



NOVEMBER 2015 UPDATE



Martin on his way to Boram Hospital



Caring for Martin at Boram Hospital

A LIFE CHANGING DECISION!

The call came in early one morning from an aid post in the village of Biwat where a man had been attacked with a machete. Thirty-three year-old Martin had sustained significant injuries to his head, neck, and abdomen and was going in and out of consciousness. Medical Director Chris Cooke immediately began making arrangements to coordinate the life flight. Due to the severe drought that has devastated much of PNG these past few months, the floatplane could not land in the shallow water directly beside the village. Medical workers from Catholic Health Services in Biwat transported Martin via a 2-hour boat trip up the Sepik River to the village of Kanduanum where Pilot John Smith could safely land the Saman Balus. John and Chris, assisted by missionary-in-training and short-term Sepik volunteer, Gaetano Palino, took off for Kanduanum.

Upon landing near Kanduanum, a quick assessment of Martin's injuries proved that although he had sustained significant trauma and was quite lethargic, Martin's vital signs were thankfully stable. Before taking off on the return flight, John prayed that God would continue to watch over Martin and that He would guide the medical staff in his treatment.

At the Boram Hospital, doctors surgically evaluated Martin and began treating his injuries. During his week-long recovery, our staff visited with Martin several times, sitting down to "story" with him about the fight, his home & his life, and eventually about developing a relationship with Christ. Martin shared that he had heard about Christ before but didn't believe he could ever be good enough to have God's favour. John communicated to Martin in very simple terms about God's love and his

response was very encouraging. Beginning with evacuation flight that saved his life, all of the hours of care from our hospital staff and the conversations Martin had with our team, he decided that he would begin to follow Christ. Please continue to pray for Martin as he has returned to his village.



Our second floatplane is currently in Washington being prepared for shipment to Papua New Guinea

As we have traveled around America during our *Every Life Matters* tour, the question we hear over and over is,

“HOW CAN WE HELP?”

We have an answer! We need help to raise money to buy fuel to save lives!

Here is how Fuel for Life works:

\$200 pays for one hour of fuel to fly someone to the hospital or that amount can be used for desperately needed supplies to stock an aid post located on the 700-mile Sepik river.

You can give directly to this effort, or even better, **help us by organizing your own fundraiser!**

We are partnering with an organization called crowdrise.com who helps us facilitate this opportunity. Simply go to www.crowdrise.com/samaviation to get more information and when you are ready, at the bottom of the page click “Create A Fundraiser.” Simply tell your story and why you want to do this and in 10 minutes you will have your own Fundraising Page to post on Social Media and/or email to your friends!

DO YOU NEED SOME FUNDRAISER IDEAS?

Slug Bug on Instagram:

Get sponsors and take on your friends for a month. Post your proof on Instagram. At 25 cents or 50 cents a bug, it can add up to some serious “ka-ching”!

Start a “I’ll not Drink to that Campaign”:

Have you and your friends choose to give up your favorite soda, coffee, or smoothie for however long you want and donate what you save to help us buy fuel to save a life! “I’ll (not) drink to that!”

“I wanna present!”:

Send out “I want a Christmas Present or Birthday gift” request through social media and give them your fundraising crowdrise.com link to make a donation on your own fundraising link! Celebrate Christmas or your Birthday by giving to a great cause!

Go Retro!:

Do that old fashioned car wash or bake sale (or bake off) and give your profits for fuel!

Dedicate: Make a donation opportunity for your friends and family. Give fuel in memory of someone or in behalf of your family.

Other ideas:

Walk/Run fundraiser, Surf “X” number of waves in one day fundraiser, Play 100 holes of golf in a day fundraiser, Climb a mountain fundraiser, A team lose weight fundraiser, free concert, or Christmas gift wrapping at your local stores for donations.

We anticipate
350
Flight Hours
in 2016



Help fuel the planes!