



People Are Forever

## WINTER 2009

### MERRY CHRISTMAS PNG!

On Christmas Eve the *Spirit of Paradise* will sail for Papua New Guinea. It will be neatly packed in a forty foot shipping container that will arrive four weeks later. When this gift is unwrapped it will be THE only float plane in the entire island nation.

But it's much more than a plane...it's a dream! The dream started when two young surfers lived on a remote island with villagers. They were just boys but quickly realized the hopelessness of their hosts and began to dream of a floatplane that could land beside the island and deliver HOPE. Then they learned there were 600 islands and two major rivers that were lined with villagers who needed HOPE just as bad.

The dream grew very slowly at first but then it began to spread. People who had never heard of PNG began to dream the dream, and it became their own. Some people laughed, scoffed, and said "Oh that's an ambitious dream." But nobody listened to them because everyone knew who gives dreams like this...

As it grew, the dream began to touch lives in places far away from Papua New Guinea. One man with cancer learned about the Author of the dream on a flight home to Phoenix. Before the patient died, he told his entire family, and all of them became part of the dream too. Then, in Mexico, a migrant farmer with dirty clothes became part of the dream when he went to a free clinic and heard about it from a doctor who lived in Colorado. Soon the dream began to spread and inspire new dreams in other parts of the world.

One day the floatplane was found in Hawaii. It needed everything but the price was right.



More people got involved and after much work the plane needed nothing. Then the newly finished plane went on a fifty-stop tour and the dream was shared with people all over America, even PNG's Deputy Prime Minister who was visiting New York.

He cried when he heard about the dream and said, "Count me in." His words were reported in PNG's national newspapers and soon invitations began to come from all over the country..."Our people need HOPE too."

Now, just like the angels on Christmas Eve who said good tidings we bring, all of us who have had a chance to be part of the dream

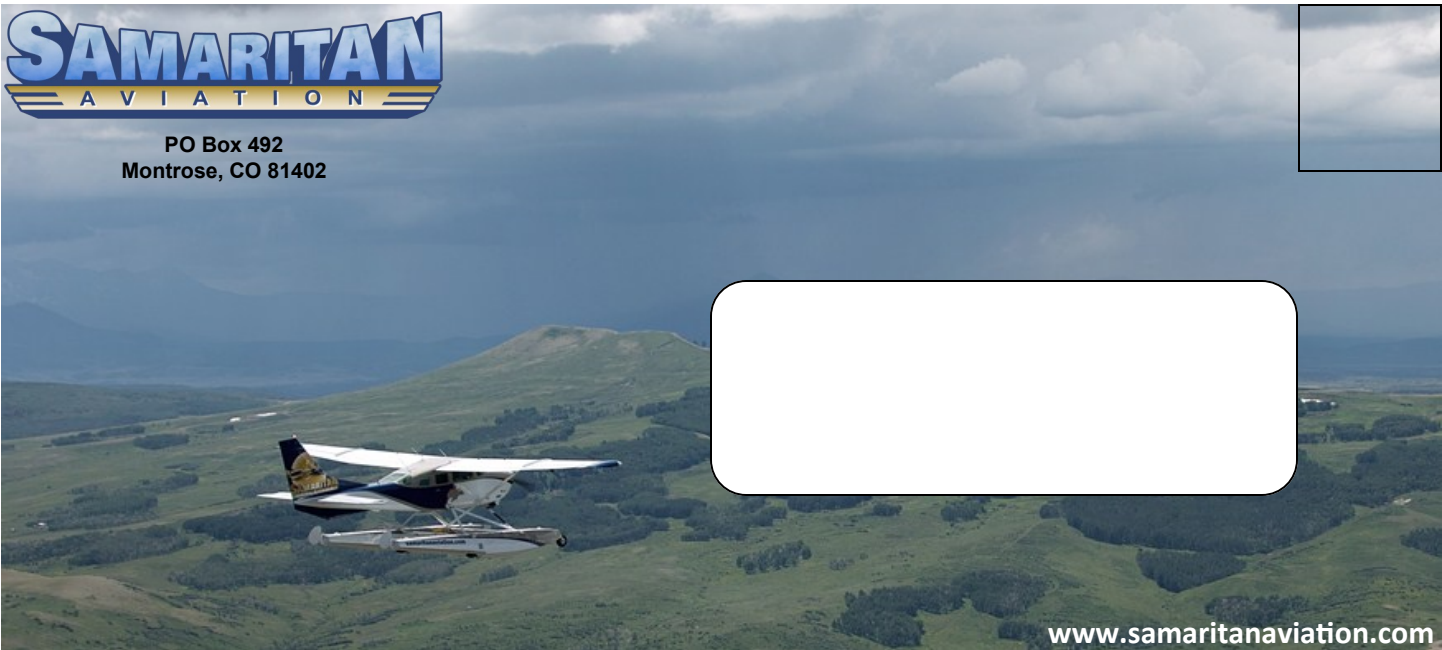
### NAME THAT VAN!



