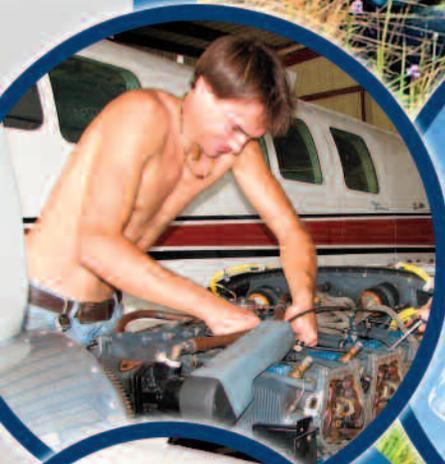
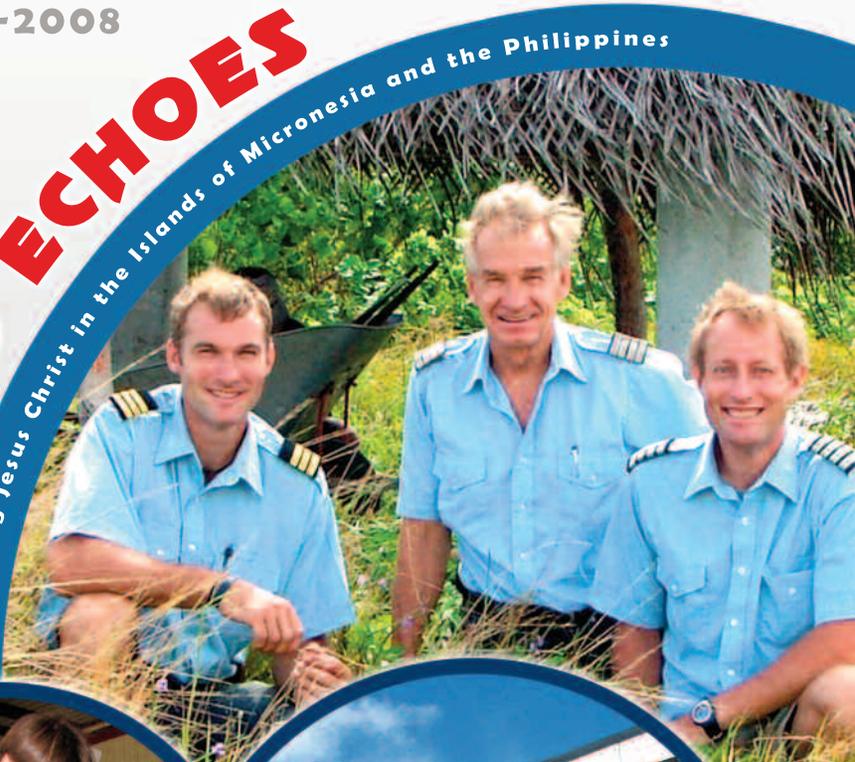


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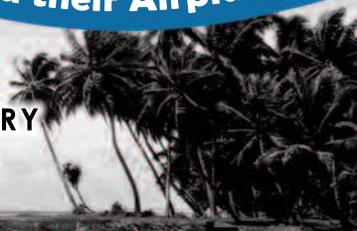
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Pilots, Mechanics and their Airplanes

by Peter and Esther Reichert, Director of Flight Operations

A significant part of our mission is aviation related. When PMA was founded, it began with one small airplane. An airplane is a means to an end: a tool to achieve a greater purpose. It is a lifeline to remote and distant places. As pilots assist their passengers in and out of our aircraft, they witness their happiness and sadness, elation and grief, laughter and tears. Loved ones arrive, students come and go to schools abroad, sick people are flown out or return home well, others pass away and are brought back in coffins. Long-awaited mail arrives, the urgently needed medical supplies come in, doctors come to hold clinics, and banking and payroll are done via airplane. Sadly enough, several people have passed away while en route. Even a birth has taken place on our aircraft. Many islanders have shared their feelings of reassurance with us, knowing that PMA is there with their airplanes, always ready to help.

We fly airplanes with two engines. Since all of our flying is over water, our second engine will most likely get us to dry land should the other one fail. Mechanics and pilots have a special connection to each of these machines. Each plane, you could say, has its own personality.



Peter and Amos working inside the aviation tool room, which is kept dry from the 95% tropical humidity by a dehumidifier running 24 hours a day.

Working on the aircraft is an ongoing part of our day and many more hours are spent on maintenance than in the air. Mechanics are constantly looking for problem areas while doing routine maintenance. Pilots and mechanics depend on each other and are of equal importance for a safe flight operation.

