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2017 DEPLOYMENT REPORT





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... WEST NEW BRITAIN AT A GLANCE



CHAPTER ONE

MANAGING DIRECTOR

1.1 Executive Summary

The last 2 years have been very significant in Papua New Guinea. For the first time, three ships were deployed in the nation with a fourth planning on arriving before year-end. The vessels were m/v PACIFIC LINK and m/v YWAM LIBERTY both out of Kona, Hawaii, the m/v YWAM PNG operated out of Townsville, Australia and the s/y RUACH soon to join from Newcastle, Australia. The m/v YWAM LIBERTY made her maiden voyage alongside the Pacific Link on an outreach to Witu Island from Kimbe.

This report is part of a series of reports relating to work conducted in the Provinces of Papua New Guinea and focuses solely on the 2017 deployment of the m/v PACIFIC LINK and the m/v YWAM LIBERTY and the medical and training outcomes from outreaches in and around the waters of West New Britain Province.

With an invitation to partner with the Provincial Health Authority, YWAM and local PNG volunteers worked tirelessly to cover most of the coastline and islands of the province. **We are happy to report that the crew from these two vessels have delivered 23,534 medical services in 28 villages, with an additional 33,741 people served with health education, water filters, 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 organisations. Notable gifts in kind were donated along with many hours of service, from New Britain Palm Oil Ltd, Hargy Oil Palms Ltd, PUMA Energy, PNG Ports, Swire Shipping, Consort, and the local Churches of Kimbe and its surrounding areas.

The 2017 deployment of the YWAM Ships Kona vessels has so far resulted in an economic **impact into the rural sector of the province of West New Britain of more than 2,100,298 PGK**, most of which impacted the most remote locations of the province.

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



Brett Curtis
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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

HON SASINDRAN MUTHUVEL; MP
GOVERNOR





PAPUA NEW GUINEA OVERVIEW

CHAPTER TWO



SERVICES PROVIDED



2.1 Primary Health Care

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

patrols (also incorporating general health care needs as necessary).

Total number of Primary Health Care (PHC) patients seen from the deployment of our vessels across the province: **23,534**

Total number of Primary Health Care services provided:

- PHC Consultations: 7,849
- PHC Treatments: 5,088
- Child Wellness Check: 2,708
- Immunizations: 7,125
- Malaria / Tuberculosis : 764



2.2 Optical Services



OPTICAL

Total number of optometry consultations: **4,676**

Total number of reading, distance
& sun glasses distributed: **2,866**





2.3 Clean Water

Total number of people served with clean water filters: **1,547**



2.4 Community Health Education / Promotion

The total number of people trained in Community Health Education & Promotion: **2,605**





2.5 Eye Health



OPHTHALMOLOGY

Eye surgeries make such a dramatic difference in people's lives. Imagine going from complete darkness where you can't do things for yourself and are completely reliant on others. Then, imagine after a 40 minute eye operation on board the m/v Pacific Link and being able to see your grandchildren for the first time, regaining not only your independence, but also dignity.

