack of health workers to administer vaccines. Babies die from preventable diseases and there's nothing their families and loved ones can do to prevent it. Because of

limited access to vaccines, children living in rural areas are twice as likely as those in the city "to die before their fifth year," according to a report on PNG prepared by David McLachlan-Karr, a U.N. resident coordinator. The report also states that nearly a third of children who die before reaching age five die "in the first month of life."

***The YWAM Ships Kona team on the m/v PACIFIC LINK is helping to change these stories of heartbreak and loss.***

During an outreach on Walis Island, Danielle Lechner and Ellie Gallienne moved quickly and efficiently to administer shots as babies bawled in their mother's arms and elementary school age children tried to put on a brave face in front of their friends.

"Immunizations are something that are so expected and so easy to get in the U.S., yet it's so unavailable here. Being able to bring vaccines to this village and island is quite the honor," states volunteer Danielle Lechner.

The impact that these vaccinations have on children will carry on long after the tears have dried and the ship has sailed. Babies will have a better chance at life and students will be able to run and play freely, unaffected by illnesses that could rob them of their health, and even their lives. Thanks to the m/v PACIFIC LINK and the many volunteers living on board, the potential of unnecessary deaths on Walis Island, and in many other villages, is reduced.





## 2.5 TUBERCULOSIS AND MALARIA

The nation of PNG continues to be affected by tuberculosis (TB) and malaria.

Medications are effective against these diseases. Unfortunately, in many cases, the general population is unaware they have TB. School teachers with TB may end up infecting children in the classroom due to the disease's rapid infection rate. It's imperative testing and education is brought to those suffering from TB.

Our vessels serve in areas where they see numerous cases of TB daily. Currently, after a screening has been conducted and a patient has been diagnosed with TB, the crew connects the patient with a local health institution (if one is available). Yet, we need to battle this problem more effectively. A container is currently being designed for use on the m/v YWAM LIBERTY that holds a TB testing and X-ray unit. This new testing unit will enable us to diagnose and treat this illness on-site, improving the prognosis for many more people, their families and the community.

### SUMMARY STATISTICS 2016 & 2017

MALARIA TESTS &  
SUSPECTED TB  
**1,353**







# 2.6

EYE HEALTH

## OPTOMETRY FOCUS

Imagine being either too near-sighted or far-sighted to the point where you're unable to do normal, every-day tasks for yourself and your family.

Next, visualize receiving a pair of glasses with your correct prescription that makes it possible for you to go back to school, thread a needle, or read a book. For individuals suffering from poor eyesight, we are turning their dreams of seeing again into reality.

Poor vision robs most people of their quality of life. A free pair of glasses is perhaps one of the easiest and cheapest things to provide for someone with poor vision. In our society, many of us have more than one pair of glasses, with several pairs that are no longer useful sitting in drawers or being discarded.

Glasses collections by our friends in the Lion's Club and other social groups mean we can give this quality of life back to thousands of people a year.

Working alongside a trained optician, many of our young volunteers are eager to work in the optometry clinic and help out by pointing to charts hanging on a tree several feet away. It's a great way for the entire family to volunteer in the field. Many times, volunteers collect glasses from their community which they bring in an extra suitcase to use while they serve on board.

SUMMARY STATISTICS  
2016 & 2017

OPTOMETRY AND OPTICAL  
CONSULTATIONS

14,331

GLASSES AND PROTECTIVE  
EYEWEAR DISTRIBUTED

11,521







**Sometimes serendipitous moments occur. Although the m/v PACIFIC LINK was scheduled to call into the Island of Bali, in the Province of West New Britain, rough seas diverted the ship to the coastal village of Sassavoru instead. This change in direction would prove to alter the life of one woman forever.**

Agnes had traveled from a smaller village to Sassavoru when she heard one of the YWAM Medical Ships was in the area. Screened by the ship's eye surgeon on shore, the next Monday morning Agnes held tightly to the shoulders of her family as she was led up the stairs to the aft deck of the m/v PACIFIC LINK to await surgery.

Agnes had been completely blind for almost five years. She'd lost hope of ever seeing again. Where she lives, eye surgery is next to impossible to obtain and travel to the nearest hospital was out of the question due to a lack of money.

Agnes received surgery on her left eye. As she came out of the onboard surgical room, she was asked, "Mama, yu hamamas?" which translates, "Mama, are you happy?" With a big smile on her face, Agnes replied, "Yes!"

The next morning, Agnes, along with many of her family members, arrived in their canoe. She sat patiently as the medical team removed the eyepatch and cleaned her

eye. The moment everyone was waiting for arrived. The eye surgeon said to her, "Mama, open!" Agnes opened her eyes. The smile we'd seen the day before changed from hope to one of complete and overwhelming joy.

Agnes looked at her family, whom she hadn't seen for almost five years, and began laughing and crying at the same time. She held the hand of the eye surgeon tightly and thanked him. She then lifted her hands up to the skies and praised God in her native tongue of Tok Pisin.

I wish you could have been there to see the dramatic change to Agnes' life, and all because of a thirty-minute surgery in the hands of skilled volunteers. This story repeats itself sometimes up to twenty-five times a day onboard our ships.

Our plan had changed unexpectedly, but for one beautiful lady from the Kove Coast, her life was drastically changed that day with her eyesight restored, and her dignity regained.

**STORIES FROM THE FIELD**

# SIGHT FOR AGNES





## 2.7

### EYE HEALTH

# OPHTHALMOLOGY

## FOCUS

The on-shore optometry team identifies patients with cataracts and sends them to the ship, which is often at anchor close to their village.

Those who are blind are transported onboard by the use of a Zodiac—a lightweight inflatable boat.

An eye operation typically lasts thirty minutes. One scrub nurse, along with two circulating nurses, works with ophthalmic surgeons from both PNG and abroad in our onboard theater, conducting up to as many as twenty-five eye surgeries a day.

