

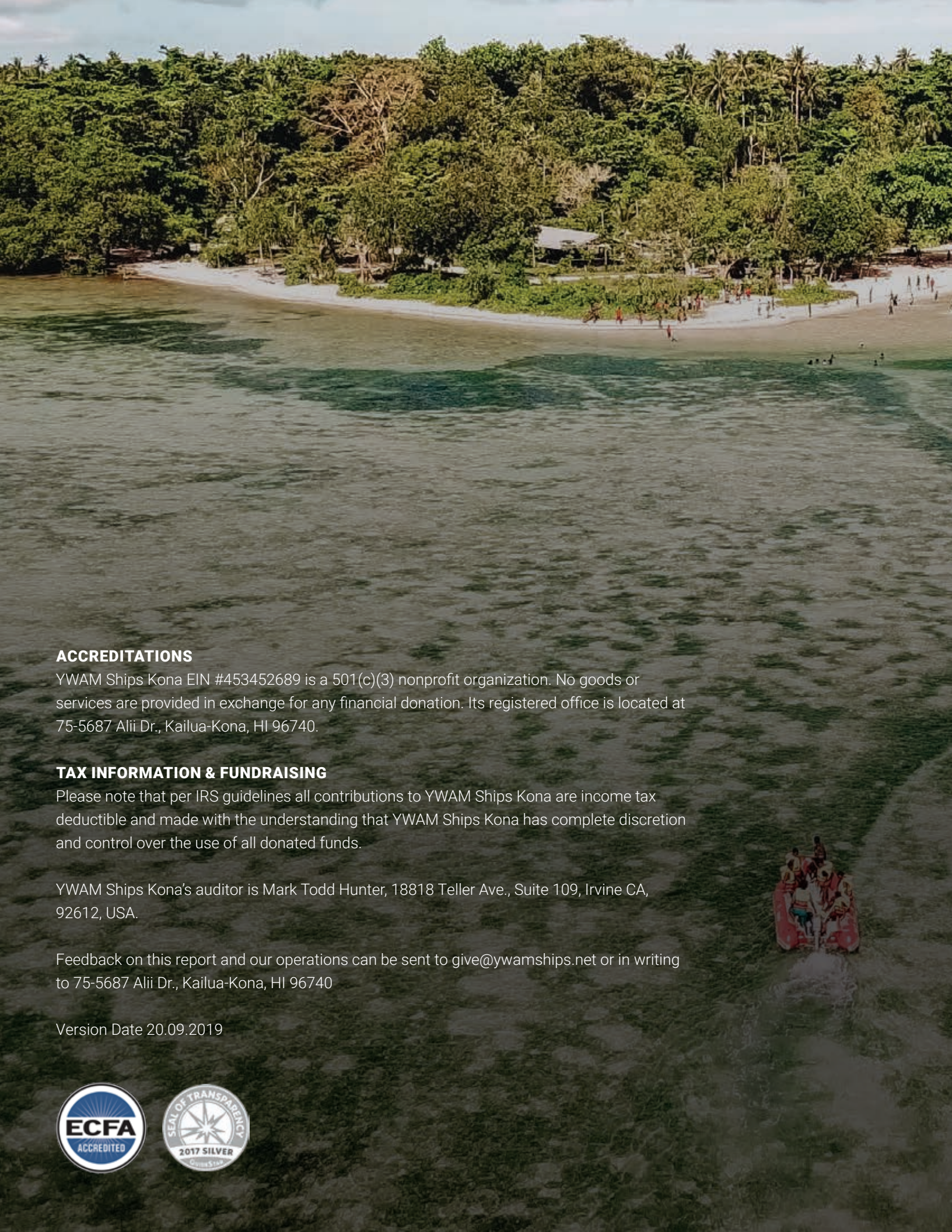


# 2018

## ANNUAL REPORT

SERVING THE ISOLATED





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\*A partnerShip vessel



# 1.1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**The greatest asset in our mission is our people, young and old alike, who rally together to provide help to those most vulnerable – those living on islands with no airstrip or bridges joining them with the rest of the planet.**



Their stories are deeply embedded among the many statistics we gathered throughout 2018. These incredibly resilient families make do with what they have, and press on without what you or I would consider necessary for life.