- Cataract Surgeries: **360**



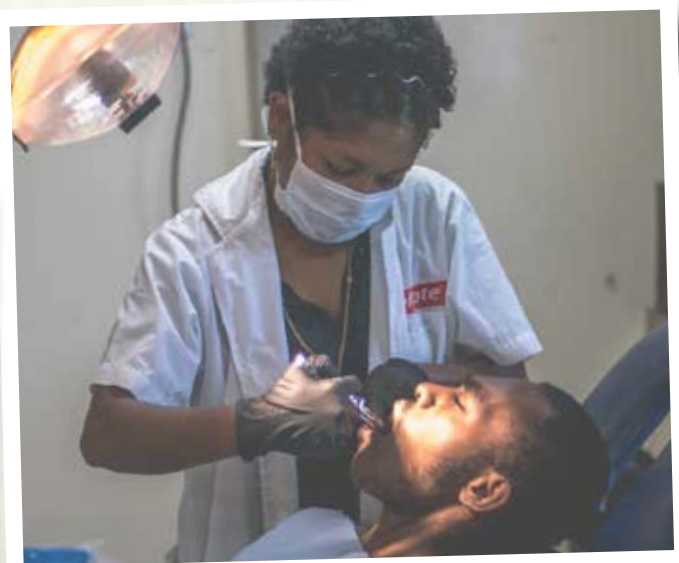


2.6 Oral Health



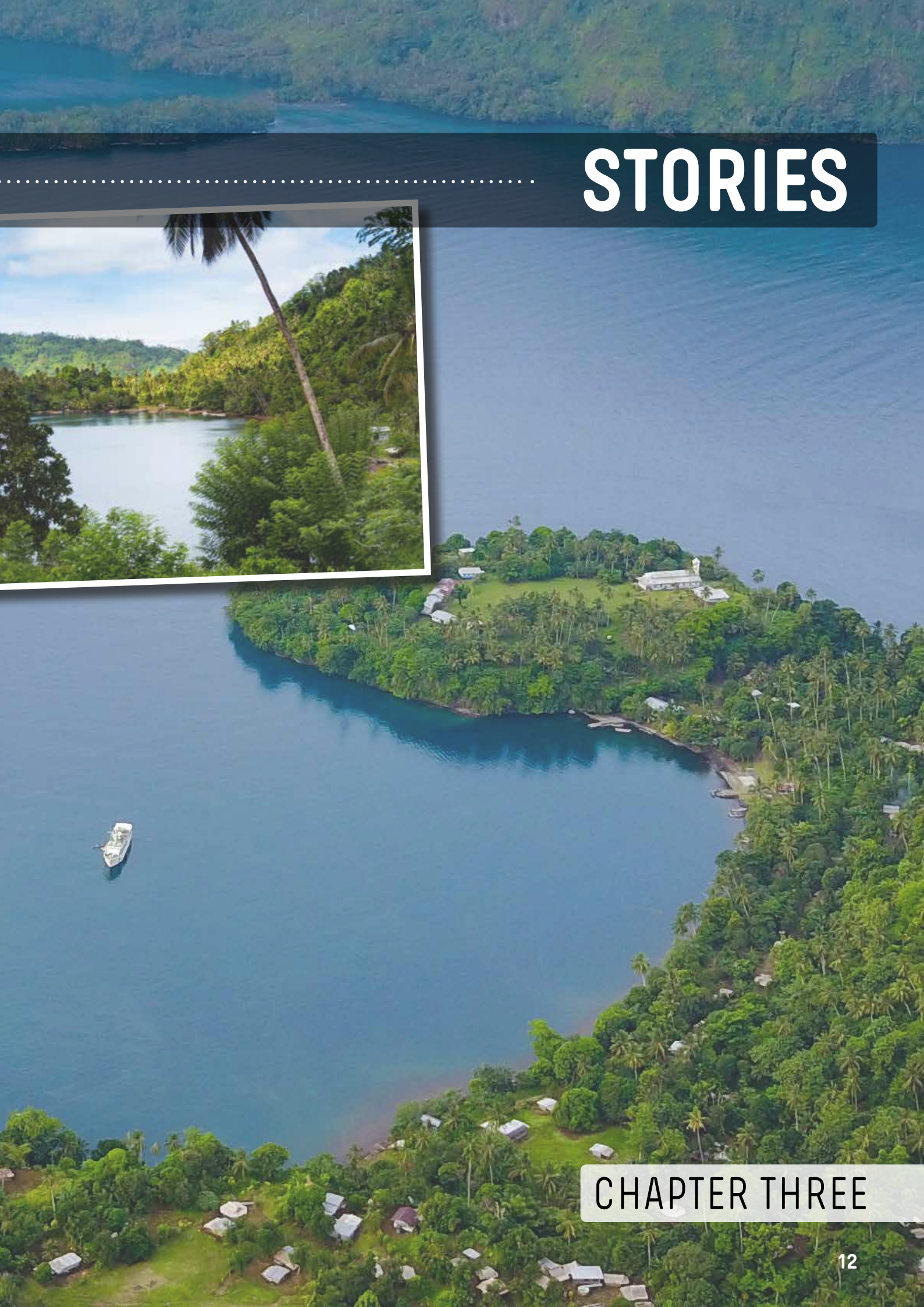
Total dental services provided through our mobile dental clinics:

- Total dental extractions: **1,218**
- Total dental restorations: **62**





STORIES



CHAPTER THREE



3.1 Partnering with Local Health Officials

Serving the islands of West New Britain

The latest cycle of medical clinics run by YWAM Ships Kona has come to a close. This was a historical time for our organization as for the first time, our newest ship, the m/v YWAM Liberty, worked alongside the m/v Pacific Link. The Papua New Guinean province of West New Britain received over 19,000 services to some of the most remote locations in the area.

