

BOUGAINVILLE

2018 DEPLOYMENT REPORT



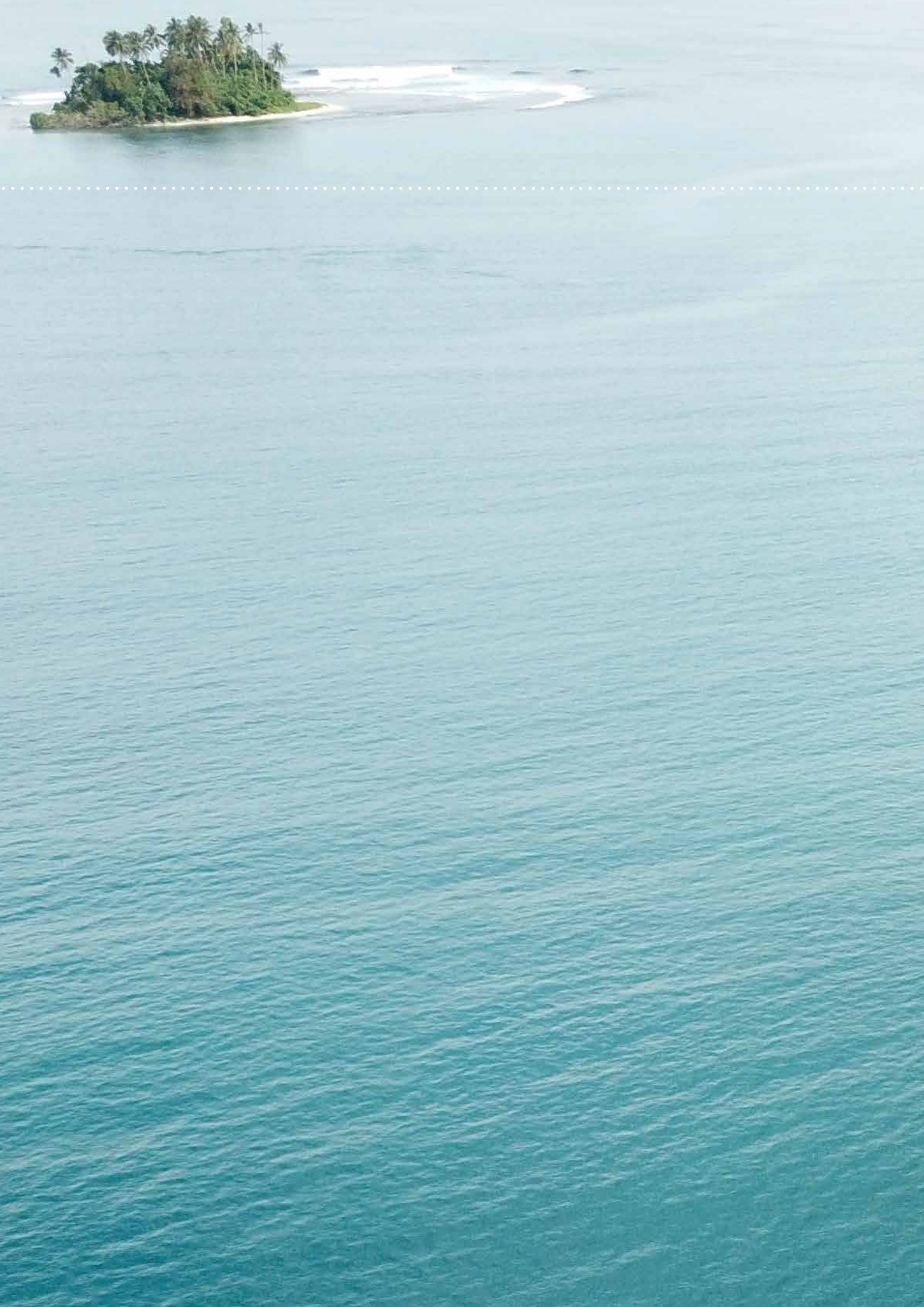


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YWAM Ships Kona has training and logistical support offices in Hawaii, USA and New Zealand. Members of the board can be contacted via the Kona office. See details on back cover.

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An aerial photograph of a tropical coastline. In the foreground, a white research ship with red and blue accents is sailing on clear turquoise water. The ship has a blue tower and various antennas. On its side, there is a circular logo with a cross and the text 'YWAM SHIPS'. The background shows a lush green island with palm trees and a small sandy beach. The title 'BOUGAINVILLE AT A GLANCE' is overlaid on the image. 'BOUGAINVILLE' is in large orange letters, and 'AT A GLANCE' is in white letters below it.