We believe that everyone on earth, no matter where they live, should have access to basic provisions necessary for people, to thrive – food, clothing, shelter, Christian education for their children, medical care when needed. This year from Panama, to the Marshall Islands, to Papua New Guinea (PNG), and many other locations, our YWAM Ships vessels carried volunteers, with hearts to help and hands to show kindness, in order for this mandate, which we call the Christian Magna Carta, to be realized.

In PNG alone, 289 people volunteered on board our vessels, while many more worked hard in support locations to facilitate all that occurred.

Our newest vessel, the m/v YWAM LIBERTY, went on her first deployment to the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, PNG. This nation went through a civil conflict in the 80's, ending in 1991, and is still suffering from massive devastation. People living on her islands and atolls are some of the most remote and cut off from other civilization that we have found.

The m/v PACIFIC LINK spent significant time this year in East New Britain, going from village to village around her coastline and to islands far up north. It was the last outreach of this vessel into PNG as she has been relocated to the Philippines now that the m/v YWAM LIBERTY has come online.

Together both ships, the m/v PACIFIC LINK and the m/v YWAM LIBERTY, saw 52,189 medical services delivered in 104 villages. An additional 28,031 non-medical services

ranging from water solutions to educational classes gifted a grand total of 80,220 services, all rendered free of charge, regardless of race, creed, or religion! I am so pleased with this as they are delivered deep into the rural sector on islands where there are no other means to get this care out to people, especially the ophthalmic eye surgeries conducted on board. These services impacting their island economies are valued at 4,432,246 PGK.

We love training future indigenous generations, and it is a privilege to see up to 33% of our crew on board the m/v PACIFIC LINK and m/v YWAM LIBERTY in 2018 come from PNG. They serve in all kinds of categories: medical, marine, stewards, as well as general volunteers. The time and labor donated by our volunteers in 2018 are estimated to be worth just over \$5,000,000 (USD).

The efforts of so many are reflected in this year's annual report. We wish to communicate our gratitude to everyone who volunteered and to those who donated. It is amazing what can be accomplished when everyone pushes hard together to serve those who need it the most. Your commitment to serve those living on isolated islands is inspirational!

**BRETT CURTIS**  
President / CEO  
YWAM Ships Kona



# 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.

## Summary of 2018 milestones and highlights:

- Reached much of the coastal and island regions of East New Britain and Bougainville with training and medical services.
- Conducted 147 ophthalmic surgeries which brings our grand total, since 2016, up to 688.
- Accomplished the highest number of outreaches to date supported by local PNG eye surgeons. Five of the seven outreaches offered eye surgeries.
- Maintained a high level of Papua New Guinean crew on board, with over 30% serving in various capacities.
- Sustained partnerships with New Britain Palm Oil Ltd and Hargy Palm Oils Ltd.
- Delivered Bibles and medical care throughout the outer Marshall Islands based from Ebeye Atoll. Locals reported that YWAM Ships Kona's crew was the first in decades to come and offer such services. 2933 services were delivered in these extremely remote locations.

# 55,349

## HEALTH CARE AND TRAINING SERVICES

  
**363**  
volunteers

  
**116**  
villages visited

  
**11,314**  
health promotion attendees


  
**236**  
water filters

  
**4,081**  
dental procedures

  
**6,932**  
immunizations

  
**1,123**  
malaria tests

  
**19,070**  
total patients

  
**2,388**  
glasses distributed

  
**147**  
eye surgeries





## 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 first deployment of the m/v YWAM LIBERTY into the Autonomous Region of Bougainville. President Momis and his cabinet invited YWAM Ships to come for six months.**

This often happens as we serve the most isolated islands around the world. In fact, we have more invitations and MOUs signed than we have the capacity to respond to.