#### SUMMARY STATISTICS 2016 & 2017

OPHTHALMIC CONSULTATIONS

**599**

OPHTHALMIC SURGERIES

**541**







**KAR KAR ISLAND, Papua New Guinea — Ngeleda Wamm had a fulfilling career as a school teacher. He had fun interacting with children and helping them acquire valuable knowledge. “Education,” he said, “is the most important thing we can leave with the next generation.” Yet almost ten years ago, Ngeleda decided he was no longer up to that task.**

After thirty-five years working at Kosmas Primary School on Kar Kar Island, Ngeleda’s eyesight began failing in 2007. He lost his vision entirely in the left eye and could barely see through the right eye due to a cataract, a condition in which the eye lens becomes clouded. He recalls the great sadness he felt on the day he had to tell his students he was retiring.

“I told them I had to leave because I was too old to see things properly,” he said.

At sixty-nine years old, Ngeleda didn’t think anything medically could be done to improve his eyesight. During one trip to Port Moresby in the intervening years, he’d paid 800 kina (\$250 USD) for a specialty pair of glasses.

“That helped a bit, but not much,” he said.

Ngeleda never considered surgery as an option—and with good reason. Cataract surgery is almost unheard of in

rural PNG. There are only five ophthalmologists serving almost eight million people.

When YWAM Ships Kona volunteers sailed to Kar Kar Island in February aboard the m/v PACIFIC LINK, Ngeleda was informed vision restoration was possible. They told him that they would return to the island in the spring with a volunteer ophthalmologist. That goal became a reality in April when the ship returned, along with an optometry team that included the eye surgeon — Dr. Sunu Dulal, who is originally from Nepal.

Ngeleda had an operation on his left eye during the first day of surgeries. He returned the following week to have the cataract removed from the right eye.

Ngeleda said his eyesight has improved dramatically. “This is great; to me, this is a miracle,” he said. “It’s far beyond what I was expecting.”

## STORIES FROM THE FIELD

# ‘LOOKING’ FORWARD TO A MIRACLE





## 2.8 ORAL HEALTH

Perhaps one of the more confronting statistics in PNG is that there's only one dentist for every 100,000 people. \*

Imagine the agony of suffering through an abscessed tooth, to the point when you would take it upon yourself to break your tooth off in order to relieve the pressure and pain. Islanders who have taken this severe step are a familiar sight to volunteers when individuals first visit our dental clinic.

Oral health plays such an important role in the overall health of an individual. Teaching children how to brush their teeth, the importance of brushing, and why they will

compromise their oral health by chewing betel nut, is a big part of our work in the field. Extractions are more common than restorations, although as we do several repeat visits to a location, that statistic is changing. Repairing smiles and whitening teeth from the red stain of betel nut and speaking about gum disease to patients is a regular topic of conversation.

*\*According to the World Health Organization*

### SUMMARY STATISTICS 2016 & 2017

DENTAL CONSULTATIONS  
**2,560**

DENTAL EXTRACTIONS  
**2,668**

DENTAL RESTORATIONS &  
OTHER DENTAL TREATMENTS  
**568**







STORIES FROM THE FIELD

# PREGNANT WOMAN CURED OF A CHRONIC TOOTHACHE

**BAGABAG ISLAND, Papua New Guinea — When Muklong Blau learned dental workers had arrived in her village, it sparked hope that she might rid herself of pain she’d lived with for years. Five months pregnant, Blau had enough to be concerned about without having to deal with a bad molar. One of her wisdom teeth had grown in horizontally, stabbing her cheek, which then caused infection in her gums. When she approached the dental workers—who were part of a YWAM team that sailed to Bagabag aboard the m/v PACIFIC LINK—she meekly asked, “Can you help me?”**

Cases such as Blau’s are all too common in PNG, especially in rural communities where eighty-five percent of the population resides, according to the United Nations Development Programme. There are fewer than 100 dentists in this nation of 7.5 million people. Of those, most live in urban areas. Mary Grable, one of the Bagabag dental team, noted that illnesses can multiply to the point of becoming fatal when maladjusted wisdom teeth are not removed promptly.

“I’ve seen people die from oral infections; their throat closes up, the infection could go up into their eye, it can go into their brain. Once it’s in the bloodstream, it can go anywhere in the body that’s vulnerable,” said Grable, a dental hygienist from California.

Even when dental maladies are not deadly for people here, they can be the source of unceasing pain. In Western nations, teenagers customarily have their wisdom teeth removed to alleviate overcrowding in the mouth. In

contrast, it is rare to meet a Papua New Guinean who has had those teeth removed.

“When food gets trapped back by the wisdom tooth, it can become infected very easily,” Grable said. Conditions such as Blau’s can also be magnified during pregnancy.

“Sometimes during a pregnancy, it’s common to have what they call ‘pregnancy gingivitis’ because your hormone system is completely changed,” Grable said. “Things tend to get more inflamed and the mouth tends to bleed more.” After potentially having lived with her condition for as long as ten years, Blau experienced pain relief after ten minutes from the work performed by dental volunteers.

“We were able to extract that tooth and give her antibiotics,” Grable said.

“You could see she was so happy.”





# 2.9 HEALTH PROMOTION AND EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

Education in the areas of health and well-being is a vital part of our program.

Knowledge is the key to preventative care. While people wait to see a doctor or dentist, we provide instruction on the concept of germs, why it's important to use soap when cleaning your hands, even how to minimize the mosquito population to stay healthy. Health topics include nutrition, joint care/musculoskeletal health, oral health, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, and immunization/child health. Topics that affect wellness include "Lukautim Pikinini" (child welfare), safe pregnancy and birth, gender-based violence and safe communities, and water/hygiene and sanitation.

SUMMARY STATISTICS  
2016 & 2017

ATTENDEES AT HEALTH  
PROMOTION SESSIONS  
**12,524**







## 2.10 HEALTH WORKFORCE AND CAPACITY BUILDING

### CHAMPIONING PAPUA NEW GUINEANS

Workforce strengthening and motivating national workers to see themselves in the picture of sustainable development is at the heart of all our activities. Working side by side with professional colleagues from around the world is an incredible opportunity for the PNG healthcare workers who join with our teams. In a mentored setting, young people who have yet to engage in further training can find their place making a positive contribution to their nation. Such practical engagement with the living reality of the rural majority is crucial to motivating the next generation to walk the bold journey toward Papua New Guinea's Vision 2050. *Learn more at [www.scribd.com/document/50353732/PNG-Vision-2050](http://www.scribd.com/document/50353732/PNG-Vision-2050)*

### HEALTH FACILITY SUPPORT AND ADDITIONAL SERVICES

YWAM Ships Kona supports rural health facilities with delivery of essential supplies and practical assistance to activities. The aim is to help strengthen basic service delivery and bridge a critical gap while provincial systems are being established. In addition, the onboard ophthalmology and dental clinics provide rural people access to services currently limited to a few major centers, far from their reach.



