

A tropical river scene with palm trees and a wooden boat. The river is calm, reflecting the sky and the surrounding greenery. In the foreground, a long, narrow wooden boat is partially visible, with a wooden pole resting across it. The background shows a lush bank with many palm trees and a small wooden structure. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

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Here's another little update from me

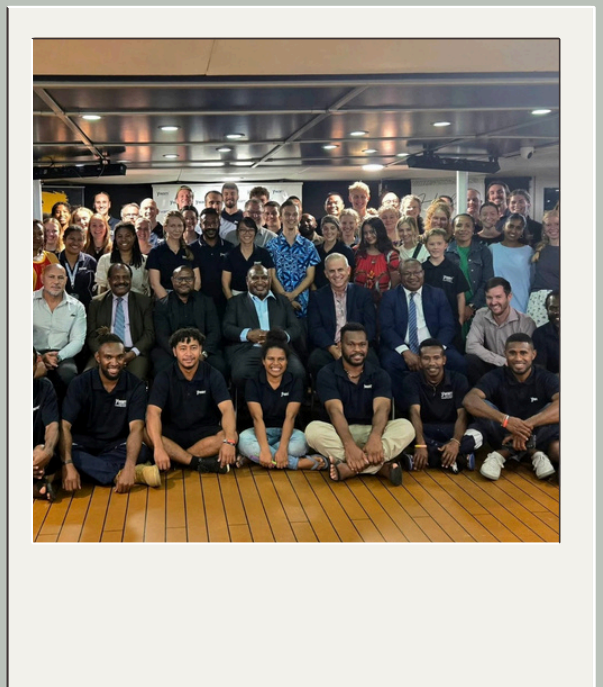
We have successfully completed our first ship outreach, and I am now back in Port Moresby at the YWAM base.

From here, we are preparing for the next outreach – organising medications, checking what is currently available in Papua New Guinea, and trying to gather everything we need so we can help even more effectively next time.

At the end of April, the ship will head out again to the Western Province. I won't be joining this time, as I will be flying home for a short visit – my niece is getting married. I'm really looking forward to it and very grateful for the opportunity to go home.

But before looking ahead, I'd like to take you back for a moment and share more about what lies behind me.

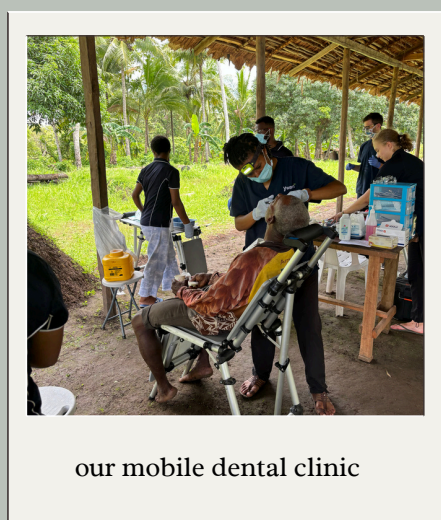
This year started with a special moment: the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, James Marape, visited our ship together with several members of parliament. It was impressive to see how much interest there is in our work – and how strong the desire is, even within the government, to better reach people in remote areas.



The outreach itself deeply moved me. For seven weeks, we were serving in the Western Province and were able to treat 2,639 patients. We administered 2,646 childhood vaccinations, examined 383 pregnant women, and tested 105 people for tuberculosis.

One particularly impactful aspect for me was that we had two dentists on board during the first weeks. Many people had never seen a dentist in their entire lives. Moments like these show me how great the need is – and how even small acts of help can make a real difference.

And yet, as much as we were able to help, this outreach also affected me deeply on a personal level. It is hard to see how great the need is. People are suffering from illnesses that could be treated – if they had better access to medical care.



our mobile dental clinic



Many villages don't have functioning schools. Children grow up without ever experiencing education. Some are sent to boarding schools, but even there they are often not safe. Girls in particular are vulnerable. It is heartbreaking to witness this up close.

One encounter I will probably never forget: I met a family who had taken in a small baby after it was found in a pit latrine. The biological parents had thrown it in there – possibly because it was a girl. Stories like this affect me deeply and often leave me without words.

Despite everything, I remain deeply grateful to be here. This outreach has stretched me physically and emotionally, but I know I am exactly where I'm meant to be. It's humbling to see that even the little I can offer can make a difference in someone's life.

We are planning to visit the villages regularly this year – about once every quarter. Our hope is that through this consistency, real change can happen and that medical care will improve in the long term.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart to everyone who supports me and this work – financially and in prayer. None of this would be possible without you. You are part of what is happening here.

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