Out of the 1,100 inhabited Pacific islands, more than 900 have no airstrip...representing a big challenge ahead of us in the Pacific. The need is great, and we are delighted that the fleet is definitely growing. More vessels have been added recently in the Pacific Rim than in any other region of the world.

The container capacity of the m/v YWAM LIBERTY means our innovative tools can be as wide and varied as the need requires. We're seeing this vision come to reality as the following containers have become, or are becoming, a reality: Norway (dental and woodshed), Canada (TB and X Ray lab), Germany (working on an ophthalmic surgery) and Hawaii (pharmacy). Others are being discussed.

Support of the ships is an international effort by many friends. YWAM Ships Aotearoa has done a superb job this year with the technical aspects of operating the vessel. Both our Designated Person Ashore and Security Office desk are located in Tauranga, New Zealand. YWAM Norway has also assisted greatly and helped spread the load with recruiting, fundraising, medical, and communications.

In this year's report, you will read of a wide variety of work being accomplished – representing people with a passion to help those less fortunate in difficult-to-access locations. There is nothing more exciting than to remind those we serve that they are not forgotten by God...nor by us. The level of teamwork required to execute such amazing endeavors is inspiring!

I invite you, again, to consider joining us this year – or to support us from a distance. Together, much is possible!



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





# 1.6 MESSAGE FROM PATRON: PAPUA NEW GUINEA

What a privilege, in my seventh year as PNG Patron, to be a part of the vast expansion that has once again taken place with YWAM Medical Ships in 2018. I am amazed at the rapid rate YWAM Medical Ships continues to expand and develop and 2018 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. 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 2018.



*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 2018.

MILESTONES	TARGETS	IMPLEMENTATION
Operating the m/v PACIFIC LINK 12 months of the year	Throughout 2018	Achieved
Complete drydock and annual safety surveys on the m/v YWAM LIBERTY	March 25, 2018	Achieved
Complete maiden outreach in Bougainville with the m/v YWAM LIBERTY	December 7, 2018	Achieved







## 2.2 MARITIME OPERATIONS

The year 2018 saw the m/v PACIFIC LINK in operations in East New Britain, serving out of the port of Rabaul.

With an MOU signed from the Maritime College of Madang and Port Moresby, we received several cadets from these colleges throughout the year. Our officers and engineers conduct the training of these young men and women.

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

- Successfully simultaneously operated the m/v PACIFIC LINK and the m/v YWAM LIBERTY. This tested our fleet support and partner bases, requiring two sets of crew and separate funding streams.
- The Designated Person Ashore (DPA) and Company Security Officer desks in New Zealand passed their annual inspection with our Flag State, Maritime Cook Islands (MCI).
- Developed container concept for future deployment to isolated islands.
- Completion of m/v YWAM LIBERTY's five-year in-class surveys.
- Completed m/v YWAM LIBERTY's first dry dock.







# 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 2018

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE  
CONSULTATIONS

11,674

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE  
TREATMENTS

10,356

IMMUNIZATIONS  
ADMINISTERED

6,932







*Rick and Rhonda Hamilton.*



**KAR KAR ISLAND, Papua New Guinea — With a scarf covering one side of her face, and her eyes cast down, Hannah hesitantly approached Rhonda, a nurse practitioner.**

**After sitting down, Hannah pulled back the scarf to reveal a massive keloid scar on her earlobe. The scar tissue had built up after she had injured her ear over a year prior.**

**STORIES FROM THE FIELD**

**DIGNITY  
RESTORED**

Hannah recounted to the translator, Susie, that she was constantly stared at wherever she went and laughed at by children, Hannah's embarrassment had forced her to cover her face. With the nearest hospital a seven hour drive away and lack of funds to get there, Hannah had simply resorted to hiding her face.