“Investment in  
human resource  
can accelerate  
the development  
process.”

**PNG Development Strategic Plan  
2010-2030**





## 2.11 SUPPLY CHAIN SUPPORT

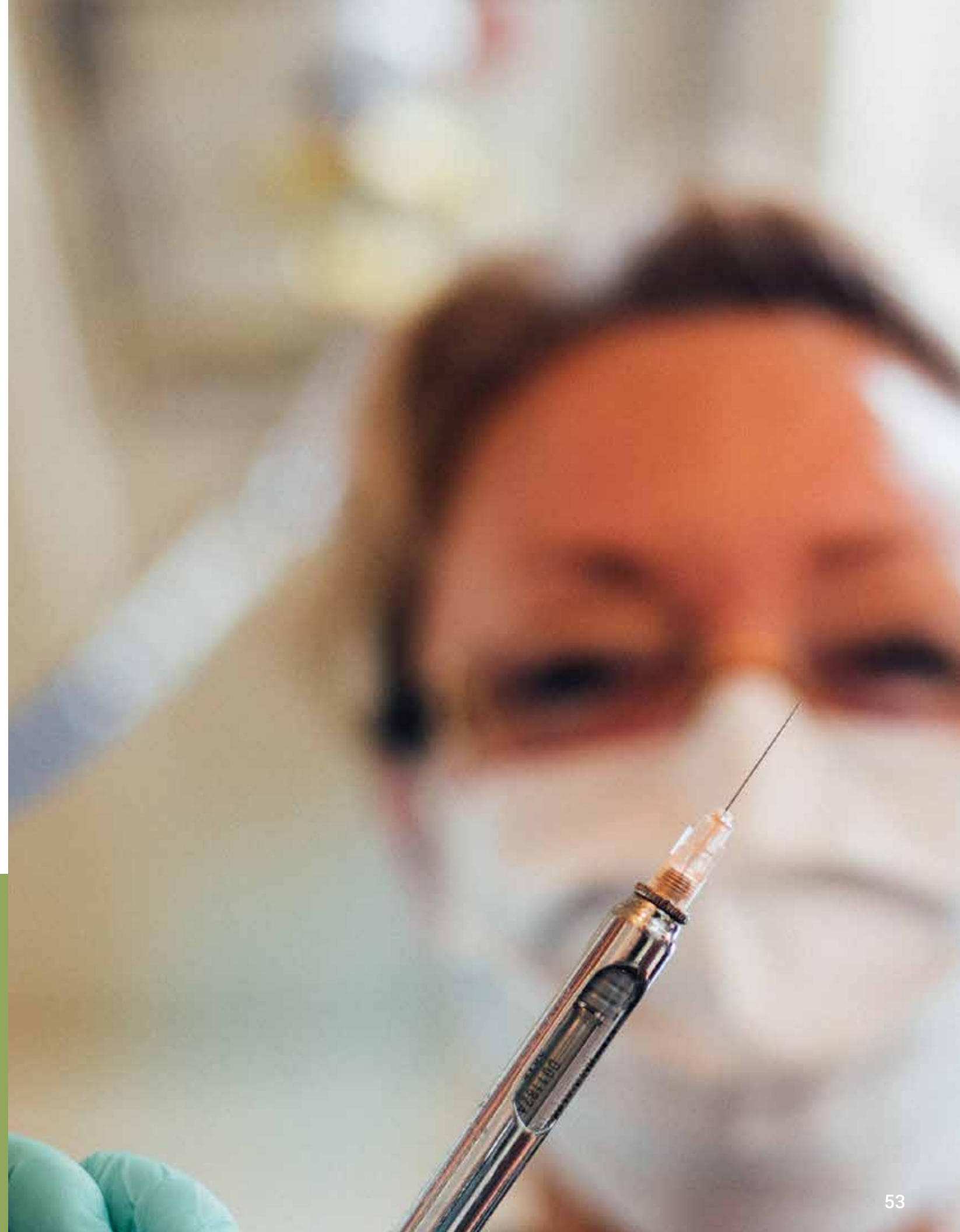
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When deploying vessels for twelve months of the year far from home base, it is important that we supply the vessels with necessary provisions and supplies.

Medical supplies and equipment are sought and acquired, placed safely in shipping containers and sent to our vessels at various locations. It takes significant organization and logistics to ensure the timeline as it can take months to cross the ocean and ensure landing at the precise time when the ship is needing more provisions.

Local health authorities provide pharmaceuticals that are preferred by the host nation, so that their medical population uses the same kinds of antibiotics they are used to prescribing.

In the provinces we visit, there are typically area medical warehouses overseen by the ministry of health that are willing and able to supply portions of our needs, while other equipment and supplies arrive via container.







## 2.12 WATER / SANITATION

An unhealthy family is an unproductive family.  
Clean water is a key health element for the  
entire family.

According to the United Nations, eighty percent of the world's diseases are waterborne. Water filters, such as the one depicted, can be used by one family for an entire year, preventing all manner of illness and suffering.

Locals provide a bucket, and YWAM provides the tool for cutting a small hole to insert in the filter. Simple, small gifts like this can change an entire family's health

outcome so that they are not ill and unable to attend work or school. Clean water also impacts the economic ability of the community at large.

Preventive measures are always best, and this little plastic water filter delivers a powerful punch to the overall health of isolated islands.

