



3 MINUTES WITH MEGAN REED

So, what have you been up to? This last year I have been part of Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in Townsville, Australia and Papua New Guinea. I've been learning about and participating in medical missions. Not only have I grown a lot as a Christian, I've had the unique opportunity to work

within the Papua New Guinean healthcare system and reach remote locations with much-needed services and training.

What helped to prepare you for this experience? I definitely appreciate the solid Biblical foundation that I have from my time at Bear Creek Church, and my time with the Mercy Flights Explorer Post gave me a medical foundation. Other random skills that came in handy include knocking on doors, playing with kids, braiding hair, and cutting pills in half.

What encouraged you along the way? I was personally very inspired by the Papua New Guinean healthcare workers that I met. They serve their communities in challenging circumstances with the little resources they have and never give up. Being able to come alongside them, upskill them, and remind them that they are not alone or forgotten was the most rewarding part of my experience.

How have you been changed? Some areas

of my life that have changed include increased discipline in quiet times and prayer, gaining a better understanding of my identity in Christ, and understanding God's heart behind missions and healthcare.

How will this affect you going forward? My experiences in international missions have definitely made me a better listener and taught me patience and the importance of preferring the needs of others. I've been able to work with people who are different than me, had to rely on God to provide, seen people have joy in the midst of impossible circumstances, and been in a place where things I take for granted (like the dentist) are hard to come by. All of these things have given me more of a big-picture perspective and taught me to live with eternity in mind.