A PMA pilot flying over the vast Pacific Ocean relies heavily on his instruments to safely land the small twin engine aircraft on the 1000 - 3000 ft. long airstrips.



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Safety always is top priority. Pilots must have many hours of multi-engine time before they qualify to fly these planes on their own. Intricate knowledge of systems, speeds, performance, weight and balance, navigation and weather are all, without question, essential.

Flying airplanes can be an unforgiving occupation. Distractions, unplanned deviations from routine procedures, or neglected check lists are courting disaster. Flying airplanes must become second nature whether on a calm and sunny day or in heavy, stormy weather. To make passengers feel at ease, pilots must display professionalism and convey confidence to those they are transporting. Pilots and mechanics should always strive for perfection.

Mission aviation opens doors and gives wonderful opportunities to witness for Christ. Many years of faithful and dependable service often speaks much louder than words. May the Lord allow us to use the skills and gifts He's given us to continue serving Him and the island people of Micronesia.

Peter and Amos flew a woman with dengue hemorrhagic fever from Ulithi to Yap. Vince provided the needed blood for her transfusion. Two days later, the patient was flown to Palau Hospital.



The Testing of our Faith

by Leo L. Lacambra, PMF Palau

My wife Marlina and I, and our two sons: Daniel (12) and Deo (4), live in Palau. In the late summer of 2006 little did we know that a major test of our faith was quietly approaching.

The evening of August 11th, I received a call from Marlina. She asked me to pick her up from work and take her to the nearby clinic. 27 weeks into her pregnancy with our third child, she told me her vision was blurred and had deteriorated to the point that she could hardly see. I rushed her to clinic where the doctors immediately administered drugs to lower her blood pressure and advised us to go to the Belau Hospital. She was admitted and stayed for three days.

The obstetrician advised that we be referred to the Philippines at the earliest possible time, so that we could receive specialized neonatal care. Based on the most recent ultrasound, the baby weighed only 1 pound, 7 oz. Marlina's obstetrician could perform a caesarean delivery, but could give no assurance that the baby would survive. At that point, our greatest prayer was that the airline would allow my wife to fly. God answered our prayer.



David, a 1 pound, 7 oz. premature infant in the neonatal intensive care unit.

After our arrival in the Philippines, Marlina was admitted to St. Luke's Hospital in Manila. The obstetrician wanted to wait for another three weeks before performing the caesarean, but when the doctor checked Marlina's blood pressure, it was still extremely high. She had Marlina undergo several tests, and another ultrasound. The ultrasound indicated that the

baby was in distress. She was immediately referred to a specialist who decided emergency surgery was crucial. That was 2:00pm. The operation was scheduled for 4:30pm. Marlina asked the doctor to allow me to be with her during the operation.

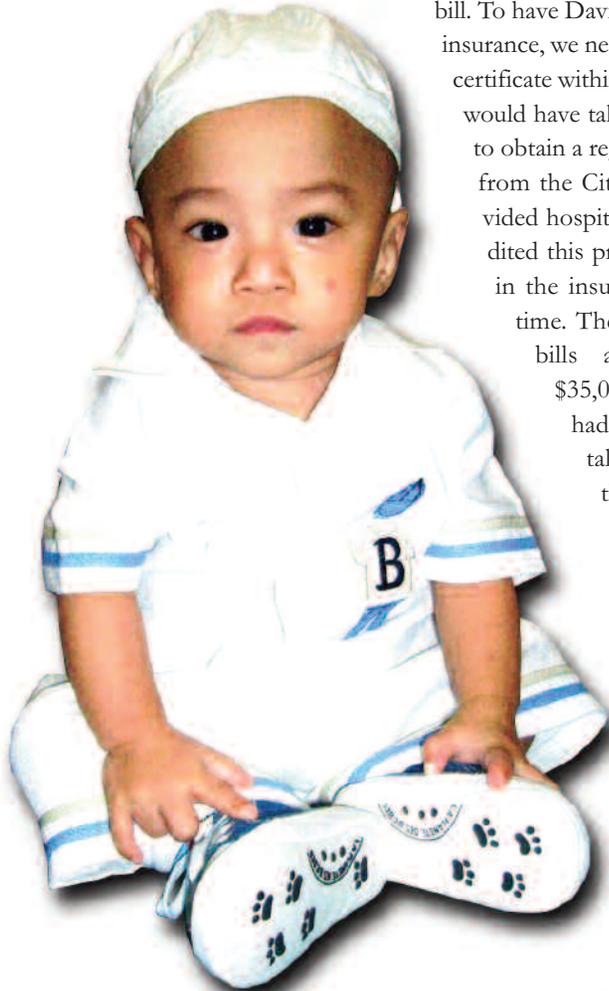
According to the doctor, a "placenta abruption" had occurred, meaning the baby was no longer in the placenta, was not getting any oxygen, and could die. Without her knowledge, the doctor took me aside and asked if I was ready for anything, including the possible death of our unborn baby. I replied, "It's all in the Lord's hands."