Dr. Theresa Lei, the clinical outreach coordinator for the West New Britain province, had few words to say except thank you to YWAM Ships.

"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."**

In March, however, Lei was contacted by YWAM Ships and told that our vessels would be coming to her province. The outreaches began in April and many people were impacted.

"Over 10,000 people [who came through the clinics] probably would not have been reached without YWAM Ships. We've managed to do immunizations programs, TB screenings, and specialty services like dental clinics and even eye surgeries on-board the ships."





"It's been really good reaching out to people in remote areas that we couldn't have reached without YWAM Ships. I am thankful to Julie [Advance Director and Ship Manager], to Ellie [Medical Director], and to all the ships company who have been tireless in their efforts to help us reach our people."

"It's been amazing and an answer to our prayers that YWAM Ships is here."

A total of **over 23,534 services were provided** over the course of the six outreach cycles in the province of West New Britain. Services like vaccinations, eye surgeries, and community engagement were among those given to the communities.





3.2 Agnes' Story

Sight for Agnes

Sometimes unexpected surprises are the best. Although the m/v Pacific Link was scheduled to call into the Island of Bali, in the Province of West New Britain, a change of plans because of the rough seas meant a trip to Sassavoru, a coastal village, instead. This would prove to alter the life of one lady forever.

A woman named Agnes had traveled from a smaller village to Sassavoru when she heard one of the YWAM Medical Ships was in the area. She was screened by the ship's eye surgeon on shore and the next Monday morning Agnes was led on board the M/V Pacific Link. She held tightly to the shoulders of her family as she was led up the stairs to the aft deck to wait for surgery.

Agnes had been completely blind for almost five years. She had 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. Imagine living in a world of complete darkness where a person is unable to care for themselves, but always reliant on others for the most basic essentials of life.





Agnes received surgery on her left eye. She came out of the on board surgical room and was asked, "Mama, yu hamamas?" which means, "Mama, are you happy?" Agnes had a big smile on her face as she said, "Yes!"

The next morning, Agnes and many of her family members arrived in their canoe to take her eye patch off from yesterdays surgery. She sat patiently as the medical team began to remove the patch and clean her eye.

Then the moment everyone was waiting for. The eye surgeon said to her, "Mama, open!" This drama unfolded in front of the team from YWAM Ships and about 30 to 40 of her family members, Agnes opened her eyes. The smile that we had seen the day before changed from a smile of hope to one of complete and overwhelming joy.

Agnes looked around at her family, whom she had not seen for almost five years, and began to laugh and cry through smiles. She held the hand of the eye surgeon tightly and thanked him. She then lifted her hands up to the skies and began thanking God in her native tongue of Tok Pisin.

I wish you could have been there to see the **dramatic change to a life all because of a 30 minute surgery** in the hands of skilled volunteers. This story repeats itself sometimes up to 25 times a day on board our YWAM Ships.

The plan had changed unexpectedly, but for at least one beautiful lady from the Kove Coast, her life was drastically changed that day. Hope was restored and dignity was gained.





3.3 Joshua Gary's Story

KANDRIAN VILLAGE, Papua New Guinea

Volunteers serving aboard the m/v PACIFIC LINK — a YWAM medical ship — assisted in saving the life of a newborn and his mother recently in this remote part of the nation. It happened earlier this month when weather conditions unfavorable for anchorage forced the ship to sail there for sheltered harbor a few days early.

The team of medical volunteers — which included a pediatric doctor and a midwife — were off duty on land when a young pregnant woman with a baby in the breech position was having difficulties. Her water had broken almost a week earlier. Julie McLaughlin, who manages the PACIFIC LINK, said the health care workers had to deliver the baby right away in the village.

"A bunch of them went to work assisting as baby decided it was time to come out," McLaughlin said. She said the team had to manage the emergency with limited resources to save the newborn's life. "When the baby was born, he wasn't breathing. Sometimes working in these conditions, it's very simple instruments that are lacking. There's a little suction device that is sold for around \$1 in the U.S. and there was not one to be found," McLaughlin said. "The team improvised and worked to clear the baby's airways. Soon, he was breathing."

Infant and maternal mortality continue to be challenges in Papua New Guinea. Thirty-seven



ELLIE (SHIP MEDICAL COORDINATOR) WITH BABY JOSHUA



children die for every 1,000 live births and 215 women die for every 100,000 live births, according to the most recent statistics. Those concerns are especially pronounced in the nation's rural areas, which have limited health-care capacity. YWAM volunteers were able to treat the mother of the newborn baby to stop her severe bleeding. She was so grateful for the intervention of these workers that she allowed them to name her new son, who is now called Joshua Gary after the visiting YWAM physician.

