



You can't discover new lands without first losing sight of the shore.

That is what this new season has been all about. I have struck out on a new adventure with God. The last two months have been so great. I am learning so many new things about boating and myself. It hasn't always been easy, but God has been so faithful. I love what I have been learning about sailing. We have now completed four levels of American Sailing Association (ASA) Certification.

In about one month, I will be "heading even further away from shore" as I go to serve on the YWAM medical ship, M/V Pacific Link, in Papua New Guinea (PNG) for 2.5 months. Working on a ship will be a new experience for me. I will be a part of the ship's crew, serving as the Purser. Read the story to the right to see how the ship is changing lives in PNG.

Here are a few prayer requests:

- **1.** I applied for my PNG visa 2 months ago, but have not received it back. Please pray that would arrive back ASAP so I can purchase my plane tickets.
- 2. Pray that I can get plane tickets to PNG at a good cost.
- **3.** Pray that all the money I need for this outreach would be provided. To donate go to www.colleencrawford.info.
- **4.** Pray that God will go before me and prepare the details of my outreach and the hearts of the people I will minister to!

Make an Eternal Difference!

Are you looking for a way to take part in seeing the Great Commission fulfilled and do something that will make an eternal difference? Check out my website at www.colleencrawford.info to see different ways you can partner with me.

Colleen Crawford Serving With:



Life on the M/V Pacific Link

TARAWAI ISLAND,
Papua New Guinea
— As the sun
dawned here in
this isolated place,
there was a
palpable sense of
anticipation.



Something unheard of was about to happen to this little community — sight was returning to blind eyes. Eleven people, men and women, young and old, perched on a wooden bench. While they were dissimilar in many ways, these 11 had something in common: Large green plastic shells covered their eyes, holding bandages to left and right eyes alike.

One man, Abraham, had been dreaming of a day like this for almost 17 years. He began having vision problems in 1999 and he had been totally blind for the last three years of his life because of cataracts. His days consisted of sitting in his house alone for hours. He had a cane, but was not able to navigate the village safely or quickly by himself and he had no family to help him. Abraham had lost his job and most of his quality of life due to his blindness.

The following morning, one by one, green plastic shells were removed and tentative eyes opened. There was a moment of disbelief in the people's faces as they looked around and realized that the cloudiness and darkness was no longer before their eyes; they could see!

Abraham sat patiently on his bench, his cane next to him. A collective breath was held as his bandages were taken off and he looked around for the first time. A shout went up, a passionate cry of, "That's God! That's God! That's God! Hallelujah!"The first reaction to sight for a man who had been blind for years was to cry out praise to his God. The words kept bubbling out of his mouth, "Very happy! I'm so happy! I'm crying!" He was beaming and his joy spilled out contagiously. He was filled with plans for his new life; he could go swimming, walk around the island, even go for a run! No longer confined to his house or to a seat on the ground, Abraham had his life back!