BOUGAINVILLE AT A GLANCE

SECTION ONE

1.1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The last three years have been very significant in Papua New Guinea and the surrounding regions. For the first time, four ships were deployed in the nation. The vessels were m/v PACIFIC LINK and m/v YWAM LIBERTY, out of Kona, USA, the m/v YWAM PNG 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 Autonomous Region of Bougainville and focuses solely on the 2018 deployment of the m/v YWAM LIBERTY including the medical and training outcomes from these outreaches.

With an invitation to partner with the Ministry of Health, YWAM and local volunteers worked tirelessly to cover most of the coastline and remote islands of the region. **We are happy to report that the crew delivered 20,857 medical services in 53 villages, including Buka and Atolls, with an additional 12,116 people served with health education and other services.**

It has proven to be an excellent season of partnership with the Autonomous Region of Bougainville as we worked with the Ministry of Health, health staff, their remote aid post staff, as well as private organizations.

The 2018 deployment of the m/v YWAM LIBERTY has so far resulted in an economic impact into the rural sector of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville of more than 1,925,000 PGK, most of which impacted some of the most remote locations in the region.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brett Curtis". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Brett Curtis
President / CEO
YWAM Ships Kona

Partners:
YWAM Ships Aotearoa
YWAM Ships Norway

1.2. MESSAGE FROM PATRON

I am proud, in my sixth year as PNG Patron of YWAM Ships working in Papua New Guinea, serving alongside my Australian co-patron, Honorable Mike Reynolds, to celebrate the great achievements in Bougainville.

What an immense privilege to be able to work together with the Government of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, 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 Governments have 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. In particular, I would like to convey our gratitude to President John Momis for welcoming the m/v YWAM LIBERTY to Bougainville for its inaugural outreach programme. The support of the Minister, Hon Dennis Lokonai MP, Mr. Clement Totavun, Secretary for Health and the Chief Secretary, Mr Joseph Nobetau were greatly appreciated.

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, appearing to read 'Rabbie Namaliu'.

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



BOUGAINVILLE 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 Bougainville: **2,283**

Total number of Primary Health Care services provided:

- PHC Consultations: 2,283
- PHC Treatments: 2,283
- Child Wellness Check: 1,858
- Immunizations: 3,553
- Malaria / Tuberculosis : 22



2.2 Optical Services



Total number of Optometry Consultations: **1,711**

Total number of Reading Glasses distributed: **1,400**





2.3 Clean Water



Total number of people served with Water Filters: **1519**



2.4 Community Health Education / Promotion



The total number of people trained in Community Health Education & Promotion: **6,490**





2.5 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 on board 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 on board theater, conducting up to as many as twenty-five eye surgeries a day.

- Cataract Surgeries: **49**



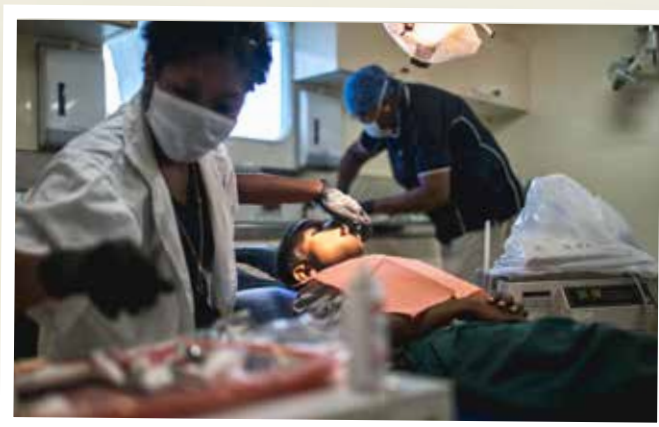


2.6 Oral Health



Total Dental Services provided through our Mobile Dental Clinics:

- Total Dental Extractions: **1,415**
- Total Dental Restorations: **117**





A man in a dark blue shirt is seen from the side, reaching out with his hands towards a group of children. The children, mostly of African descent, are gathered in a schoolyard, some looking at the man with interest. In the background, there is a building with a corrugated metal roof and some trees. The overall scene suggests a community or educational activity.