Rhonda immediately referred Hannah over to Dr. Patrick, an experienced physician from Vunapope hospital in Kokopo, Papua New Guinea. Dr Patrick examined Hannah's ear and knew he could repair the damage. Dr. Patrick set up a make-shift operating theatre, and assisted by Dr. Jeremy, a dentist from Australia, set about removing the scar tissue mass. Dr. Patrick also reformed her earlobe.

While the procedure was relatively simple for the doctors, it would be a life changing one for Hannah. A little over an hour and Hannah's surgery was complete. She sat up from the surgical chair. A huge burden was lifted from her both physically and emotionally.

Hannah walked away from the YWAM clinic with her head held high and her eyes looking forward. The scarf she'd worn to cover her face now tucked inside her bag. No longer ashamed by her appearance, the simple surgery had restored her dignity!





## 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 2018

WELL CHILD CHECK  
IMMUNIZATION CONSULTATIONS  
**2,688**







## STORIES FROM THE FIELD

# JENNY IS A FIGHTER



*Receiving the concentrator from Samaritan aviation.*

**EAST NEW BRITAIN PROVINCE, Papua New Guinea — Jenny, an eight-month-old baby girl, struggled to breathe. Her mother had brought her to the clinic and her raspy cry was heart-breaking to hear.**

Jenny had severe pneumonia; the same condition that took baby Isaiah's life just four months prior. Isaiah had come to one of our clinics a little worse than Jenny. Sadly, he had succumbed to this common disease.

The Papua New Guinea team pediatrician moved quickly to rehydrate Jenny and start her on antibiotics. The health center, however, didn't have any oxygen. With her oxygen saturations at 79% (normal levels should be above 95%), Jenny was in desperate need of an outside oxygen source.

The clinic did have a generator for electricity and the m/v PACIFIC LINK had an electric powered oxygen concentrator (EPOC) on board, which pulls oxygen from the air and converts it into pure oxygen.

The concentrator was given to YWAM Ships Kona in

2017 by Samaritan Aviation. The EPOC has already saved several lives. It also doesn't require heavy and dangerous oxygen tanks to be carried on board.

After rushing to the ship to get the concentrator, Jenny was given oxygen. Still showing signs of distress, Jenny eventually settled as the oxygen stopped her raspy cry and she was able to sleep.

Left in the capable hands of local nurses, it was acknowledged that there was a possibility that Jenny might not make it through the night.

However the following morning, she was breathing comfortably in her mother's arms.

The next day Jenny's breathing was good and she was a happy chatty baby girl.





# 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 2018

MALARIA TESTS &  
SUSPECTED TB  
**1,123**







# 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

2018

OPTOMETRY AND OPTICAL CONSULTATIONS

3,007

GLASSES AND PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR DISTRIBUTED

2,388







STORIES FROM THE FIELD

# DEDICATED YWAM VOLUNTEER RESTORES SIGHT



**WEST NEW BRITAIN PROVINCE, Papua New Guinea — What if you woke up with the ability to see and went to bed without it? The smallest of noises can incite the most imaginative responses. Cut off from the advantages of a city and hundreds of miles across open sea from the help you need, isolation and hopelessness take on new faces.**

Scared. Confused. Hurting.

With only, according to the Fred Hollows Foundation, 11 eye doctors in the country, modern medicine provides little consolation or hope of healing. Finding help brinks on the impossible.

For one three year old girl in West New Britain, this wasn't just a nightmare, it was the bitterest of realities. After a run in with her brother's knife three days before, one eye had been damaged beyond natural repair.

When the m/v PACIFIC LINK showed up in West New Britain with eye surgeon Dr. Wahamu on board, hope sparked but time was running out. Although Dr. Wahamu was qualified, the ship wasn't equipped for the necessary operation. Local health officials advised the girl be sent to Kimbe where she would await the surgery she needed, but Dr. Wahamu knew that time was of the essence.