Not long after our hurried conversation, our baby was born. He weighed only 1 lb, 7oz. and was 12 inches long. He was given an injection to strengthen his lungs and then brought to the Neonatal ICU. He was placed on a ventilator with oxygen. Marlina and I named our precious little one, "David".

From the very start, we asked the Lord to help David survive, and we asked for prayers from our PMF Church family, and other family and friends. That night, as I was in the hospital waiting room, I listened to a Christian program on TV. A cell phone number was given if anyone needed prayer. I sent a text message to the program asking them to pray for our son, that God would give us grace and that our son would live.

True to His promises, God extended His grace to us and David did survive.

David's first birthday was especially joyful; God's gift - a healthy, thriving baby boy.



But God was not finished. He continued with more miracles and incredible blessings: First was the payment of hospital bill. To have David covered by the health insurance, we needed to submit his birth certificate within 30 days of his birth. It would have taken more than a month to obtain a registered birth certificate from the City Hall. But God provided hospital personnel who expedited this process. He was enrolled in the insurance company just in time. The hospital and doctors' bills amounted to almost \$35,000 because our tiny son had had to be in the hospital for four months. But the insurance company paid for all of these expenses!

The Lord provided friends in Manila who invited us to stay with them. He provided our Pacific Mission Fellowship Palau family who prayed for us, helped us in every way, and took care of our eldest son, Daniel, while we were in the Philippines.

Marlina had to return to Palau because of her office work, yet God provided other mothers in the Philippines who supplied breast milk for David while he stayed in the hospital. The Lord gave Marlina favor in the eyes of her employer. She didn't lose her job even though she had remained in the Philippines for over two months.

I praise the Lord for giving me the strength to travel from Cabanatuan City to Manila and back every other day (an eight-hour round trip) to deliver the needed breast milk for David.

God allowed David to survive all the drugs given him while in the hospital. Despite his very premature arrival, his vision, hearing and internal organs are all healthy. He even tolerated a hernia operation just before he was discharged from the hospital.

I thank God for the miracles He has done in our family. Without God's mighty hand, David would not be with us today. He's now 1 ½ years old and has started to walk. Daily, Marlina and I look at him and marvel at our Lord's wondrous workmanship.

We thank everyone who prayed for David. And for our PMF church family - our brothers and sisters in the Lord - who were always standing beside us in prayer and giving their assistance.

Through this toughest test of our faith, the Lord has shown us two significant truths: He is always at work, and He answers prayers as we learn to seek Him and do His will. God has shown His wonderful love and goodness to us through this test. Marlina and I, along with David, Deo and Daniel, have personally experienced God's greatness and His never-ending faithfulness.

The Lacambra family, living on the island of Palau, thank God for His hand of provision and healing.



**Island Runway on Ulithi,
Outer Island of Yap**



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Thanking God for the Ongoing Sea Haven Ministry

by Pastor Inok Kimiuo, Chuuk, Micronesia

It was in October 1998, when the medical ship, M/V Sea Haven first docked at the seashore of Faro, Tol, Chuuk State. Aboard the ship were Pastor Nob Kalau and his family, Edwin Romolow and other crew members. They were accompanied by a medical team which consisted of an ophthalmologist, dentist, doctor and medical aides.

After greeting each other, Pastor Nob allowed the villagers to meet members of the medical team. We were thankful because the team stayed with us for a week. They conducted an eye clinic, performed primary health care services and a dental clinic as well. They worked so hard from 8 in the morning until 7 in the evening, patiently taking care of each person who came to the clinics. More than 500 people were screened and treated. There were also many people who came from the other villages on Tol asking for help. They were glad to receive the assistance they required.

People continue to look forward to the Sea Haven's visit to the islands, always asking when the next visit will be, hoping that the visit will be soon so that we can receive needed free medical/dental services.

