



SAMARITAN
AVIATION

OCTOBER 2015 UPDATE

LINDA'S STORY

In the village of Y'ar off the Sepik River, Linda slipped while washing down by the water and hit her head on a large rock. The injury left her paralysed, unable to use both her upper and lower extremities.

Her husband carried her to the health centre in Angoram where the community health worker called Samaritan Aviation for help. After Pilot John Smith landed on the Sepik River, the health workers loaded Linda in a boat for a water transfer to meet the floatplane. Medical Director Chris Cooke fit a cervical collar on her neck and placed her on a backboard for transport into the aircraft and on to Boram Hospital in Wewak.

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Picking Linda Up in Angoram

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

In many ways 2015 has been one of the most challenging years in our history. For Samaritan Aviation to have an impact and be relevant as we head into 2016, several things had to happen in 2015. For one, our prayers were answered as two missionary families, the Smiths and Cookes arrived in Papua New Guinea to assist us with our growing aviation and medical needs.

Earlier this year we were able to remodel two of five apartments in our newly acquired family living center in Papua New Guinea. With two additional families hoping to join the Palms, Smiths and Cookes next year, Samaritan Aviation must move forward to complete the remodel of the family living center and have two more apartments ready for these new families.

With the Papua New Guinea government funding about half of our new floatplane-rebuilding project, we were able to complete the rebuild and are presently in the process of shipping it to Papua New Guinea. Our goal is to have it operational by February of 2016.

We are also planning to ship a forty-foot container of medical supplies to the Boram hospital early in 2016.

If you would like more information about our capital campaign, please contact Bryan at byeager@samaritanaviation.com.

While we have capital campaign needs, we are also challenged with meeting our ongoing monthly operational needs. For us to meet the challenges that come with increased medical and aviation efforts we are seeking to raise an additional \$5000 in monthly support.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP!

- Twenty \$25 Monthly Donors
- Fifteen \$50 Monthly Donors
- Ten \$100 Monthly Donors
- Three \$250 Monthly Donors
- Two \$500 Monthly Donors
- One \$1,000 Monthly Donor

\$5,000 Monthly Increase



**Pilot John Smith Showing Linda
The Jesus Film in Tok Pisin**



Linda Sitting In Her New Wheelchair

Linda's Story (Continued)

Before departure, John and Chris took a moment to pray with Linda, placing the flight and her life in God's hands.

X-rays at the Boram Hospital confirmed that Linda had indeed broken her neck. Without the availability of other diagnostic equipment, the doctors determined from her symptoms that Linda had suffered a cervical spine injury causing paralysis. Only time would tell whether or not the damage would be permanent.

While continuing to make regular visits to check on her progress and monitor her care, our staff has also had many opportunities to pray with Linda and to share the love of Christ with her. During one such visit, we presented her with a wheelchair to help alleviate several painful pressure sores as well as increase her strength and mobility. Please continue to pray for Linda's physical and spiritual strength as she faces a difficult road to recovery in the days ahead.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Samaritan Aviation flies over 300 hours a year in Papua New Guinea providing emergency and medical supply flights.
- Each hour of flight time costs Samaritan Aviation \$200 dollars in aviation fuel.
- We do not charge the people we serve for our services!

