

Mark Palm, Samaritan Aviation



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Mark Palm, the president of Samaritan Aviation was raised as a pastor's son and from a very young age has had a passion for people and aviation. During his high-school years, he had the opportunity to work with his parents who ran Elm Street Mission, which was a homeless mission in Santa Cruz, California. This experience furthered his passion for reaching out to people in need.

Mark attended Hobe Sound Bible College and later graduated from Miramar College in San Diego with a degree in Aviation Technology. Mark currently holds a Commercial Pilot's license with an Instrumental Float-plane rating as well as an FAA Aircraft Mechanic's license.

Mark has an extensive background in missions having served on teams that flew into Mexico that built facilities for churches and ministries and conducted various medical clinics for over 15 years. He also has served as a youth Pastor and Worship Pastor for 8 years while Samaritan Aviation transitioned from a dream to a reality.

January, 2010, Mark and his wife Kirsten moved to Wewak, Papua New Guinea to begin Flight Operations in the East Sepik Province. They currently live in Wewak with their three children Sierra, Drake, and Nolan.