LACK OF REFERRAL PATHWAYS

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INTRODUCTION



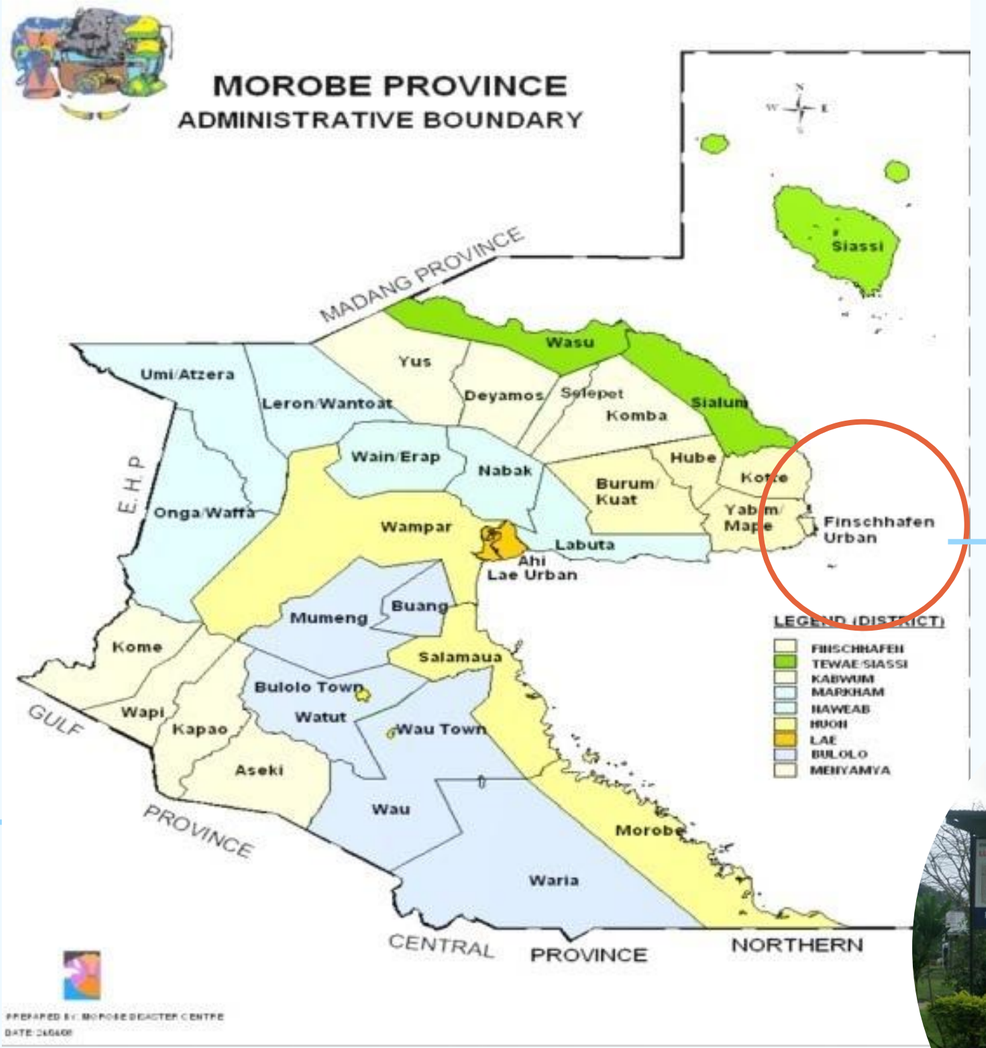
My name is Jurgen Ruh and I have lived in PNG for 43 years and have done aerial medical evacuations for 16 years.

Today I wear my Zulu to represent Pacific Culture, and you can call me Jurgen.

