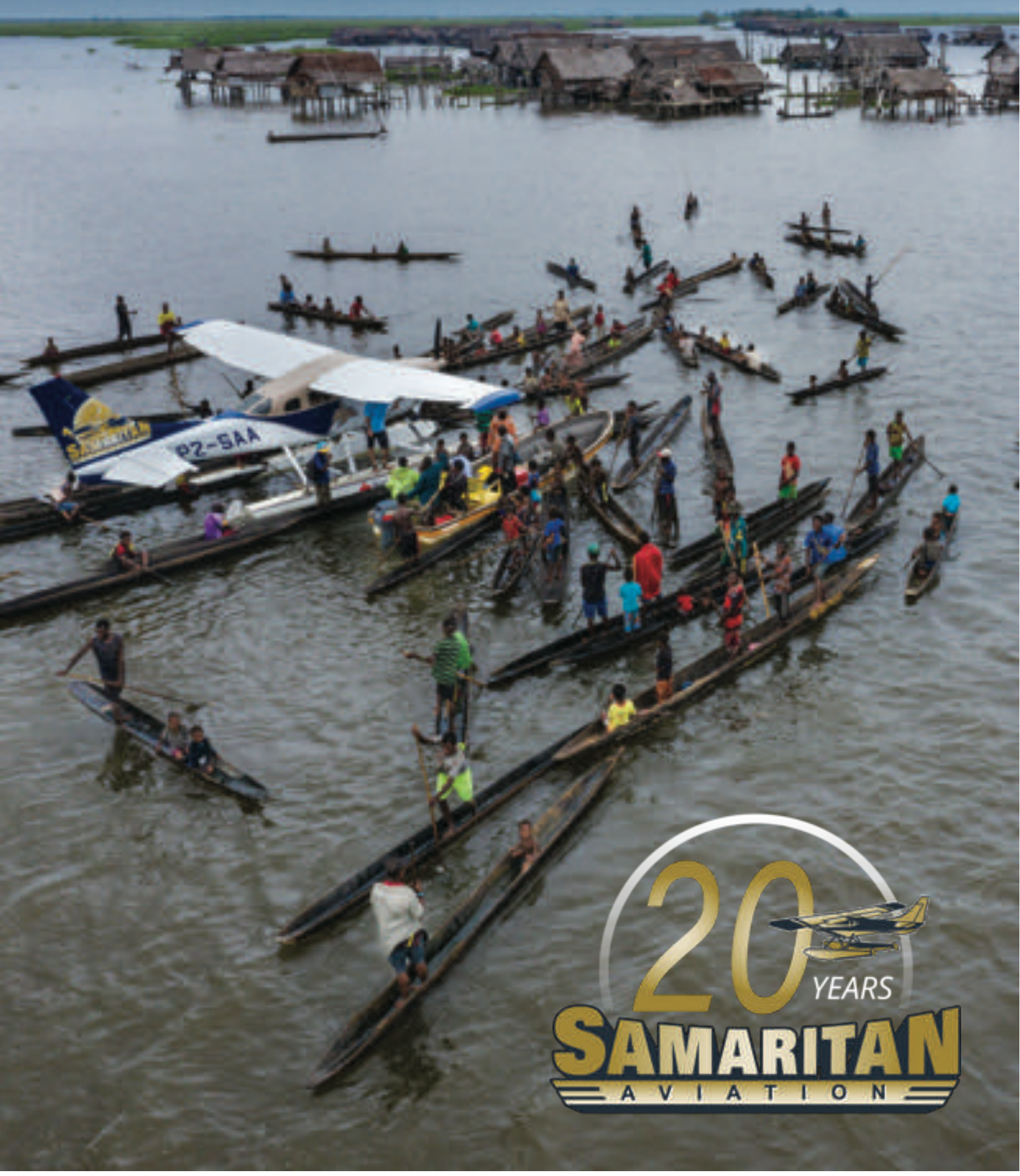


# 2020 ANNUAL REPORT





# LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER

Dear Partners and Friends,

What a year we have all lived through in 2020! I am not sure the world will ever be the same, but one thing I am sure of is that our God does not change!

Despite staff and financial challenges in 2020 due to the pandemic, we never stopped serving the remote communities of Papua New Guinea. Our team became a voice of reason, education, and encouragement for the PNG Government and stood side by side with those in PNG as we faced this pandemic together.

One notable fact is that we were the only aviation organization in PNG for several months last year that was allowed to fly! As a result, we were able to stay consistent with emergency life flights and medicine deliveries.