McLaughlin said she does not believe it was a coincidence that YWAM workers were in Kandrian when Joshua Gary was born.

"As I reflect on this series of events, there's a little baby boy and mom that are alive right now because God orchestrated for us to be in the right place at the right time," McLaughlin said. "What seemed like impositions and crises led to a miracle."





3.4 Thank You to New Britain Palm Oil

YWAM Ships Kona would like to thank New Britain Palm Oil Ltd (NBPOL) for their generous support during the West New Britain outreaches. We commend them for their eagerness to invest back into the communities of rural PNG particularly in the area of health improvements. Their support and contributions enabled YWAM Ships in partnership with the Provincial Health of West New Britain, to dramatically impact remote communities throughout the Province.

Brett Curtis, Managing Director for YWAM Ships Kona said "We would like to thank the foundation of NBPOL and Harry Brock for his leadership. Their sponsorship and hard work alongside us during our deployment in West New Britain made a huge difference. Their assistance with logistics in addition to their contribution of 500,000 PGK is one of the reasons we were able to touch the lives of so many."





YWAM Ships Kona would also like to thank Hargy Oil Palms Ltd for their generosity in supporting our medical outreaches.

YWAM SHIPS KONA - M/V PACIFIC LINK & M/V YWAM LIBERTY



..... WHO WE ARE



CHAPTER FOUR

SHIP & LAND OUTREACHES

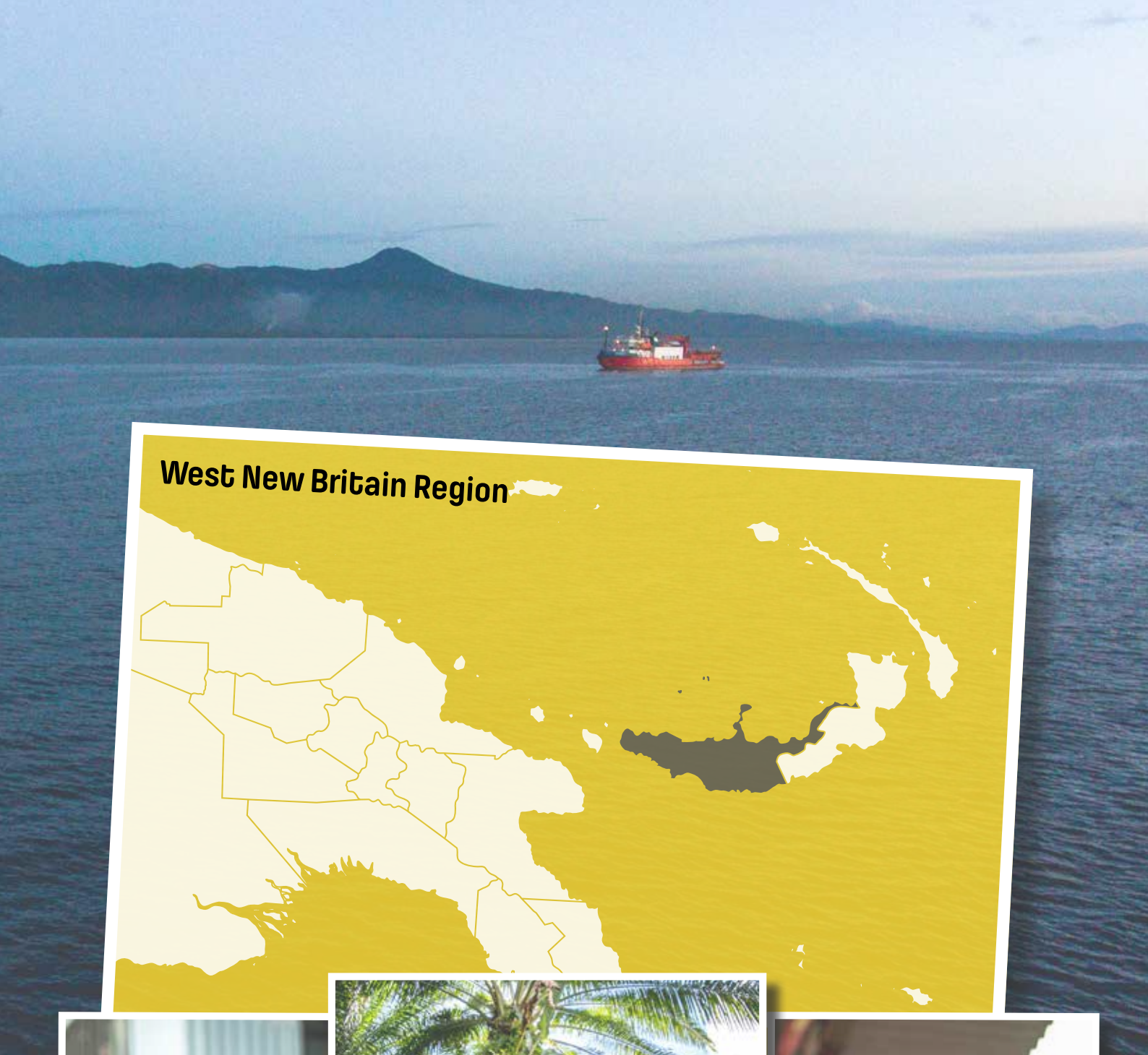


4.1 Maritime & Land Based Operations

Many of the communities served by the ships lie in uncharted coastal waters. A high intensity tempo saw teams working on the ship and in villages ashore each day. We also executed advance work to confirm village interest in collaborating with medical ship personnel and to identify specific suitable anchorages.