CONJOINED TWIN: TOM & SAWONG

The conjoined twins Tom and Sawong were born on the 9 th of October 2025 at the Braun Rural Hospital in the Finschhafen district. A district with a population of 74,000, Braun is the only hospital, and the only hospital has one scanner which was working half way and could not produce an image. The mother got into labour which did not progress. The doctor had a look around and found 4 feet at the cervix. He thought that this is not right, babies should come one at a time. He commenced a C section, which did not work, and moved onto an inverted T section.

I realised that I had absolutely no clue as to what to do with conjoined twins when we get Lae. So I engaged Scott Waide to cover the story in order to reach help somewhere. Its called **Paitim Kundu.**





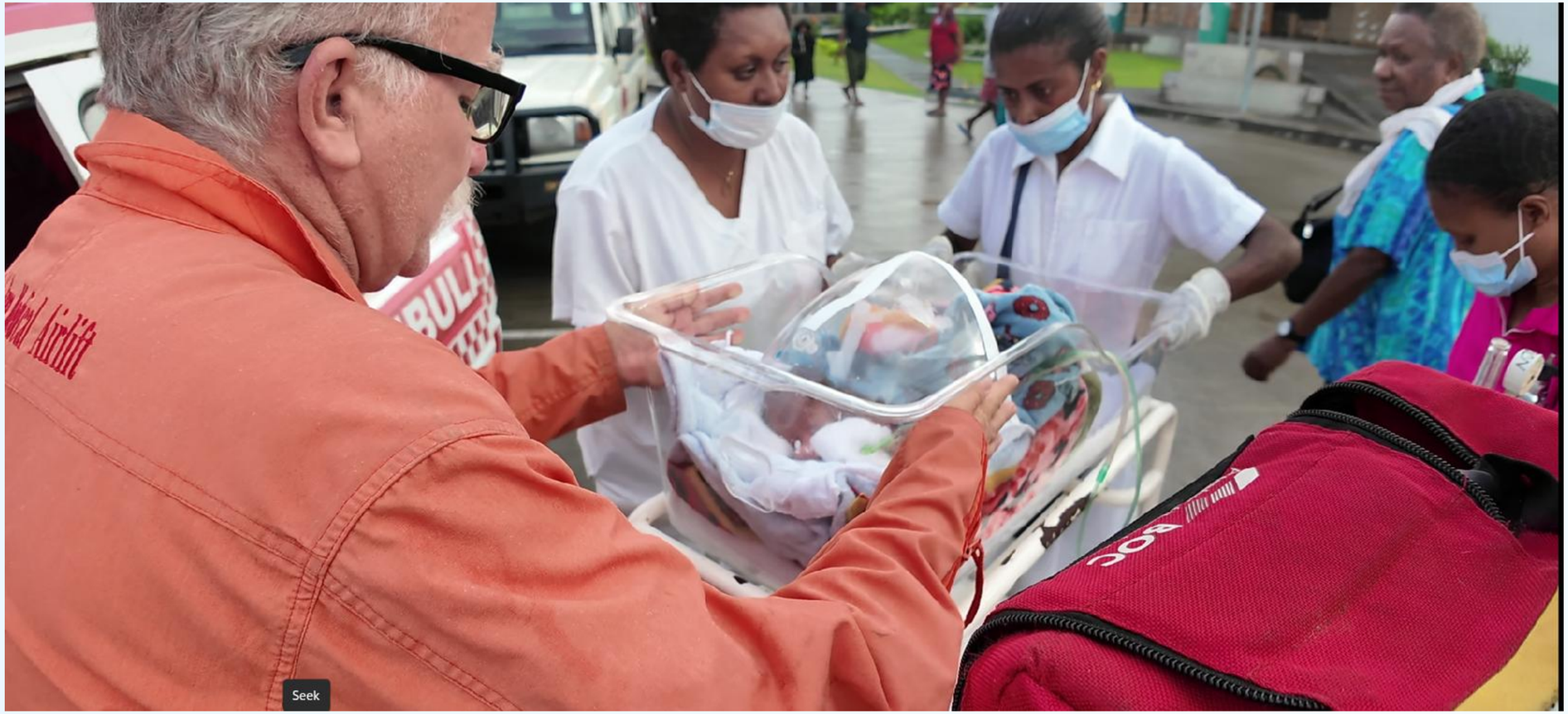
PAITIM KUNDU...