### SUMMARY STATISTICS 2016 & 2017

WATER FILTERS INSTALLED OR  
PROVIDED

**554**

PEOPLE SERVED WITH  
WATER FILTERS

**4,912**





SECTION THREE

# LOCATION SNAPSHOTS





SUMMARY STATISTICS  
2017

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES

8,254

DENTAL SERVICES

1,309

ATTENDEES AT HEALTH  
PROMOTION SESSIONS

3,019

HEALTHY CHILD AND DISEASE  
TREATMENTS

5,865

OPTOMETRY SERVICES

4,861

OPHTHALMIC SERVICES

458

LIPOMA & OTHER  
MINOR SURGERIES

8

# 3.1 WEST NEW BRITAIN

More than 23,500 services were provided over the course of six outreach cycles in the province of West New Britain during 2017. Services like vaccinations, eye surgeries, and community engagement were among those supplied to the communities. YWAM Ships Kona's latest cycle of medical clinics serving the islands of West New Britain has ended. The outreach to West New Britain was a historical time for our organization as, our newest ship, the m/v YWAM LIBERTY, worked alongside the m/v PACIFIC LINK for the first time. The Papua New Guinean province of West New Britain received over 19,000 services delivered to some of the most remote locations in the area.

Dr. Theresa Lei, the clinical outreach coordinator for the West New Britain province, stated, "I started working in the WNB province in October of last year and I remember sitting there thinking, 'I've got all these places I need to go, all these people I need to see, and I don't have any resources and I don't have any money.'"

However, in March, Lei was contacted by our team and told that our vessels would be coming to her province. The outreach began in April and many people were impacted. "Over 10,000 people who came through the clinics would most likely not have been reached without our ships. We've managed to organize immunization programs, TB screenings, and specialty services like dental clinics, and even eye surgeries onboard the ships."

## STORIES FROM THE FIELD

# MEDICAL TEAM SAVES MOTHER AND CHILD

**VITU, Papua New Guinea — We had just arrived in the bay off the island of Vitu, PNG, where we were going to be based for the following week. On board with us were several people from the West New Britain Provincial Health Authority. We had been working closely together during these outreaches in West New Britain.**

Just after midnight, Helen (a local health worker, experienced midwife and maternal health nurse) and I were awoken to the news of a woman in labor on the other side of the island. Labor was not progressing properly, and mother and child were in distress.

Helen, I, and two other nurses got into a banana boat and traveled upriver forty-five minutes to the health center where the pregnant mother, Jacinta, was experiencing an obstructive labor. Due to the child's size, Jacinta had been in labor for two days and the birth was not progressing in any way. Jacinta and the baby were in grave danger.

Helen did everything she could to assist in delivering the baby. She got the mom up and moving. She tried a vacuum delivery to try to pull the baby out since the heart rate had increased, indicating fetal distress. Nothing worked and the baby wasn't shifting to the correct delivery position.

Helen stopped the delivery attempt along with any labor advancement to reduce the risk of the uterus rupturing which would have been fatal for the baby and mother.

Realization hit us. The baby would have to be delivered by cesarean. Unfortunately, we were a six-hour boat ride from Kimbe General Hospital where the cesarean could be performed. We needed a helicopter to transport Jacinta to the hospital.

It was now four in the morning. We had to wait until daybreak, so the helicopter could land safely. While we waited, we prayed and monitored Jacinta who was in a great deal of pain and her vital signs were failing.

Thankfully the helicopter arrived and airlifted Jacinta to Kimbe. At this point we didn't believe the baby would survive. The baby had undergone severe distress and without an ultrasound machine and fetal doppler monitor, it was nearly impossible to know the baby's condition.

Helen called ahead to the hospital to ensure the team was prepared to deliver the baby when Jacinta arrived. The baby was born alive and amazingly, both mother and child were fine after undergoing the life-threatening experience. Without an experienced midwife on board, and the many prayers from the crew and volunteers, I doubt if either of them would have survived.



**SUMMARY STATISTICS**  
Across all outreaches in 2016 & 2017

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES

12,990

DENTAL SERVICES

1,799

ATTENDEES AT HEALTH  
PROMOTION SESSIONS

3,473

HEALTHY CHILD AND DISEASE  
TREATMENTS

9,780

OPTOMETRY SERVICES

10,220

OPHTHALMIC SERVICES

492

LIPOMA & OTHER  
MINOR SURGERIES

26

## 3.2 EAST SEPIK

While in the East Sepik province (visiting islands off its coastline eighty-five miles up the Sepik River), the m/v PACIFIC LINK delivered a total of 41,769 medical services to rural residents. That amount correlates to 4,057,751 PNG kina of economic impact to the province. The cash donation made by the East Sepik governor's office of 500,000 kina made for an eight to one ratio of return on their investment with YWAM Ships Kona. This is one of the most compelling reasons why governments are eager to enter into public/private partnerships (PPP). It leverages so much activity in regions where the aid is needed most.

Until PNG can build enough roads, bridges, and airports to service their rural majority, NGOs like YWAM Ships Kona remain a favorable partner.

### STORIES FROM THE FIELD

## SEPIKERS FACE LONG, COSTLY TRAVEL FOR DENTISTRY

**EAST SEPIK PROVINCE, Papua New Guinea — Julie Weiputhy had suffered from a chronic toothache since 2010. She lives in a remote village far away from dental professionals who can provide relief by extracting the tooth. It would take weeks to reach a clinic if she traveled by foot (the mode of transportation for most people here) and such a trip would be treacherous.**

As a substitute for expert treatment, Julie resorted to homespun remedies to cope with her pain. She would boil a coconut skin, apply it to the rotten tooth by biting down, and allow the heat to numb her tooth. This worked to help give her respite from discomfort for a few days.

Last summer, Julie attempted to make the long journey from the center of East Sepik Province to the coastal city of Wewak where she could go to a hospital and have her tooth removed. It would be no simple expedition as it takes at least two days to get to Wewak, see a dentist, and return home. Julie must make the trip via a public motor vehicle, which requires overnight stops during which time passengers sleep on the bus.

For a mere trip to see a dentist, Julie will spend 20 kina. This amount is about four day's wages for most Papua New Guineans. It would be the financial equivalent of an American flying from Los Angeles to New York and back to visit a dentist.

