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**Episode 1: Going Mobile**  
**Speaking script**

*Pronunciations*

*Steph: Stef*

*Doenges: Dawn-jez*

*Nondugal: Non-do-gull*

*Kina: Key-nuh*

*Kudjip: Koo jip*

**Slide 1**

As a bush doctor at a rural Nazarene hospital in Papua New Guinea, missionary doctor Steph Doenges seems to have a life of drama.

Recently, she shared the story of how the hospital has taken its prevention and treatment services mobile.

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Cervical cancer is a highly preventable and treatable form of cancer that affects women globally.

In developing countries, the picture is more grim.

95 percent of woman around the world are never screened for this otherwise fatal disease.

According to a study in 2005, 90 percent of new cases of cervical cancer are in developing countries.

It is estimated that 1 million women have cervical cancer globally, but most are not diagnosed nor do they receive treatment.

During the same study year, almost two hundred and sixty thousand women died from this form of cancer ... 95 percent of those live in developing countries.

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Kudjip Nazarene Hospital, in the highlands of Papua New Guinea, has a cervical cancer prevention program.

Doctors and nurses screen about 20 patients a week – six thousand since they first began.

A screening test costs only 4 kina in Papua New Guinea currency. That is one dollar and fifty cents.

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Staff members like Nurse Pauline run the hospital's clinic, perform all the tests and send them to Australia for processing.

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If the screening test is positive, Dr Steph follows up with the patient and performs a simple procedure.

As a result, the patient is cured long before any abnormal cells become cancerous.

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It's not always as easy as it sounds, however. There are challenges.

Women need to learn about the possibility of cervical cancer, and the necessity of being tested.

Many women live miles away from the hospital and have no way of getting there.

After the test, some women go home and never return to the hospital to find out their results.

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Dr. Steph knew the hospital needed to be more proactive to battle this unnecessary disease.

Assisted by a group called Primary Health Services, led by Mr. Gabriel, the Nazarene hospital team partnered with a rural health clinic in a place called Nondugal to open a mobile testing center about 45 minutes from the hospital.

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Women began to arrive in ones, twos and groups from the surrounding villages.

A reporter from a local newspaper attended as well.

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Sister Lucy, on staff at the Nondugal health center, helped Dr. Steph explain to the women how the test would work, and how it would let them know if a woman could potentially develop the cancer.

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On that first visit, in just three hours, the team tested 76 women. That is equal to the number of women they would normally test at the hospital over a four-week period.

The first mobile clinic was a smashing success. As a result, Primary Health Services will send the mobile testing team to a different health center every month for education and testing.

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Just as Jesus healed, we are called to bring healing to the sick and hope to the lost.

Pray for the doctors and staff of Kudjip Nazarene Hospital, as they compassionately treat and heal, and present the good news of salvation to the more than 50,000 patients that seek treatment at the hospital each year.

On average, 600 to 800 people accept Christ into their lives through the hospital's ministry annually.

**Slide 12**

All of us who have given generously to mission offerings, Faith Promise or Nazarene Compassionate Ministries are directly part of this story.

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