Video by Scott
Waide.



The next morning we collected the conjoined twins. On the way out our 6 days old Sawong made eye contact with me and would not let go, like he was trying to tell me...

“I just want to live”.



Most hospitals around the world have helipads. The Sydney Childrens Hospital has 3 pads.

For POM Gen, we achieve a lot with as little we have, the staff carpark was locked the next morning and cleared for us to land.

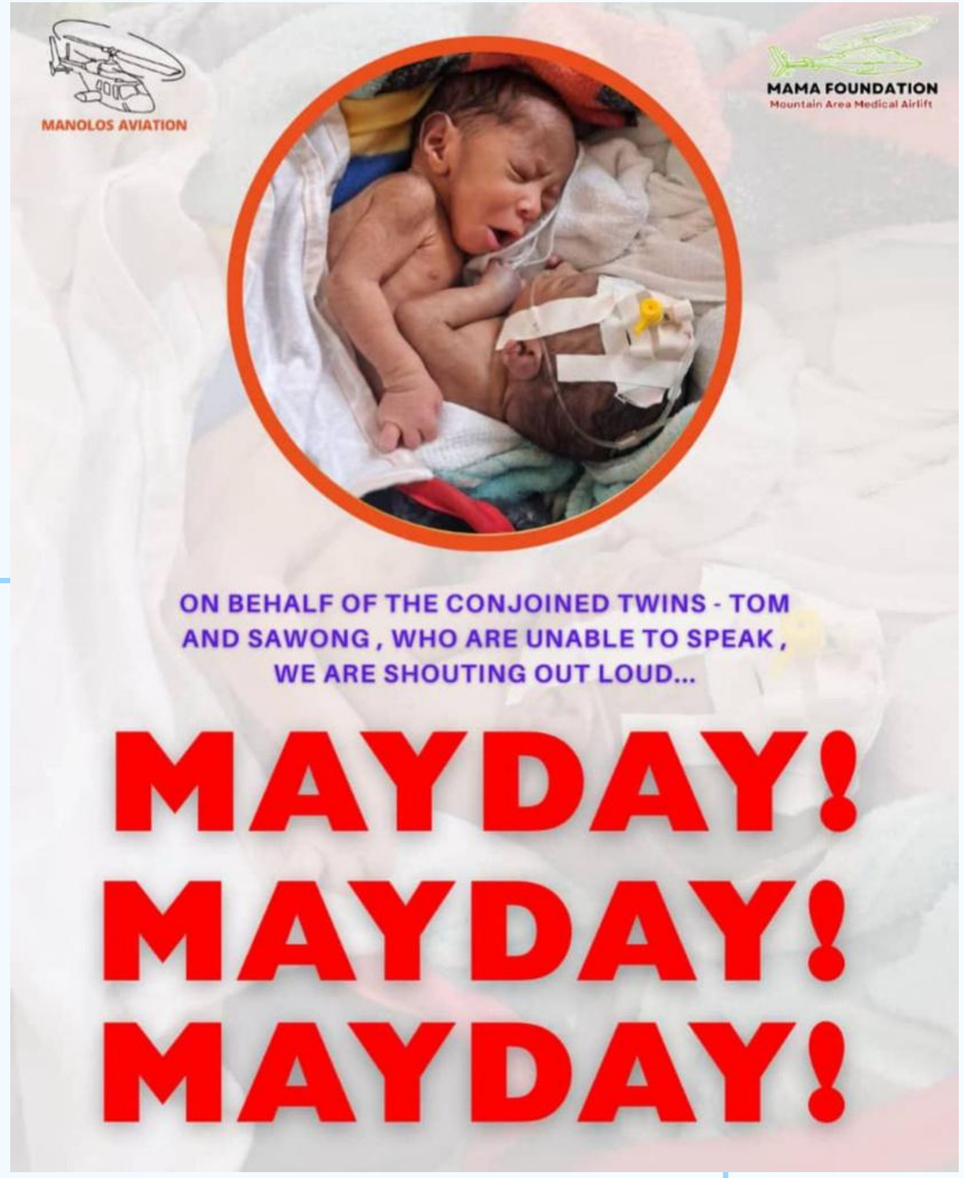
Video by NITA on Tiktok.