**BECOME A FAN!**  
**FOLLOW US ON FACE-BOOK!**  
**(FIND THE LINK ON OUR HOMEPAGE)**

We are in the process of raising \$18,000 for a vehicle for our operations in Wewak, Papua New Guinea. The van we are purchasing is in excellent condition and will be used for

mission work that will include transporting patients from the airport to the hospital, transporting visiting mission teams, and general mission business. The person on group who gives the most towards the van will get to name it. (In PNG every vehicle gets a name.) We have already raised \$2,000 and invite you to get involved by giving on our website, or sending a check and write "van" in the comment or memo line.



## THE PALMS MOVE TO WEWAK



January 12<sup>th</sup> is big day for all of us. It is the day that Samaritan will send its first full-time missionary family to Papua New Guinea. The Palms are headed to Wewak and will arrive on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the New Year. This is a dream come true for many but especially for Mark who has been dedicated to the ministry from day one. Mark says, "I am excited to move my family to PNG and to help bring health, hope, access, and education to the Sepik people of Papua New Guinea."

Once on the ground the Palms will begin working on logistics for Samaritans operations. The floatplane will arrive in Port Moresby, PNG's Capital, after a few weeks.

Mark's first job will be to head up a team of mechanics who will remove the *Spirit of Paradise* from the shipping container and reassemble it in preparation for the four hundred and seventy mile flight to its new home in Wewak.

Kirsten, who has her masters degree in Cross-Cultural Education and teaching credential, will be homeschooling their three kids, Sierra-7, Drake-5, and Nolan-4. She will also be helping to coordinate Samaritan's community health evangelism program. "I'm excited to be part of this adventure and serve the people in PNG. I can't wait to see how our children's lives will be changed by this experience," says Kirsten.

As you can imagine this is a major transition both for Samaritan and for the Palm family. There will be a lot of adjusting to the new culture and many lessons to learn. Please keep them in your prayers as they start a new life in PNG and THANK YOU to everyone who has helped make this dream a reality! More than anything we are thankful to God who gives young men (and women) dreams. Anything is possible with Him!

## MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS

We would like to thank Terry and Vicki Dietel for all they do as Samaritan volunteers!

This summer Vicki was in charge of our tropical dinner and made it into one of the most enjoyed fundraisers in town. People are still talking about that evening and we simply can't thank her enough.

Recently we had a chance to purchase a larger but older hangar for our headquarters. Terry jumped onboard and has put countless hours of time into the project. He has made the old place shine with a total remodel and soon Samaritan will have a new home. Vickie will join in with the final decorating touches and because of their time we will be able to stick to our motto...cheep and elegant. Thanks Vicki and Terry! We are proud to have you on the team.

### WHAT'S NEXT?

- \* Moving to new hanger in January!
- \* Bruce & Bonnie Johnson headed to PNG in February for a few months!
- \* Bustin family planning their move to PNG for the spring of 2010!
- \* Medical container will be shipped in February!



## JANE'S KIDNEY

Jane Smith has been waiting for a kidney transplant for over four years. Her husband, Van, called our hangar recently at 9:00 pm because his wife received the anticipated call of a donor that was ready to give her a kidney. The very next morning we flew Jane & Van to Denver International so they could fly to Dallas for the transplant. They landed in Texas at 2:00 pm, her kidney transplant was scheduled at 4:00, and everything went successfully. We were able to arrange the flights twelve hrs before the whole surgery unfolded! Jane is doing very well with her new kidney.

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