

# NEWSLETTER

Meri krismas long olgeta —  
“Merry Christmas everybody” in Tok Pisin

I wish you all a blessed Christmas and a good start into the New Year 2026!

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for accompanying and supporting me over the past months on my journey here in Papua New Guinea. Without you, this ministry would not be possible.



Last month, after a long time, I was finally able to travel again by ship to the Western Province. This outreach was physically very challenging for me, as I was dealing with health issues throughout the entire time. Nevertheless, it was a blessed and fulfilling mission. In total, we were able to treat 882 patients.

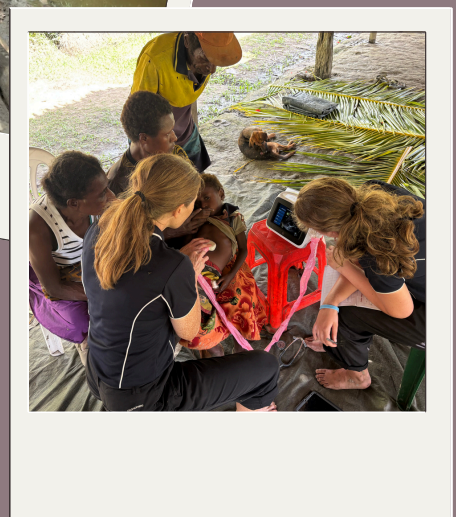
Even before the outreach began, God reminded my heart of what truly matters to Him: not numbers, statistics, or visible success, but each individual person. In the Bible, we read how the Good Shepherd leaves the ninety-nine sheep to go after the one that is lost.

Throughout the mission, I was able to witness again and again how this became reality. Despite the many people before us, we were able to truly see each individual, listen to them, and meet them with dignity and love. It was overwhelming to realize that God does not count the crowds, but sees every single heart.

A special example of this happened in a village on a Wednesday afternoon. We were already preparing to leave the village. Our bags were packed, and we were waiting at the riverbank for the boats.

Just as the boats were about to depart, a mother came running toward us with her child. The child was trembling with pain, as a fishhook had pierced deep into his thigh.

Within moments, we were able to administer a local anesthetic, carefully remove the hook, and treat the wound. For me, this was a powerful picture of how God works: even when we are ready to move on, He stops for the One. For this child. Just as the Good Shepherd goes after the one lost sheep.



After the outreach, we took inventory and, of course, also prepared for Christmas.

I will be spending the holidays here together with the other staff from the base and the ship. It is especially exciting to experience the different Christmas traditions from the many countries and provinces here in Papua New Guinea.

As I mentioned at the beginning, I wish you all a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year 2026! May this season remind you anew that God draws near to us—right in the midst of everyday life, right in the midst of our lives.

After the holidays, I will prepare the ship for the next outreach and set out again to the Western Province at the end of January.



Our Bible engagement Team

kind regards

Susan



My primary healthcare team



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