A summary of 2017 milestones and highlights are as follows:

- Reached most of the coastal and island regions of West New Britain with medical services.
- We achieved the highest number of outreaches that were supported by local Papua New Guinea eye surgeons. Five out of the seven outreaches offered eye surgeries.
- The highest number of Papua New Guinea professionals joining us for outreach. On average we had 8 PNG medical volunteers partnering with us, but as many as fifteen on one outreach.
- Both New Britain Palm Oil Ltd and Hargy Palm Oils Ltd sponsored outreaches in the region.



West New Britain Region





PORT YWAM KONA

4.2 Port YWAM Kona

Youth With A Mission (YWAM) is a global movement of Christians from many cultures, age groups, and Christian traditions, dedicated to serving Jesus throughout the world. We unite in a common purpose to know God and to make Him known.

Founded in 1960, YWAM operates in more than 1,400 locations in 180 countries and currently has a staff of over 20,000. YWAM is decentralized in structure;

each center is financially and legally autonomous, allowing locations to adapt and serve the specific needs of the community.

YWAM Ships Kona exists to serve the most isolated and disadvantaged islands. Using ships to access these villages is not just the best option, it is the only one. We bring hope to the least reached, those who live on the hundreds of islands & waterways without airports.

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4.3 Christian Magna Carta

Christian Magna Carta

Youth With A Mission affirms the Christian Magna Carta which describes the following basic rights as implicit in the gospel. Everyone on earth has the right to:

