

When Paula transported a seriously ill read more woman to a larger hospital, on a bus, with 2 IV's attached, she decided that was totally unsatisfactory. At the time, she asked the bus driver whom she knew, to video what was happening.

After that experience, she approached a parliamentary leader, without an appointment, showed him the video and asked for an ambulance, which she received soon after.

Paula is attached to the Blue Mountain Hospital which is under the Catholic Church. At one point she decided she needed more space for various groups to have somewhere to attend ante natal care, which is a prerequisite for women wanting to use the maternity hospital. There were two old buildings on the property, so she asked the Bishop if they could be utilised for her purposes. He agreed. Paula now has more space to conduct classes.

There are 52 staff at the hospital, which includes 12 registered nurses, 2 midwives, lab technician & health extension officer, & 5 trainees. PNG has an extremely diverse culture and this sometimes causes problems as different villages have different ideas. Paula's way forward is to empower women with education and to educate young boys from an early age, in the home and at all levels of education.

We presented Paula with 2 more bags of polar fleece because when we first met her, Paula told us about the unreliable power supply in PNG and how it is so difficult to keep the babies warm in the highlands. Polar fleece is the low tech solution.....very warm, available 24/7 and washes easily. Thank you Spotlight for a well timed sale.!!