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Sailing dental surgeon

Dr. Michael Leppert and his crew Birgit Reimann, onboard the catamaran Mariposa from Hamburg, are a lot busier than most cruisers when at anchor. On board is a complete mobile dental clinic including an x-ray machine. The boat is always a welcome guest, especially in the poor and hard-to-reach regions of this earth. Dr. Leppert runs it purely on a humanitarian basis and does not work for any organization, choosing just to go where the wind carries them. As well as the common filling and root canal work he is also able to do the life changing cleft lip surgery. Don't try to knock on his hull with toothache while Mariposa is in Whangarei though as he does not work where dental care is available, unless he is asked to by the local surgery. Even if he has managed to finance everything himself thus far he would be grateful for help with materials and maintenance work on the equipment. In 2011 he treated 500 patients in French Polynesia, Cook Islands, Niue, Tonga and Fiji and is heading this year for Samoa, Tonga and Fiji again before returning to Whangarei.