Determined to see the girl's sight restored, Dr. Wahamu traveled four hours with the girl and her mother to Kimbe Provincial Hospital for an emergency operation. Upon

arrival, she was rushed into surgery where Dr. Wahamu partnered with provincial health to operate. Conditions were less than optimal as they worked at nighttime without proper lighting but fueled by the desire to catch blindness in its tracks.

In spite of having a hotel room booked for the evening, when the surgery came to a close, Dr. Wahamu decided to travel through the night back to the ship. Eye patients were awaiting surgery the next morning and he was driven to ensure they all had the same opportunity to see again as the three year old girl did.

When the three year old girl woke the next day she was able to see because a team of people from the m/v Pacific Link partnered with a team of people at Kimbe Provincial Hospital to restore sight to a child in need.

What must it be like to see the world with new eyes?

We're glad we could give a three year old in PNG the chance to find out.





# 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  
2018

OPHTHALMIC CONSULTATIONS  
**147**

OPHTHALMIC SURGERIES  
**147**







# 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 2018

DENTAL CONSULTATIONS  
**1,423**

DENTAL EXTRACTIONS  
**2,357**

DENTAL RESTORATIONS &  
OTHER DENTAL TREATMENTS  
**301**







# 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  
2018

ATTENDEES AT HEALTH  
PROMOTION SESSIONS  
**11,314**







## 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

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

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 2018

WATER FILTERS INSTALLED OR  
PROVIDED

**236**

PEOPLE SERVED WITH  
WATER FILTERS

**1,652**







STORIES FROM THE FIELD

# MAKING IT THROUGH THE NIGHT



*Baby David with his mother.*

**EAST NEW BRITAIN PROVINCE, Papua New Guinea — Daniel, a sixteen-month-old baby boy, came to the clinic severely dehydrated. When someone is dehydrated, they tend to feel incredibly thirsty and will guzzle any water given to them; even if it subsequently makes them vomit. This was happening to Daniel.**

After a week of diarrhea and vomiting, he hadn't been able to take on any fluids for days. Daniel was incredibly weak, and his body was shutting down. Our American pediatrician, Dr. Keith, quickly got to work assessing him and determined he needed an IV fluid drip.

Regrettably, due to the severity of his dehydration, all of Daniel's veins were shut down and an IV wouldn't work. The clinic did have nasogastric tubes which are inserted through the nostril into the stomach to help patients receive small amounts of fluids at a controlled rate.

The team was able to place a nasogastric tube through Daniel's nostril. They also rigged up a bag of oral rehydration solution to slowly drip into his stomach to rehydrate him. Then they prayed. If he made it through the night and was able to keep water down, then Daniel would be in the clear.



The next morning, Daniel looked fantastic! His once sunken eyes from the previous night were now normal; he was sitting upright, and his vomiting had stopped.

When asked about the source of the family's drinking water, his mother initially claimed she uses cooled boiled water. Upon further questioning, she revealed that the family had been drinking from the local river.

She knew to use cooled boiled water for drinking and not the local river. However, she didn't comprehend the deadly implications of drinking from the river. The team provided instruction on water sanitation and advised that her family would be in danger of getting sick by continuing to use the dirty river water.

Combined with practical knowledge and her very real awakening to the dangers of dirty water, the hope is for her to practice water purification in the future.



SUMMARY STATISTICS  
2018

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES

14,616

DENTAL SERVICES

1,553

ATTENDEES AT HEALTH  
PROMOTION SESSIONS

5,680

HEALTHY CHILD AND DISEASE  
TREATMENTS

3,632

OPTOMETRY SERVICES

816

OPHTHALMIC SERVICES

66

LIPOMA & OTHER  
MINOR SURGERIES

32

SECTION THREE:  
LOCATION SNAPSHOTS

## 3.1 EAST NEW BRITAIN

More than 28,000 services were provided over the course of six outreach cycles in the province of East New Britain during 2018. Services like vaccinations, eye surgeries, and community engagement were among those supplied to the communities.