Whilst initially being refused from going to Sydney due to the question of funding, I have to add that this should be normal...nobody can rock up for help at a foreign hospital for help and expect help.... **“unless there is a referral pathway.”**

Being refused was not the end, we will find other countries to assist, and then we can choose where to go....

“We are choosers and not beggars.
In addition, we will not show entitlement by complaining about someone not willing to assist.”




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In the meantime, Paradise Private Hospital accepted the conjoined twins, where they stayed for 18 days without costs.





After we received acceptance from Germany and whilst we applied for a humanitarian visa for Germany, **Tom deteriorated.**

We had water built up under his skin and needs a protein to assist…. **Human Normal Albumin.** Whilst we are accustomed to shortage of medicines in hospitals, I was surprised that we could not find this medicine anywhere even commercial pharmacies.

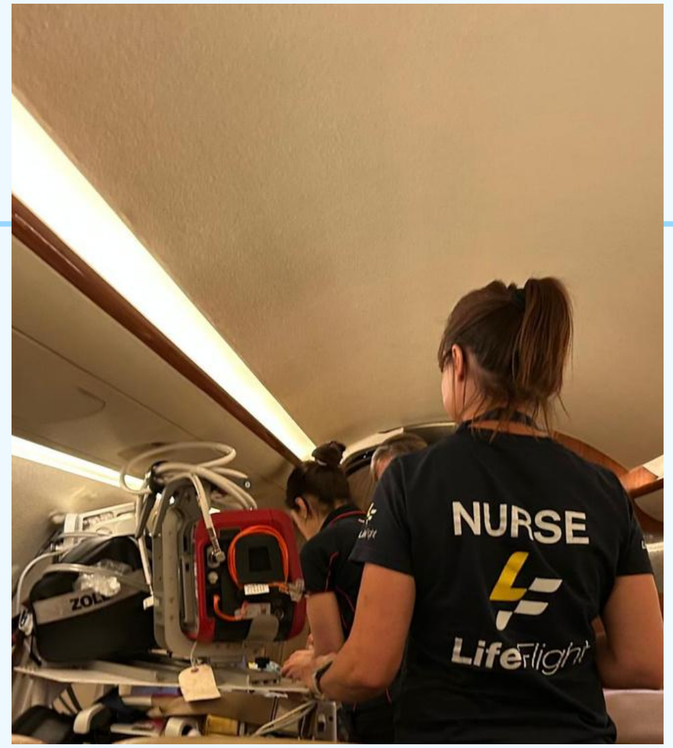
For us the death of tom would have resulted in the death of Sawong…an awful death for Sawong and an awful experience for the parents to see.



From here I realised, that we very well understand when a child will die, and we got accustomed...it has been normalized.

From the best of my records, newborn medevacs to Australia happen every 30 years. **There should be a medevac to Australia once a week.**








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TWO FIGHTERS IN ONE PICTURE.

In November a paediatrician of the National Department of Health accused me of giving the parents of the Conjoined Twins false hope.

On the last day of December I was able to hold Hope and Joy in my very own hands.



“They called it false hope. I call it faith in the face of doubt.
They said it wouldn’t happen.
But Hope and Joy happened.”

TWO FIGHTERS. ONE MIRACLE. HOPE WON. JOY LIVES.

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THANK YOU



