



MAY 2015

COMMUNITY HEALTH OUTREACH TRIP TO SAMBAN

This past month, Samaritan Aviation partnered with Living Child and Outreach International PNG to provide a three day midwifery and women's health training in the village of Samban. Each day of training attendance averaged between 65 and 100 Village Birth Attendants (VBAs) from nine different villages and represented a population of close to 10,000.

During the sessions, the women learned about the process of childbirth, safe delivery practices, how to identify danger signs, what to do in emergency situations and practiced procedures that would ensure safe delivery. As the training continued, the team was able to witness the dawning of understanding. It was an emotional time as many remembered mothers and babies who had died in childbirth due to faulty practices, but the women were strongly encouraged that they had done the best they could with the knowledge they had. Now, they had new knowledge to help ensure that those stories no longer happened!

The day after our team arrived back in Wewak, we learned that a VBA who had been at the training was called to the home of a woman in labor. She immediately recognized some of the warning signs she had just learned about and sent for help. After monitoring the patient at the Samban Clinic, Carrie Pryor of OIPNG was able to arrange for a charter plane to land on the grass airstrip in the village. The ladies from Living Child joined our staff and met the patient and village birth attendant at the airport here in Wewak to transport them to the hospital. The VBA's quick action saved the life of both the mother and the baby! At this realization, the joy shining on her face was contagious. We're so thankful that God is already using this training to save lives as we work towards our goal of lowering the infant and maternal mortality rate here in the Sepik!



The Team Ready To Board The Canoe



Living Child Midwives Role-Playing



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First Quarter Recap

During the first few weeks of 2015, we were busier than we've ever been with emergency calls, reminding us once again why the second plane is so desperately needed! In the past few months of emergency flights, we've seen everything from machete and spear attacks, stroke, death adder bites, spinal meningitis, cerebral malaria, broken necks, severe whooping cough, cancer, strangulated hernias, retained placentas and more. Here's just a quick snapshot of what we've been up to:

- 39 Emergency patients flown in and cared for.
- 9 patients accepted Jesus as Savior!
- Over 4,300 pounds of medications and vaccines delivered to remote aid posts.
- Transport of nurses, medical professionals and outreach teams to areas where measles and whooping cough outbreaks were claiming lives.
- Community Health Outreach team to Samban to conduct Immunization Clinic and Tuberculosis screenings.
- Guest Speakers at the National Christian Health Services Conference held here in Wewak.
- Reunions with survivors from several villages.
- Strategic meetings with Catholic Health Services, Community Health Evangelism (CHE) Network, Healthy Islands, Provincial and Local Governments.
- Continued renovation of new Samaritan Aviation Base and Housing.

Thank you for being a part of everything we do here!

Second Plane Update

The plane is currently in Idaho where the old paint has been stripped and will eventually be refinished. We're so thankful to everyone who has contributed to make this happen. We're only \$50,000 away from completion of this huge ministry project!

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Support

\$362,000
Raised So Far

\$50,000
Still Needed