STORIES FROM THE FIELD

SECTION THREE



3.1 A brand new life

The YWAM Ships volunteers had just finished a regular day of providing health services at a small village in Bougainville. The vehicles were packed with people and medical supplies. Everyone was ready to go back to the m/v YWAM LIBERTY for the night.

Then, out of nowhere, Swickley Tova, our ship engineer, ran up to the trucks with urgent news. A woman down the road was going into labor and needed medical supervision and transportation to the nearby health center immediately!

Our team quickly changed plans to help this desperate woman. Two nurses volunteered to ride in a car with the pregnant woman while the rest of the team followed close behind.

After beginning the journey to the hospital, our nurses examined the woman and realized that the baby was about to be born right

there in the car! They decided to pull over to allow the mother to go into full labor without being jostled around by the rough road. Within minutes the nurses delivered a healthy baby boy right there in the back of the crowded vehicle.

The mother and baby were stabilized, then taken to the health center for further medical care. The team returned to the ship feeling grateful that they had been in the right place to help just in time. What had started out as a routine day of clinics ended with the best surprise of all – a brand new life.





3.2 Short Stories

Though Bougainville has experienced severe hardship and conflict, it's beautiful people are confident and expectant of a bright future. Here are some wonderful short stories of how the YWAM Ships team aided in making some Bougainvillians' lives a little brighter.

NO CRUTCHES NEEDED

Paul, a dignified seventy-four-year-old man, came in with an extensive sore on his foot so infected it caused him to walk with a crutch. Our Norwegian physician, Dr. Harold Salbu, drained the wound, cleaned it, prescribed antibiotics that were filled by our pharmacy clinic, and asked him to come back the next day. Paul came back to the clinic every day to have the wound checked and re-dressed. By Friday, he was walking without his crutch and without pain.

FOUR MACHETES

While attending a church service on shore, our captain, Pitau Morris, heard about a man who needed medical attention for a machete wound. He called two nurses to come from the ship immediately to help. When the nurses arrived they found it wasn't just one man with

machete wounds but a group of four! Due to the extensive nature of their wounds, the nurses called in our ship dentist to assist with suturing the injuries on their heads, ribs, and sides. The medical team also followed up a week later to make sure no infection had set in.

STRETCHING THE PAIN AWAY

After a few days of clinics, our team quickly realized that many people in Bougainville suffer from back pain. They immediately started implementing education that focused on stretching and proper lifting techniques. From little kids to the adults, every patient and volunteer stretched during the lunch hour program. They also prayed for many people suffering from back pain, trusting that their prayers and efforts could help curb back pain for many people in the area.







WHO WE ARE

SECTION FOUR



4.1 YWAM Ships Kona

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.

2017 and 2018 have been foundational years for us as we began partnering with both YWAM Ships Aotearoa and YWAM Medical Ships Norway in order to start serving Papua New Guinea (PNG) in July 2018.

Our newest vessel, the m/v YWAM LIBERTY is currently the only ship in the global 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.

During our deployment in Bougainville, in just five short months, we served 53 villages, with 135 volunteers joining us from around the world.

We wish to communicate our gratefulness for all of your kindness and support as we served Bougainville. 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.



PORT YWAM

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.

Youth With A Mission (YWAM), as a global movement has operated ships since 1978. YWAM now has over 2,000 locations globally including a university system called the University of the Nations, which teaches in 98 languages.





4.2 Christian Magna Carta

YWAM Ships Kona affirms the Christian Magna Carta, which describes the following basic rights as implicit in the gospel. We all have 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.



ENDORSEMENTS



APPENDIX

5.1. ENDORSEMENT LETTERS



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Dear Sir Rabbie,

Subject: YWAM Medical Ships

Further to our recent discussions, I was pleased to learn that Chief Secretary Nobetau was able to hold discussions with representatives of YWAM Medical Ships in Port Moresby yesterday and to view the excellent facilities of the YWAM Liberty.

I understand that a formal MoU has now been prepared together with a schedule of outreach activities for Bougainville, and that it is now a matter for the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) to formally endorse this work enable the Liberty to visit Bougainville waters. On that basis, I have today written to the Minister for Health instructing him to task his Secretary in finalising the MoU without delay so that the necessary arrangements to support this important work can be put in place.

Once again, thank you for your continued support to the Autonomous Region of Bougainville. It is very much appreciated and gratefully received.

Yours sincerely,

Honourable Chief Dr John L. Momis GCL MHR
President of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville

Cc. Mr Joseph Nobetau
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Cc: Hon. Dennis Lokonai, MHR
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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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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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