To afford the trip, Julie has to sell off all of her small taro crop. Her son, Roger, who works as a hotel security guard in Madang, helped her pay for the dental procedure.

To date, YWAM Ships Kona volunteers serving aboard the m/v PACIFIC LINK have extracted 1,218 teeth and supplied 268 restorations with local healthcare workers in PNG. Many more like Julie await. We hope to deploy the m/v PACIFIC LINK to East Sepik Province this fall to alleviate difficulty eating and pain for those suffering from dental issues like Julia.



**SUMMARY STATISTICS**  
Across all outreaches in 2016

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES

18,922

DENTAL SERVICES

2,688

ATTENDEES AT HEALTH  
PROMOTION SESSIONS

6,009

HEALTHY CHILD AND DISEASE  
TREATMENTS

9,204

OPTOMETRY SERVICES

10,771

OPHTHALMIC SERVICES

190

LIPOMA & OTHER  
MINOR SURGERIES

26

# 3.3 MADANG

Since early 2016, we have conducted six different outreach cycles to the Madang District of PNG.

Secured alongside the Port of Madang, the m/v PACIFIC LINK has benefited from a secure dock to call home. From that location we can provision our vessel to reach the outlying islands. We also send teams of medical professional volunteers and YWAM Ships Kona volunteers from around the world to the smaller villages within driving distance from the city of Madang who may not have easy access to health care services. It's been an amazing experience working alongside the Provincial Health Authority as well as local community and church leaders to identify people's needs in these remote areas. This partnership enables us to supply the necessary health and education services.

We have been invited to work within villages, schools, prisons, churches, homes, health centers, and remote aid stations.

## STORIES FROM THE FIELD

# RESTORING NANCY'S SMILE



BEFORE



AFTER



**MADANG, Papua New Guinea — Nancy waited anxiously on the rear deck of the m/v PACIFIC LINK for her opportunity to be examined by a dentist. This opportunity was a rare chance for free dental care and, perhaps, to have her smile restored. Even though Nancy was doubtful, she decided she didn't have anything to lose.**

Missing a front tooth and with other teeth decaying, Nancy was keenly aware of her appearance. Her self-esteem undermined continuously by her condition, she hoped something could be done to restore her teeth.

After waiting in line for four hours, Nancy finally reached the examination chair. Yet she didn't comprehend the implications when a U.S. dentist volunteering with YWAM Ships Kona explained that improvement was possible. The dentist, Joan Fox, was aware of a technique that could provide significant cosmetic enhancement to Nancy's teeth.

Fox extracted some of Nancy's bad teeth. Then, she made a dental splint for Nancy by acquiring a fishing line from m/v PACIFIC LINK engineers. Fox bonded the front teeth together and molded portions of the line over the

extraction sites. Then, she used a curing light to harden the soft composite teeth and polished them. When the procedure was complete, the composite teeth looked completely natural to the naked eye.

Nancy still wasn't aware of what had been done for her until she looked in a mirror. When she saw her smile had been restored, she was overjoyed and in disbelief. Nancy can now smile without being self-conscious and can eat most foods.

As Nancy exited the clinic, the dental assistants who participated in the procedure couldn't stop telling her how beautiful she looked. Fox had done similar procedures on other patients, but Nancy's was the most significant transformation.



SECTION FOUR

# OPERATING LOCATIONS







## 4.1 PORT YWAM

**This is the home of YWAM Ships Kona, a repurposed hotel in a prime location on Alii Drive in downtown Kona, Hawaii.**

Port YWAM Kona sleeps 200 and has five classrooms and multiple offices. Formerly known as the Hukilau Hotel, this historic location is known to many Hawaiian families who spent vacations here, attended family gatherings, and held church services here on the property since 1950. It is located across the street from the ocean and overlooks the site of the famous Iron Man International finals, held annually. The facility is nestled between Kona's historic pier, where the first missionaries arrived near the home of the first King Kamehameha, and Hawaii's first church Mokuaikaua, a beautiful stone building. You can't get any closer to historic downtown Kona than Port YWAM Kona. We are just one mile from the University of the Nations





Kona campus, our 'twin' in ministry. We collaborate very closely with the UofN Kona campus as we do life together on this island.

Each year that YWAM Ships Kona has been in operation, our workers have started new works in other nations. We try to meet the needs of families living in isolation on islands without airports or villages located deep upriver with no roads joining them to the outside world.

This outreach to the isolated is why we exists. Our ships carry volunteer workers to remote regions where a marine vessel is the only way to reach them.

#### **LOCAL MINISTRY IN AND AROUND KAILUA-KONA**

Engaging in local issues in Kailua-Kona has always been a major part of Port YWAM and is important to our staff, along with the University of the Nations staff. In addition to helping isolated islands around the world, the University and YWAM Ships campus collaborate on helping communities right here in Kailua-Kona.

*Together our volunteer hours accumulate to over 30,000 working hours a year.*





Thomas & Holly Schmidt

## 4.2 OUTPOST PANAMA

**Our outpost in northern Panama is on an island called Bastimentos, on the Caribbean Sea near Costa Rica. It is located in the jungle and has its own dock, nestled among many indigenous Ngobe Indian tribes. The base sleeps forty individuals. It is close to Bocas Del Toro, a town on a neighboring island of approximately 12,000 population with an airport.**

This wonderful eight acre base was a gift from YWAM Panama. Dale and Kim Kapsar and their family developed the property, valued at \$800,000 (USD), and gifted it debt-free to YWAM. Thanks to the Kapsars, YWAM Panama, and our leader, Thomas Schmidt, and his wife, Holly, we are fulfilling our dream to reach the families living in this remote area.



Uriah Lyford

## 4.3 YWAM POIPET

**Our entry-level program, the Discipleship Training School, typically conducts field outreach lasting sixty days at a time. In the case of YWAM Poipet, we send teams out for nine months at a time.**

Poipet is a location in Cambodia that has great need. A group of our workers established a new base in 2015 to serve the physical and educational needs of the youth. Our leader there is Uriah Lyford; he has a team of about ten staff.