- We flew in twenty-two nurses from the remote communities and held an eight-day Healing the Wounds of Trauma Discipleship for health care workers
  - Throughout 2020, our staff continued to share the Gospel through our hospital ministry
  - Our missionary families and staff continue to mentor and conduct Bible studies with patients at the hospital as well as the staff members of the hospital ministry, hangar, maintenance, and security
  - Our newest missionary family, the Hovendens were accepted to join our staff
- 2020 earmarked our twenty years of ministry service

On a personal level, I would like to thank all of you who prayed for my family and me as I went through lymphoma, finishing chemotherapy and radiation treatments. I am grateful that my scans came back clear last month!

Sincerely,

Mark Palm  
CEO and Co-Founder



## PNG LAND ACQUISITION FOR STAFF HOUSING - PHASE 1: \$1,000,000

Samaritan Aviation is in need of our own base. The development of the new base is driven by the following priorities:

- **Security:** Our families need to live in a safe and secure base--and the location determines security.
- **Growth:** We need to add 8 staff families in the next 4 years. Housing is also needed for short-term mission groups and guests.
- **Training:** We need training facilities for: missionaries, workers, nurses, community health initiatives, leadership, and discipleship.

## \$300,000 IN ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Due to the COVID-19 PNG national shutdown and other economic challenges, several of our grants have been reduced or canceled and are now facing a shortfall of \$300,000 USD. This is needed to sustain all of our ministry needs in Papua New Guinea!



# PAPUA NEW GUINEA

- PNG has over 8 million people along with 840 languages
- Over 400,000 people in our region are without access to the hospital
- Infant mortality rates are often as high as 40%
- Tribal communities face many challenges such as malaria, other diseases, snake bites, tuberculosis, pregnancy complications, and tribal warfare





# IMPACT - LIFE FLIGHTS



160

critical patients flown to the hospital in 2020

## MEDICAL EMERGENCIES BREAKDOWN

PREGNANCY COMPLICATIONS  
39%

TRAUMA  
38%

DISEASE / ILLNESS  
23%



## COMMON MEDICAL EMERGENCIES:

- Retained Placenta
- Obstructed Birth
- Fractures / Broken Bones
- Tuberculosis
- Malaria
- Snake Bite
- Bush Knife Attack



# IMPACT - OUTREACHES

## CHRIST-CENTERED TRAUMA TRAINING FOR HEALTH WORKERS

Samaritan Aviation has initiated a program to help the dedicated nursing officers serving at the rural health centers along the Sepik river. Healing the Wounds of Trauma Discipleship training is designed to equip health care workers to care for mothers who are expecting prenatal or labor complications, which is one of the most common problems requiring life flights.

Our missionary staff have taken this course and facilitate these training events. Upon completion each nurse is presented with a new stethoscope, pulse oximeter, blood pressure cuff, and solar light.

Our plans are to facilitate future training programs as well as partner with the Public Health Authority and Boram General Hospital to create a follow-up program for select participants who have excelled in our training. This will include additional, more intensive obstetric training through an internship in Labor and Delivery at Boram General Hospital.





# IMPACT - HOSPITAL MINISTRIES



- Our team visits and prays with patients daily
- We provide wi-fi access to the Bible and Jesus film, as well as clothing, blankets, and food for patients and their caretakers
- Our staff can now provide faith-based medical and trauma training to aid workers
- The ultimate goal of everything we do is to share a clear gospel message of who Christ is





# IMPACT - MEDICAL SUPPLY DELIVERY

Through partnership with the PNG government, we are able to help stock health outposts with medicine, vaccines, and medical supplies.

**21,427 LBS**  
OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES  
DELIVERED IN 2020





# 2020 MILESTONES



**INTRODUCED MANY TO A RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST THROUGH OUR MINISTRIES**

**CONDUCTED OUR 1ST NURSE TRAUMA TRAINING PROGRAM**

**CELEBRATED 10 YEARS OF ACCIDENT AND INCIDENT FREE AVIATION SERVICES IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

**MARK PALM COMPLETED CHEMO AND RADIATION AND IS CANCER FREE**

**AS THE COUNTRY LOCKED DOWN AND MOST AVIATION SERVICES HALTED, WE NEVER STOPPED OUR AVIATION SERVICES AND MINISTRY**



**WELCOMED OUR NEW MISSIONARY FAMILY THE HOVENDENS**

**CELEBRATED 10 YEARS OF AVIATION SERVICES ACCIDENT AND INCIDENT FREE**

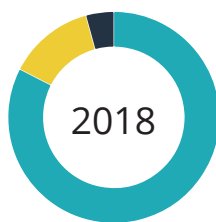
**CELEBRATED 20 YEARS AS AN ORGANIZATION**

