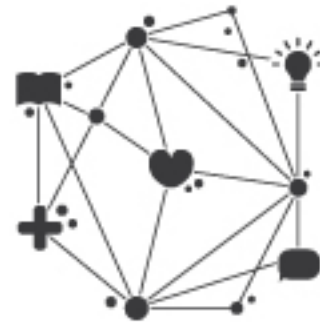


- Hello Melbourne!



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#getjakbak - story

- Imagine if you can the palliative care non-resident's plight.
- Stranded thousands of miles away from home.
- Trying to get home for the past two months, but hampered by illness.
- \$10,000s of medical bills.
- Little in the way of support.



Hospice admission

- Admitted for end of life care.
- Initially stable but after the weekend, delirious with signs of sepsis.
- Expressed a strong desire to go home to be with his family.
- His strong faith would get him there, medical viewpoint was very different.
- Family did not have the money to make it happen.



A perfect storm of good intentions

- Jak had deteriorated, stabilised, deteriorated, stabilised, still wanted to go home..
- Family had fundraised with the help of their local community through traditional means.
- But...Airline required doctor escort.
- Dr searched for, would cost \$3800.
- Volunteer Dr found who would waive escort fee.



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Posted on **October 31, 2014** by **James**

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Palace if Care/I think therefore I am Special Edition: Palliative Care Mission of Mercy – #getjakbak

Hi everyone this is a last minute fundraising plea to everyone as private citizens.

I am organising for our non-resident patient "Jak" to return back to Samoa. (Real name changed.)

Jak is a 44 year old man with a large abdominal mass found to be cancer with spinal cord compression + lung mets, intra-abdominal abscess resistant to IV Ertapenem – causing fluctuating levels of sepsis.

Has been trying to get back to the Islands for the past month, but hampered by critical illness.



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So close, but yet so far...

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He has stabilized at present and we have one shot at getting him back tomorrow morning at 0915. He can travel if escorted by a doctor. The most discounted fee for a doctor I could negotiate was \$3800, which the family could not afford.

I have volunteered my services to look after him on the flight to help Jak get back.

The family with the help of the local Samoan Community, have fundraised \$7400 of the required \$10720. They need \$NZ3320 by 5pm today in order for Jak to get back home. i.e. in 1.5 hours have received pledges of \$720 so far. 1536hrs

So close but yet so far...

Please forward this email on to your own teams and networks.

Every bit pledged will count. I will consider all pledges of assistance.

For those interested in following the journey I will attempt to live tweet/blog it through twitter: @palliverse #getjakkbak and www.palliverse.com

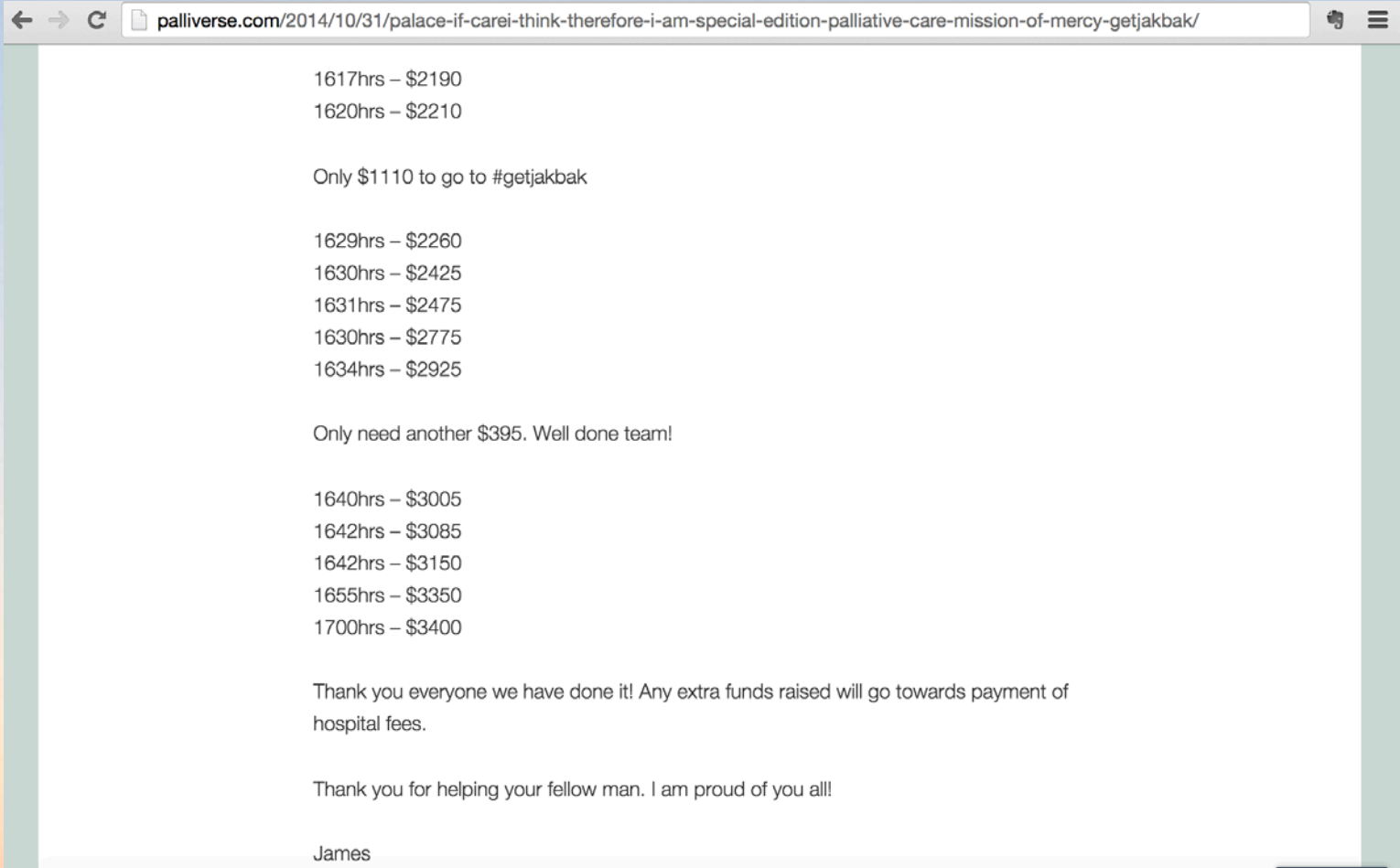
Thank you for your consideration,

James

1550hrs – \$1320

1557hrs – \$1520





The power of words and networking
had made it happen.



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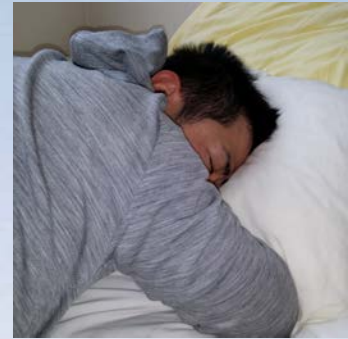


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- Hyper-vigilance during the flight was exhausting.
- Apia was pouring with rain, 28 degrees.
- Slippery time getting off the plane.
- Two men said “Tofa” to each other.
- The doctor had to blink rapidly - sweat, raindrops...?



#gotjakbak - aftermath



James Jap @japmanforever · Nov 1

@palliverse #**getjakbak** Roundtrip of 4070 miles today. In Samoa for <1hour. I'm not sure if I'd recommend this frequent flyer programme



James Jap @japmanforever · Nov 1

@palliverse #**getjakbak** Just ate three dinners will have to start a new mission #**getfatback**



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