*Philippson & Kelsea Georges*

## 4.4 YWAM CAP-HAITI

**Cap-Haiti is another operating location that came from our Discipleship Training School field assignment of nine months.**

Cap-Haiti is a city in the very northern part of Haiti, located in a very challenging environment in the Caribbean's poorest nation. Our leader, Philippson Georges, is a native from Haiti. He and his wife, Kelsea have been there since April 2017.

This location is an outreach destination and trains local Haitians to reach their own poor communities. Our staff are thriving as they engage the population in this small coastal city.



*Scott & Katie Suderno*

## 4.5 MARSHALL ISLANDS

**The Marshall Islands are one of the most remote areas to conduct any kind of work.**

Our YWAM teams here are led by Scott and Katie Suderno and their family. Their yacht, Cloud 9, carries workers to some of the most remote atolls. Their base is situated on the island of Ebeye, on the Kwajalein Atoll, one of the most densely populated islands in the world.

The Suderno's work of reaching the most isolated families in the Pacific North is only possible because they use a vessel to access these remote families.

To sail from Kona, Hawaii to the Marshall Islands takes fourteen days. That's as far as it takes the same vessel to reach Los Angeles.

Their operating location on Ebeye is also an outreach destination for many of our students in training.



SECTION FIVE

# OUR FLEET







## 5.1 m/v YWAM LIBERTY

### Increasing education and development program capacity.

The m/v YWAM LIBERTY exponentially increases YWAM Ships Kona's programming impact (both geographically and in volume), helping to support basic service delivery, build capacity and address some of PNG's most critical health concerns. The ship can deliver containers to isolated islands with pre-packaged educational classrooms and skill-based training tools.

#### SHIP PARTICULARS

NAME: m/v YWAM LIBERTY  
HOME PORT: Avatiu - Cook Islands  
LENGTH: 65 meters (214 ft)  
BEAM: 12.8 meters  
DRAFT: 5.35 meters  
GROSS TONNAGE: 1,753  
IMO#: 8418198  
BUILD DATE: January 1986  
CLASS: Cook Islands registered "Special Purpose"



## 5.2 m/v PACIFIC LINK

### PNG's inhospitable terrain, extensive waterways, infrastructure challenges, and the extreme remoteness of many communities all pose a significant challenge to effective health service delivery.

The m/v PACIFIC LINK overcomes isolation by traveling to remote locations and deploying multiple teams. These teams travel out further again and engage with even more isolated villages. Other teams trek inland from coastal landing sites. The m/v PACIFIC LINK itself performs a logistical support role and houses specialized facilities.

#### SHIP PARTICULARS

NAME: m/v PACIFIC LINK  
HOME PORT: Avatiu - Cook Islands  
LENGTH: 36.89 meters  
BEAM: 7.30 meters  
DRAFT: 3.35 meters  
GROSS/NET TONNAGE: 282/135  
COOK ISLAND REGISTRATION: 1432  
BUILD DATE: 1979  
CLASS: Cook Islands registered "Special Purpose"





## 5.3 m/v MAKING WAVES

**Outpost Panama operates small boats carrying volunteers to Ngobe Indian tribes along the Mosquito Coast.**

In one day we can access well over fifty villages that are completely isolated from regular access. Reaching them on land would require a four-day trip, with two days of hiking. With our boats we can pull alongside the shore, drop the anchor and immediately engage.

## 5.4 s/y CLOUD NINE

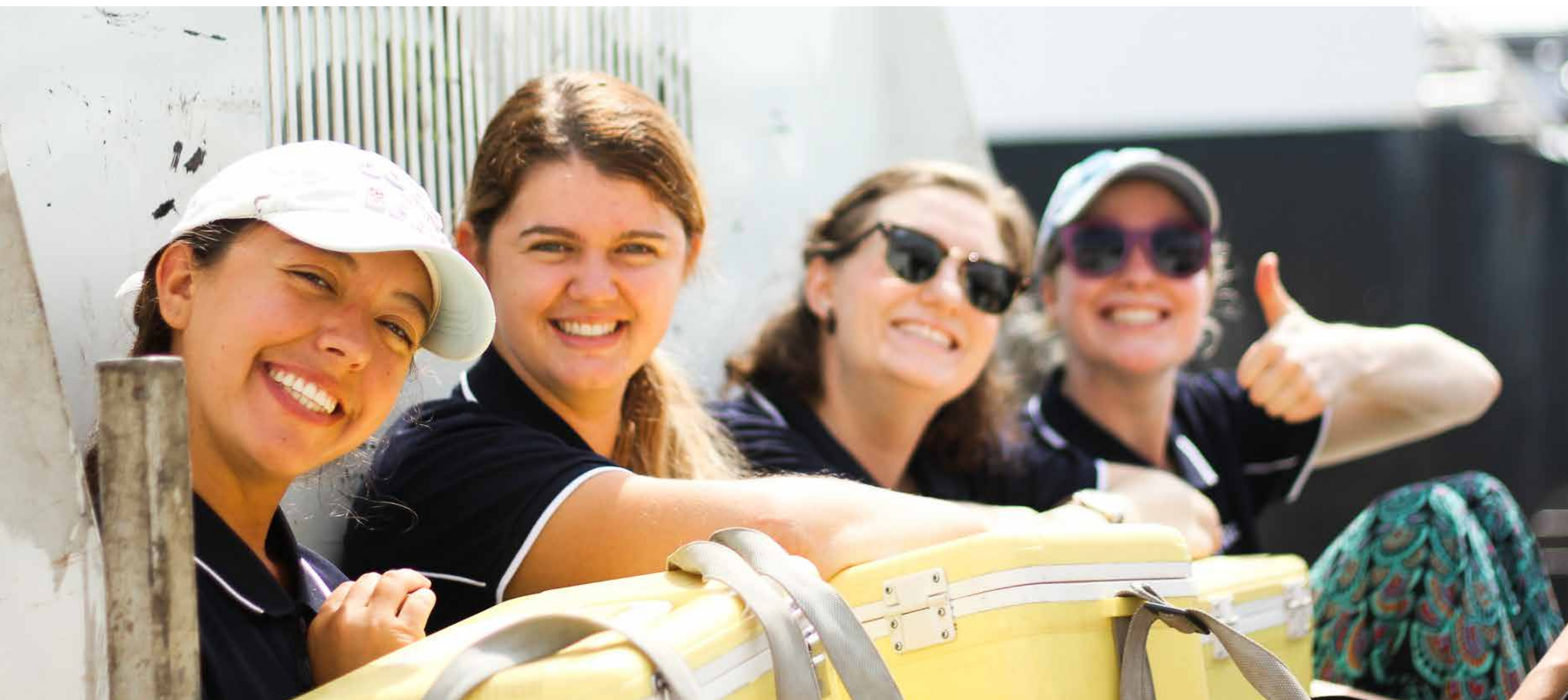
**The s/y CLOUD NINE is a sixty-foot ketch yacht in our partnerSHIP program that takes volunteers on three-week trips to remote outer islands from the city of Ebeye.**