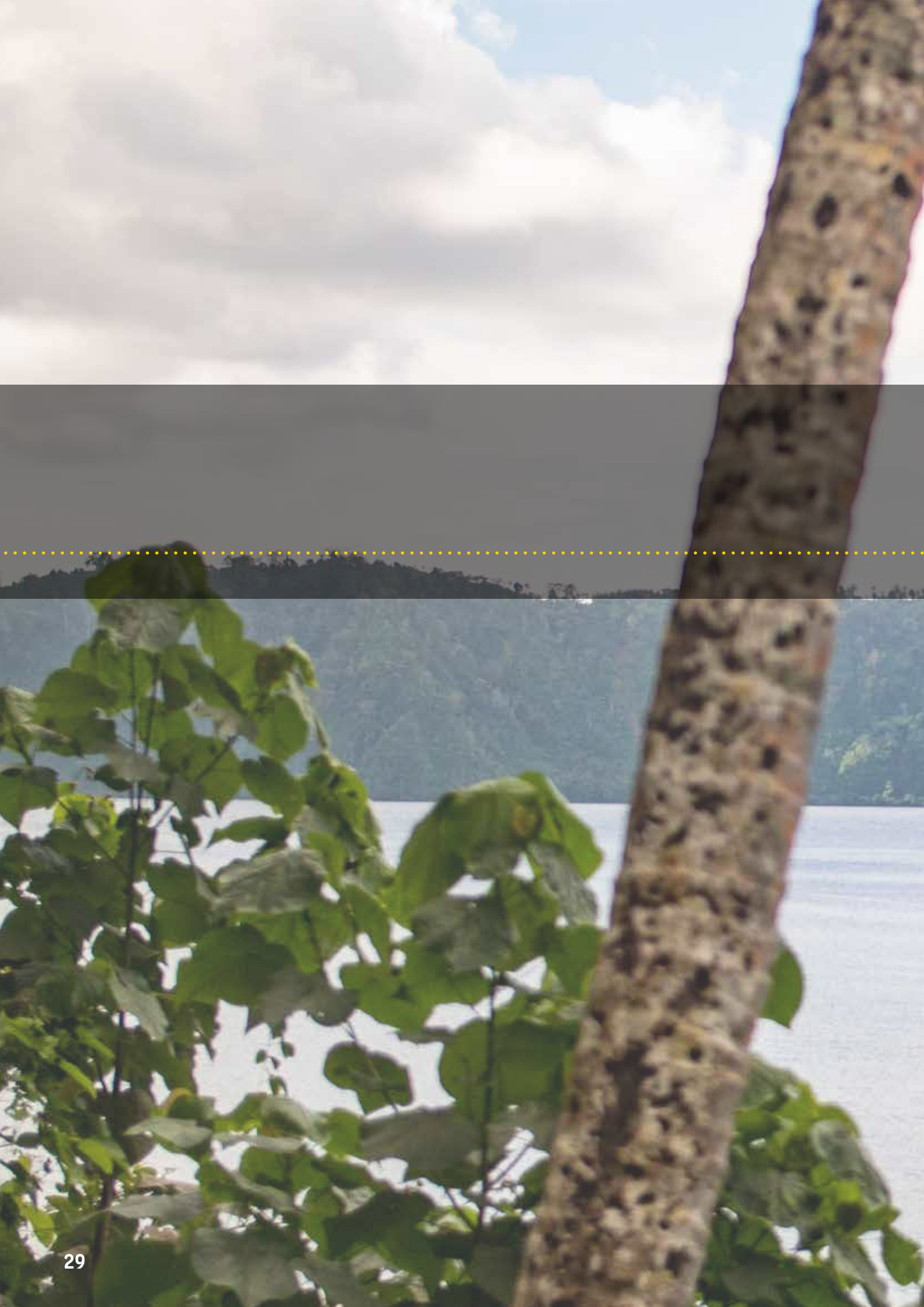
- Hear and understand the gospel of Jesus Christ
- Have a Bible available in their own language
- Have a Christian fellowship available nearby, to be able to meet for fellowship regularly each week, and to have Biblical teaching and worship with others in the Body of Christ.
- Have a Christian education available for their children.
- Have the basic necessities of life: food, water, clothing, shelter and health care.
- Lead a productive life of fulfilment spiritually, mentally, socially, emotionally, and physically.
- We commit ourselves, by God's grace, to fulfil this covenant and to live for His glory.



4.4 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 is one of YWAM's larger university campuses, training hundreds of students every year and sending them out all over the globe. Within a mile of this campus is the YWAM Ships Kona location, nestled right in downtown Kona. Port YWAM sits across from the pier where the first missionary arrived in Hawaii and where later in the 1800's, five different missionary vessels were sent out to serve in Pacifica. Now the legacy of this island continues as vessels again serve their neighbors across the liquid continent from this same location.

We recognize that ships naturally open national doors more quickly and effectively than ground teams who may work years to achieve the same results a ship can achieve with one visit. This acceleration is expanding the scope and reach of both YWAM locations in Kona. Within the YWAM family we have referred to the 'twin ministries' of ships and universities for decades and we are seeing it realized with the vessels we have engaged in Papua New Guinea. The university teams arrive with a wide variety of training and skills, and access previously unreachable areas on the ships meeting immediate human need while strengthening the future through teaching and training.



Endorsements & Partners



APPENDIX

ENDORSEMENT LETTERS

5.1 Message from Patron – Papua New Guinea

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

I am pleased to witness the strong support continue from the PNG National Government and the provincial Governments of the Momase 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.

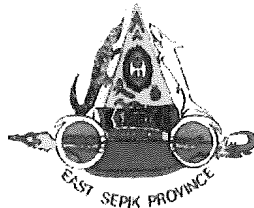
I am happy to convey my heartfelt congratulations to the YWAM team. Their sincere commitment, care and dedication to see sustainable development in the nation, and to champion young Papua New Guineans in particular, is to be commended.

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



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Rabbie Namaliu'.

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



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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:

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Title:

MINISTER

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5.2 Key Partners





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