With an invitation to partner with the Provincial Health Authority, YWAM Ships Kona and local PNG volunteers worked tirelessly to cover most of the coastline and remote islands of the East New Britain province. We are happy to report that the crew delivered 28,364 medical services in 48 villages, with an additional 19,945 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 East 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 New Britain Palm Oil Ltd, Hargy Oil Palms Ltd, PNG Ports, Swire Shipping, Consort, Islands Petroleum and the local churches of Kokopo, Rabaul and their surrounding areas.

The 2018 deployment of the YWAM Ships Kona vessels has, so far, resulted in an economic impact into the rural sector of the province of East New Britain of more than 2,127,000 PGK, most of which impacted the most remote locations of the province.

### STORIES FROM THE FIELD

## HOPE COMES IN MANY PACKAGES

**DUKE OF YORK ISLAND, Papua New Guinea —** Anticipation filled the air as the m/v PACIFIC LINK unloaded supplies and began setting up mobile clinics warmed by tropical sunshine and fueled by eager faces.

As supplies were unloaded the clinics sprang to life. Hordes of people, the hum of conversation and the sound of children playing provided a busy but peaceful backdrop to the first round of 2018 clinics. Isolated from opportunities found in mainland cities, it was here on the Duke of York Island that volunteers prepared to give away thousands of eye care, medical, dental and community development services.

Many of these services were rendered by our warm and friendly nurse practitioner from Canada, Rhonda Hamilton. As the sun began to set on the last day of clinics, Hamilton's final patient sat down in her makeshift jungle office. As Rhonda took her health history it quickly became apparent tuberculosis was the culprit at play. Even though tuberculosis was the leading cause of death among infectious diseases worldwide in 2016, the m/v PACIFIC LINK has managed to package hope via treatment and prevention options for a multitude of affected villagers in isolated places such as these.

Hope, as it turns out, comes in many packages. In addition to treating tuberculosis, volunteers from the ship also diagnosed and treated dozens of those ravaged by malaria. Benedict Warwakai, a provincial malaria supervisor from PNG, joined us in our efforts to care for the sick and restore hope. "We are changing our country." Benedict expressed with excitement. "We are saving lives by getting the education and treatment to these families. This is why I appreciate YWAM."

As the ship set sail, Hamilton summed up her experience on Duke of York Island confident that nothing tops the thrill of providing much needed medicine to local villagers, "This" she said, "is why I do what I do".



SUMMARY STATISTICS  
2018

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES  
4,566

DENTAL SERVICES  
2,235

ATTENDEES AT HEALTH  
PROMOTION SESSIONS  
3,822

HEALTHY CHILD AND DISEASE  
TREATMENTS  
5,411

OPTOMETRY SERVICES  
3,111

OPHTHALMIC SERVICES  
98

## 3.2 BOUGAINVILLE

Since 2018, we have conducted six different outreach cycles to the Autonomous Region of Bougainville.

Secured in Buka, the m/v YWAM LIBERTY 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 Buka who may not have easy access to health care services. It's been an amazing experience working alongside the Ministry of Health 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, churches, homes and health centers. 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.

### STORIES FROM THE FIELD

## THE WORTH OF A MAN'S FOOT

**BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND, Papua New Guinea — For subsistence Torokina farmers who live off the land, a machete is a garden tool, trail-maker, a hunting weapon, a saw for building, and a scythe for clearing brush. With uses as varied as these, it doesn't take much of an imagination to understand why machete wounds are commonplace.**

Eben is no exception.

He arrived at a tiny post, beam and palm-thatched hut that had been transformed into a clinic where he met Dr. Paolo who didn't have to ask what had happened. The angular edges of the wound told the tale. Inflamed, swollen and a week old, it was clear that if Eben's wound wasn't promptly cleaned, sutured, and treated with antibiotics, complications to his health would quickly ensue. At three inches long, and nearly an inch wide and deep along the top arch of Eben's foot, PNG Health Officer Mary Jane quickly concurred.

