



# BIALLA | PNG

2018 DEPLOYMENT REPORT





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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

YWAM Ships Kona has training and logistical support offices in Hawaii, USA and New Zealand. Members of the board can be contacted via the Kona office. See details on back cover.

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# BIALLA AT A GLANCE



SECTION ONE

## 1.1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The last two years have been very significant in Papua New Guinea. For the first time, four ships were deployed in the nation. The vessels were m/v PACIFIC LINK and m/v YWAM LIBERTY both out of Kona, Hawaii, the m/v YWAM PNG which operates out of Townsville, Australia and the s/y RUACH from Newcastle, Australia.

This summary is part of a series of reports relating to work conducted in the provinces of Papua New Guinea and focuses solely on the 2018 deployment of the m/v PACIFIC LINK along with the medical and training outcomes from outreaches in and around West New Britain.

With an invitation to partner with the Provincial Health Authority, YWAM and local PNG volunteers worked tirelessly to cover most of the coastline and remote islands of the province. **We are happy to report that the crew delivered 1,781 medical services in 3 villages, including Bialla, with an additional 615 people served with health education and other services.**

It has proven to be an excellent season of partnership within PNG as we worked with West New Britain provincial health staff, their remote aid post staff, as well as private organizations. Notable gifts in kind were donated along with many hours of service, from Hargy Oil Palms.

The 2018 deployment of the YWAM Ships Kona vessels has so far resulted in an **economic impact into the rural sector of the provinces of East New Britain and West New Britain of more than 2,375,000 PGK, most of which impacted the most remote locations like Bialla.**

For all those that help make this possible, thank you.



**Brett Curtis**  
President / CEO  
YWAM Ships Kona

## 1.2. MESSAGE FROM PATRON

I am proud, in my seventh year as Patron of YWAM Medical Ships PNG, serving alongside my Australian co-patron, Honourable Mike Reynolds, to celebrate the great achievements in Bialla.

I am pleased to witness the strong support continue from the PNG National Government and the provincial Governments of the New Guinea Islands region. What an immense privilege to be able to work together with them to help bridge a current gap in basic rural health service delivery, whilst building capacity in our health workers and moving toward the goals our Government has established for health.

I am deeply grateful to every partner who has joined on the journey to date and helped on this vital mission in areas of compelling human need.

I am happy to convey my heartfelt congratulations to the YWAM team. Their sincere commitment, care and dedication to see sustainable development in the nation, and to champion young Papua New Guineans in particular, is to be commended.

I look forward with much anticipation to what the future will hold.



**The Right Honourable  
Sir Rabbie Namaliu GCL KCMG CSM**  
Patron – Papua New Guinea



# BIALLA OVERVIEW

SECTION TWO



# SERVICES PROVIDED



## 2.1 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).

Total number of Primary Health Care (PHC) patients seen from the deployment of our vessels across Bialla: **662**

Total number of Primary Health Care services provided:

- PHC Consultations: 622
- PHC Treatments: 622
- Child Wellness Check: 250
- Immunizations: 327
- Malaria / Tuberculosis : 66



## 2.2 Optical Services



Total number of Optometry Consultations: **641**

Total number of Reading Glasses distributed: **354**



## 2.3 Community Health Education / Promotion



The total number of people trained in Community Health Education & Promotion: **370**





## 2.4 Eye Health



### OPHTHALMOLOGY

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.

- Cataract Surgeries: **65**



## 2.5 Oral Health



Total Dental Services provided through our Mobile Dental Clinics:

- Total Dental Extractions: **128**



An aerial photograph of a tropical bay. In the center, a large red and white ship is anchored. To its right, a smaller white boat is visible. The bay is surrounded by lush green islands with palm trees and small buildings. The water is a deep blue color. A dark grey banner with white text is overlaid on the top right of the image.

# STORIES FROM THE FIELD

SECTION THREE



### 3.1 Hope for a bright future

On outreach to West New Britain, our ship the m/v YWAM LIBERTY, arrived at a little baby girl's village in Bialla. At only three years old, Leah was in danger of permanently losing vision in one eye. A traumatic injury meant she needed surgery and it could not wait.

Dr. Waimbe Wahamu, an Ophthalmologist with the YWAM Ships team, saw Leah and realized he needed to act fast. Even though he was advised to refer her to the hospital in Kimbe and conduct the surgery a few days later, he did not want to risk waiting. He quickly made the choice to travel four hours with Leah and her mother to a hospital that same day. The value of saving this precious baby girl's eye was easily worth the trip.

With the general anesthetic of the hospital at his disposal, Dr. Wahamu was able to operate successfully on Leah's eye. After admitting her to the pediatric ward with instructions for her

treatment, he returned to our ship in Bialla to continue providing free eye surgeries to other waiting patients.

While he continued his work on board the m/v YWAM LIBERTY, a few days later he reviewed Leah's eye and could immediately tell her vision was improving. We are so thankful that our ship came to this baby girl's village and was able to play a role in restoring her hope for a bright future.



A woman with dark, curly hair is holding a young child. The woman is wearing a brown shirt and has a serious expression. The child is wearing a red cloth and is holding a small object. In the background, there is a large white boat on a body of water under a blue sky. A dark grey banner with a white dotted line is at the top of the image.

# WHO WE ARE

SECTION FOUR



#### 4.1 Port YWAM Kona

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 Mokuaikaia, 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.

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 YWAM Ships Kona exists. Our ships carry volunteer workers to remote regions where a marine vessel is the only way to reach them.



4.2 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.



4.3 University of the Nations and YWAM Ships Kona .....

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.

A photograph showing a healthcare worker in a blue uniform using a blue stethoscope to examine a young child. The child is looking towards the healthcare worker. Another person is visible on the right, looking at the child. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people.

# Endorsements & Partners

# 5.1. ENDORSEMENT LETTERS



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Dear Mr. Curtis

As the Governor of West New Britain and on behalf of its 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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**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,

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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

## 5.2. KEY PARTNERS





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