The western portion of the Marshall Islands are the most remote and cut off from all manner of services. As far as we know we are the only ones attempting to reach all the islands in this part of the northern Pacific. YWAM Ships Kona is committed to reaching islands even if there are only a handful of families living there. We believe in the value of the individual and that everyone has the right to receive fundamental healthcare, life skills, and receive a Bible in their language.



SECTION SIX

# FINANCIALS







# 6.1 FINANCIALS

## Consolidated 2017 Income Statement

For a copy of YWAM Ships Kona’s audited financials please contact [finance@ywamships.net](mailto:finance@ywamships.net)

|                             | USD          | NZD (1.4352)  | PGK (3.2050)  |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>               |              |               |               |
| Volunteers - Gifts in Kind* | 1,748,161.66 | 2,508,961.61  | 5,602,858.12  |
| Unrestricted Revenue        | 5,067,947.22 | 7,273,517.85  | 16,242,770.84 |
| Ancillary Income            | 6,816.26     | 9,782.70      | 21,846.11     |
| General Base Revenue        | 347,704.53   | 499,025.54    | 1,114,393.02  |
| Mission Support             | 23,888.43    | 34,284.67     | 76,562.42     |
| Non Operating               | 2,800.00     | 4,018.56      | 8,974.00      |
| Outreaches                  | 727,954.38   | 1,044,760.13  | 2,333,093.79  |
| Restricted Donations        | 534,930.22   | 767,731.85    | 1,714,451.36  |
| School Income               | 65,908.81    | 94,592.32     | 211,237.74    |
| Training Programs           | 516,081.51   | 740,680.18    | 1,654,041.24  |
| Total Income                | 9,042,193.02 | 12,977,355.42 | 28,980,228.63 |
| <b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>   |              |               |               |
| Kona                        | 2,294,137.23 | 3,292,545.75  | 7,352,709.82  |
| New Zealand                 | 97,826.99    | 140,401.30    | 313,535.50    |
| Panama                      | 63,037.33    | 90,471.18     | 202,034.64    |
| Papua New Guinea            | 1,468,521.52 | 2,107,622.09  | 4,706,611.47  |
| Asset Boards                | 165,546.90   | 237,592.91    | 530,577.81    |
| Intercompany Eliminations   | -210,066.99  | -301,488.14   | -673,264.70   |
| Total Expenses              | 3,879,002.98 | 5,567,145.08  | 12,432,204.55 |
| <b>NET INCOME</b>           |              |               |               |
| Less Depreciation Factor    | -238,465.90  | -342,246.26   | -764,283.21   |
| Less Gifts of Labor         | 1,748,161.66 | 2,508,961.61  | 5,602,858.12  |
| Less Gifts in Kind          | 3,635,000.00 | 5,216,952.00  | 11,650,175.00 |
| <b>NET CASH</b>             | 18,494.28    | 26,542.99     | 59,274.17     |



SECTION SEVEN

# MOVING FORWARD







## 7.1 2018-2019 DEPLOYMENT

### Proposed service delivery strategy for our new flagship.

#### KEY FEATURES

- Extended range.
- Capacity to operate worldwide.
- Capacity to deliver innovative tools pre-packaged inside containers to isolated islands.
- Containers delivered by landing craft enables delivery to locations without dock facilities.
- Volunteer personnel drawn from PNG and internationally have the integrity, passion and skills to build true partnerships with remote, rural communities.
- Eleven months a year online program delivery enables good support to patrol services, supply chain management, capacity building initiatives and strengthened partnerships with local health providers, educational and community leaders.



**SAMARITAN**  
AVIATION



Mark & Kirsten Palm

## 7.2 PARTNERSHIPS

### YWAM Ships Kona and Samaritan Aviation Partnership: Samaritan Aviation have forged a partnership to deliver much-needed health services to remote parts of the Sepik River.

The m/v PACIFIC LINK anchored off Mabuk Village while two Samaritan Aviation Float planes landed on the river. A specialized team of health professionals were transported out to another location on Murik Lakes. Through our partnership with Samaritan Aviation, we were able to screen and transport eye patients back to the ship for cataract surgery. People from over five villages were able to receive services because of these organizations working together.

While a busy day for volunteers, the only problem encountered was running out of vaccines. Murik Lakes had not received these services for many years. A quick five-minute flight back to the ship to restock vaccines and immunizations continued without a hitch. We had one special surprise patient on board, Rosa (Somare)

Komanb. We knew that Murik Lakes held a special place in the heart of Grand Chief Sir Michael Somare, the first Prime Minister of the nation, but we had no idea that we would have the privilege of operating on his sister's eye. She came on board the m/v PACIFIC LINK for a cataract surgery. She was one of six ladies we helped who received the gift of sight. What a special way for YWAM Ships Kona to say 'thank you' to the governor who invited us into the province.

We would also like to thank Mark and Kirsten Palm of Samaritan Aviation for their great teamwork.



SECTION EIGHT

# APPENDIX





# 8.1 ENDORSEMENTS



Aloha:

I have had the great pleasure of working with Youth With a Mission (YWAM) for many years. As a businessman and former Hawaii State Senator. I can truly appreciate all the work and especially the positive impact YWAM has on the Big Island and the world. I know the organization to be Pono and with Aloha in all its local endeavors, and it has been a valued member of the Kailua-Kona community since 1978.