With a local anesthetic in place to numb the pain and Eben reclining on the dental chair turned surgical table, Dr. Paolo put healing hands to work. Gaping flesh quickly gave way to a neat row of stitches all tidied up and drawn together.

While Eben rested comfortably and benefited from the willingness of local and global volunteers to journey to his village, hordes of others across the nation without access to medical care are impeded from the help and healing they deserve. A reality many like Eben are acutely aware of.

When Eben sat up to look at his foot, relief and gratitude etched their way through sun-toughened skin as he gazed over a medical team as varied in skills as the countries they represented. An Italian doctor, an American nurse, a German dentist, a Brazilian volunteer, and a Papua New Guinean Health Officer all working together to preserve his life and health. All working together to save one man's foot.





#### 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 Mokuaiakaua, 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 exist. 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.*





Nathan & Christina Pineault

## 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, Nathan Pineault, and his wife, Christina, we are fulfilling our dream to reach the families living in this remote area.



Uriah & Naomi 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 leaders there are Uriah and Naomi Lyford; they have a team of about ten staff.





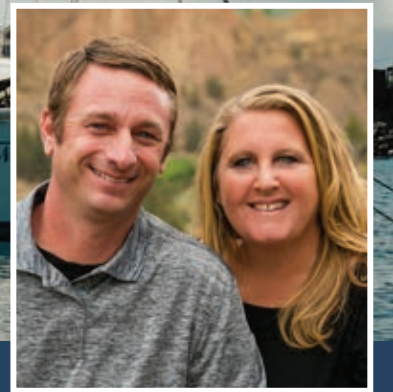
*Philippson & Kelsea Georges*

## 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 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.**

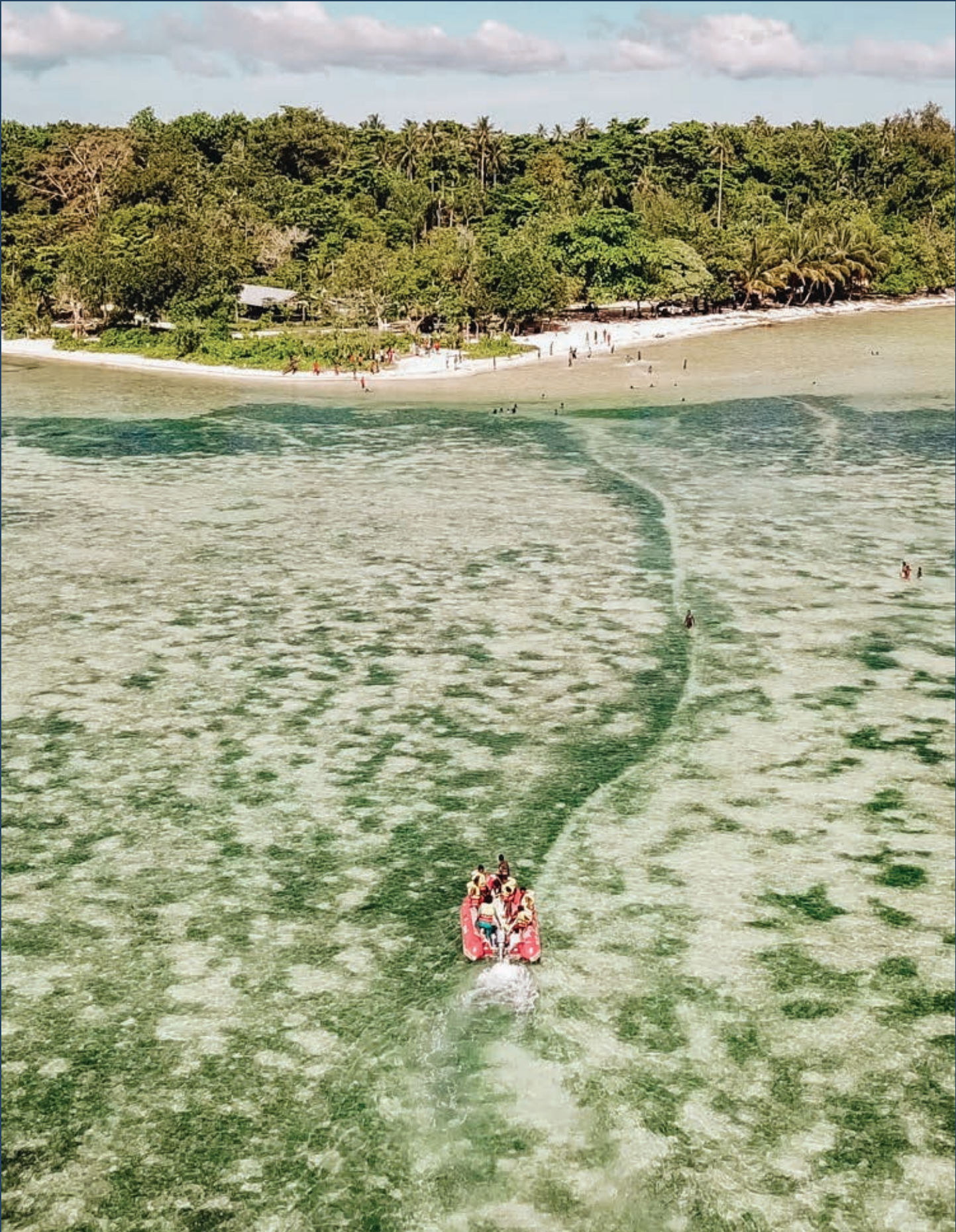
In one day we can access well over fifty villages that are completely isolated from regular access. Reaching them on land would require a four-day trip, with two days of hiking. With our boats we can pull alongside the shore, drop the anchor and immediately engage.

