Mercy Ships are a team of Nurses, Doctors, Surgeons and other crew members from all over the world. They donate their time to help on board the world’s largest non-governmental floating hospital, delivering life-saving medical care to some of the world’s poorest people.

Mercy Ships has been using Actilite® 10cm x 10cm Manuka Honey dressings in the wound care of three plastics patients so far in the Madagascar 2015-2016 field service. According to Bethany Brown, Wound Care Coordinator, each patient had wounds that were not responding to conventional management. Using the Manuka Honey dressings they quickly saw significant improvements in healing. She says the Actilite® dressings helped to reduce odour and significantly reduced hyper granulation, allowing the wounds to close. Brown has been particularly impressed with the environment the honey dressings created that allowed the more comfortable removal of slough through autolytic debridement.

On donor sites they were able to leave the dressings on the wound for four days (rather than the usual two). This resulted in less trauma and discomfort for the patient due to the reduced frequency of dressing changes.

One plastics patient had a split thickness donor site that just would not heal, areas kept reopening after healing and it was on the verge of infection. Once the Manuka Honey dressings were applied the wounds were reported to have closed quickly.

Ward nurse Ivanna Figueroa (USA) applies a Manuka honey dressing to a burns patient in the Mercy Ships ward.

The Manuka honey dressings were donated by Advancis Medical.

Nurses noticed a reduced wound odour when using these dressings.

Less frequent dressing changes were required, reducing patient trauma.

The donation of Advancis Medical dressings was greatly appreciated by Mercy Ships.