YWAM operates relief and development programs in over 100 countries and has medical and training ships delivering over 130,000 services a year to families living among some of the most isolated islands of the Pacific. YWAM's volunteers pursue the noble goal of easing suffering and providing hope for those affected by poverty, disease or injustice.

Here on the Big Island of Hawaii, there are 150-200 YWAM volunteers and staff serving at local projects. They are cleaning up parks, driving vans for the Salvation Army, and helping to feed the homeless. Each year, YWAM contributes over 30,000 volunteer-hours to serving the greater Kona area.

Nearly every public school in the Kona area has YWAM volunteers each week in some capacity. Over the years, this has included tutoring at Kealakehe High and Konawaena High, hosting family dinners at Kahakai with English lessons for parents and children, and assisting in special education classrooms at Kahakai Elementary.

YWAM's recent contributions to the Big Island was establishing the Aloha Kona Urgent Care with a goal of being open when all the other medical facilities close to better service working people. This facility treats thousands of patients each year, including people with very limited financial resources.

It has been an honor and a privilege for me to work with YWAM over the years. I have seen the tremendous benefits YWAM provides our local residents, and I look forward to continuing to work with YWAM for many more years. YWAM is an outstanding organization and a true asset for the Big Island.

Mahalo,

David Matsuura  
Former Hawaii State Senator



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**Mr. Brett Curtis**  
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Dear Mr. Curtis,

Thank you for your presentation of YWAM Medical Ships ministry here in Papua New Guinea and your work aboard the MV Pacific Link.

I am very humbled by your full-time volunteers that reach out to some of the most difficult terrains in our country providing medical services to our rural communities.

As the Governor of East Sepik, I have an obligation to provide medical services for my people, to improve infrastructure and health facilities and more important increase capacity for health workers. Your partnership with us greatly encourages our efforts.

In addition to your medical ship that serves our coastline, may I also thank you for your service to our inland communities of the Sepik River.

I commend you, YWAM Ships Kona, for the work you have done and your collaboration with our East Sepik Authorities to provide care to the people in some of our most remote and needy locations.

On this notion, it is an honor to provide this strong endorsement for your mission.

Yours sincerely,

**M T SOMARE GCL GCMG CH CF GCRS KStJ**  
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Dear Mr. Curtis  
As the Governor of West New Britain and on behalf of it's Provincial Government, I am writing to express my deep gratitude and strong support to YwAM Ships Kona and its important work in the nation of Papua New Guinea (PNG)

I commend your program working alongside our national, provincial and local level governments helping us to overcome isolation in rural areas. Your partnership with our nation brings much needed health and capacity building services deep into our rural sector where it is needed most.

I am proud that our government has taken the opportunity to partner with organizations such as YWAM, to find innovative solutions to some of the difficulties we face. The natural features of our country, alone, make it very challenging to deliver the level of health education services to which we are committed. **YWAM Ships is a strong partner for us as we make this journey forward.**

All the YWAM personnel are to be commended as they so diligently donate their professional services as volunteers aboard the Training and Medical Ships. This is profound level of commitment and friendship

Leveraging support across volunteer services, community donations corporate sponsorship and governmental contributions, enables this valued-added approach to create a very potent patrol model. I salute your long term investment to our isolated islands and inland waterways such as the Sepik River

Already, since work first began in our PNG waters in 2010, 60 million PGK of value has been injected into the rural sector of our economy. This comes from the 450,000 healthcare service deliveries accomplished by your organization. You are to be congratulated!

In conclusion, we look forward to a strong future of partnering together in service of the people of West New Britain.

Yours sincerely

  
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In Recognition of YWAM Ships

**WHEREAS**, YWAM Ships is a worldwide Christian movement that aims to care, connect, serve and build with individuals and communities. YWAM Ships values individuals rights to quality of life and is actively developing communities by addressing healthcare and training needs in Papua New Guinea with a focus on rural areas.

**WHEREAS**, YWAM Ships has made a long term commitment to the people of Papua New Guinea in the islands and river ways with vessels the *MV Pacific Link* and *MV YWAM PNG*.

**WHERE AS**, YWAM Ships is committed to the working in partnership with PNG national, provincials and district governments and signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the PNG National Department of Health (NDoH) in 2011.

**WHEREAS**, YWAM Ships sails with an international professional crew who all volunteer their time;

**WHERE AS**, YWAM Ships full time crew and staff are all graduates from one of 600 University of the Nations (UofN) campuses worldwide;

**WHEREAS**, YWAM Ships has executive offices and fleet support operations in both Kailua Kona, Hawaii, USA, and Townsville, Queensland, Australia;

**WHERE AS**, YWAM ships conducts navigation and healthcare training for it's operations on board it's growing fleet;

**WHEREAS**, YWAM Ships is a maritime movement of 23 vessels globally;

**WHEREAS**, YWAM Ships PNG provides over 77,000 medical and training services annually;

**WHEREAS**, YWAM Ships provides rural placement in areas that universities are currently not able to access. In a mentored setting, students are exposed to the real need for medical and marine personnel in rural areas, giving them a new depth of experience and motivation to provide quality health services for PNG.

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned endorses the innovative good work and commends the extraordinary vision of YWAM Medical Ships in Papua New Guinea.

Signed: 

Dated: 02/12/2016

Title: MINISTER





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# 8.2 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

YWAM Ships Kona’s administrative and logistical support office is based in Kailua-Kona, HI, USA. Board members can be contacted via this office. See details on the back cover.

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CEO - Chief Executive Officer  
DTS - Discipleship Training School  
KRA - Key Result Area  
M/V - Motor Vessel  
MOU - Memorandum of Understanding  
NGO - Non Governmental Organization  
PNG - Papua New Guinea  
PGK - Papua New Guinea Kina  
PPP - Public Private Partnership  
S/Y - Sailing Yacht  
TB - Tuberculosis  
UN - United Nations  
UofN - University of the Nations  
USA/U.S. - United States of America  
USD - United States Dollar  
WNB - West New Britain  
YWAM - Youth With A Mission



## 8.4 LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS





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