## 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 INCOME STATEMENT

## Consolidated 2018 Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended December 31, 2018 (Rounded to nearest 10,000)  
For a copy of YWAM Ships Kona’s audited financials please contact [directorsoffice@ywamships.net](mailto:directorsoffice@ywamships.net)

	% of Total Support and Revenues	USD
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUES</b>		
Contributions Including Gifts-in-kind	74%	9,890,000
Training Schools	21%	2,840,000
Port YWAM	2%	260,000
Staff and Missions support	3%	350,000
Auxiliary Income	0%	60,000
<b>Total</b>	100%	13,400,000
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>Program Expenses:</b>		
Ships	72%	9,620,000
Training Schools	20%	2,630,000
Port YWAM	2%	330,000
Staff and Missions Support	0%	60,000
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	94%	12,640,000
<b>Supporting Services:</b>		
Fundraising	0%	40,000
General and Administrative	1%	110,000
<b>Total Support Services</b>	1%	150,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	95%	12,790,000
<b>EXCESS OF SUPPORT AND REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	5%	610,000





SECTION SEVEN:  
MOVING FORWARD

# 7.1 2019-2020 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 enable 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 program delivery enables good support services, supply chain management, capacity building initiatives, and strengthened partnerships with local health providers, educational and community leaders.



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.

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



# 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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January 17, 2017

**Mr. Brett Curtis**  
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USA

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**  
Governor





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31 May 2016

Mr. Brett Curtis  
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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

  
**HON SASINDRAN MUTHUVEL, MP**  
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11 May 2018

Sir Rabbie Namaliu  
Patron  
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Dear Sir Rabbie,

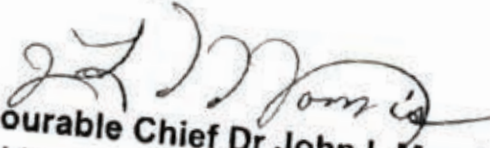
**Subject: YWAM Medical Ships**

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  
Chief Secretary

Cc: Hon. Dennis Lokonai, MHR  
Minister for Health





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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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