**116 VILLAGES SERVED IN THE EAST SEPIK PROVINCE!**

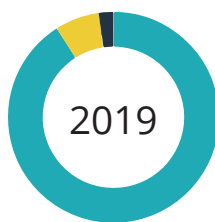


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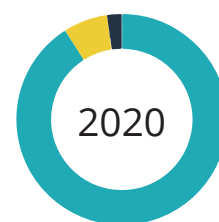
	2018	2019	2020
Revenue			
Cash Donations	\$2,353,184	\$1,798,624	<b>\$1,294,216</b>
Noncash Donations	\$6,630	\$0	<b>\$16,483</b>
Other Revenue	\$34,536	\$86,507	<b>\$82,388</b>
Total Revenue	\$2,394,350	\$1,885,131	<b>\$1,310,699</b>
Expenses			
Total Expenses	\$1,373,808	\$1,654,874	<b>\$1,515,157</b>
Excess (or Deficit) for the Year	\$1,020,542	\$230,257	<b>-\$122,070</b>
Total Change in Net Assets	\$1,020,542	\$230,257	<b>-\$122,070</b>
 Total Assets	 \$2,526,478	 \$2,720,627	 <b>\$2,636,919</b>
Total Liabilities	\$126,588	\$90,540	<b>\$128,902</b>
Net Assets	\$2,399,890	\$2,630,087	<b>\$2,508,017</b>



■ 82.5% Ministry  
 ■ 13.2% Admin  
 ■ 4.3% Fundraising



■ 91.4% Ministry  
 ■ 6.3% Admin  
 ■ 2.3% Fundraising



■ 90% Ministry  
 ■ 6% Admin  
 ■ 4% Fundraising

Samaritan Aviation has been awarded the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA) seal and has a Platinum rating on GuideStar!

*Less than 1% of organizations achieve a Platinum rating!*





## BOARD

**MARK PALM**

*CEO/Co-Founder, pilot, missionary*

**DR. DAN CRANSTON**

*Chairman, Doctor of Medicine*

**JOEY BURNS**

*CEO/Co-Founder Eagle Land Brokerage*

**DANIEL JONES**

*Pilot, former Dir. Nazarene Mission Aviation*

**JASON SCHWITTERS**

*CEO/Owner Schwitters Farm, pilot*

**JEFF PETERSEN**

*Owner/Broker Trans World Business Advisors of E. Texas*

**JOHN DAVIS**

*Executive Producer of movies and television*

## ADVISORY BOARD

**PAT CLOWES**

*Attorney, Real Estate Broker, Former VP of Promise Keepers*

**STAN ASKREN**

*Retired Chairman/CEO of HNI Corp., Pilot*

**JASON KENDALL**

*CEO of Kendall Farms, pilot*

**JEFF BERG**

*CEO/Owner of Planning Center*

**REVEREND MATT PALM**

*Founding Board Member of Samaritan Aviation, pastor*

**MICHAEL BANTZ**

*Professional Civil Engineer*

**BRUCE JOHNSON**

*Founding member of Quest Kodiak Team, pilot*

**RICK ORRED**

*President/Owner of Orred Financial Partners, Financial Advisor*

**DR. RICK MERRITT**

*Pastor, Clinical Family Counselor*

**REX SHERIDAN**

*Marriage and Family Therapist, Clinical Director*

**DR. PILLY MAPIRA**

*Doctor of Medicine, President of Public Health Assoc. of PNG*

**BISHOP PHILEMON WACHARA**

*Bishop of Harvest Center Fellowship denomination in E. Africa, pastor*

**JOY SCHWERTLEY**

*Owner of Discovery Profiling Inc.*

**PAUL FOREHAND**

*Former flight school owner, pilot*

**REVEREND JOHN POOL**

*Lead Pastor, accountant*

## EXECUTIVE STAFF

**MARK PALM**

*CEO/Co-Founder, pilot, missionary*

**BRYAN YEAGER**

*COO, former Dir. of Promise Keepers, author*

**TIM ASKEW**

*Dir. of Staff Development and Missional Engagement, bible translator for PNG*

A photograph of a man and a young child in a wooden boat on a body of water. The man is in the background, smiling, wearing a red shirt and a colorful necklace. The child is in the foreground, sitting cross-legged, looking directly at the camera. The boat is made of wood and is on a body of water. The background shows a shoreline with trees and a cloudy sky.

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