People in Faro, Tol, Chuuk State are thankful for the faithfulness of Pastor Nob and Sylvia Kalau, Edwin Romolow and others who are part of the Sea Haven ministry. We also greatly appreciate the time they spend with us in



teaching and preaching the Word of God. The truth from the Bible always brings refreshment to our spirits.

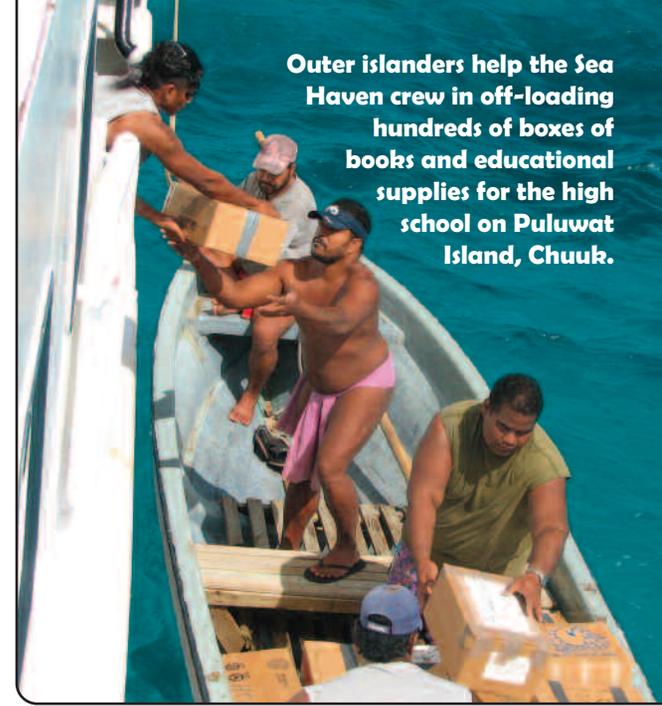
Year after year, God our loving Father continues to send M/V Sea Haven to Chuuk State, covering Faichuuk, Northwest and the Mortlocks regions, demonstrating His loving care to the islanders. The Sea Haven has brought gifts from Samaritans Purse for our Sunday school children, boxes of medicine and medical supplies for our local dispensaries, and school equipment, supplies and text books for elementary and high schools students.

We have been informed that text books, medicines and medical supplies are ready to be transported! When I was in Pohnpei, I heard the good news that the M/V Sea Haven is planning for another trip to Chuuk State to bring more school supplies for the schools in the islands and medicines too. The PMA Shop at the Youth Center is now full of books and boxes of medicine, sorted and ready to be delivered.

More important than our physical needs, we also have heard that the Sea Haven would be delivering short wave radios - one per family in each island so that we can listen to God's Word broadcasted by PMA through "The Cross" radio. Our hearts are overflowing with thankfulness for God's love. I am praying that the Lord will provide money for fuel so that they can come and visit us soon! Will you pray with us?

Editor's Note: As of this writing, we continue to pray for needed funds to dry-dock the medical ship Sea Haven. We are praying with Pastor Kimiuo for the Lord's provision so that we can distribute the school text books, medicines and medical supplies to the Chuuk outer-islands on our way to dry dock the ship. This way, two necessary needs will be met.

Inok Kimiuo, a teacher, principal, and pastor on the island of Tol, is excited to unpack educational supplies that the Sea Haven will be distributing among the outer islands.



Outer islanders help the Sea Haven crew in off-loading hundreds of boxes of books and educational supplies for the high school on Puluwat Island, Chuuk.

From Fisherman to “Fisher of Men”

by Melinda R. Espinosa, PMA Missionary, Guam Headquarters

When you first meet Narciso “Jun” Mandreza, you will see a soft-spoken, humble man with a passion for Christ. He and his wife Arlene are island people. He grew up on Bohol Island, not far from Cebu, and Arlene grew up on the Island of Katakian, one of the Pollilo Islands. They met in the small city of Pagdilao, later married, and then settled on Katakian where they started their family. They now have three children: Jerson (17 years), Jerico (14 years) and Jay (5 years old). A fisherman by trade, Jun raised his family with only a meager income from fishing. With the necessity to support his growing family, he augmented this income by catching aquarium fish. He used cyanide mixed with salt water which knocked out the fish and allowed for easy capture. In some instances, though, it killed a number of them as well. It was illegal, but he felt his hands were tied. His family had to survive.

Meanwhile, he and his family began attending Pacific Mission Fellowship (PMF) church. There God’s Word convicted him to do what was right, and to trust the Lord for His family’s provision. It was a great struggle, but through the help of Pastor Jorie (PMF pastor) and the church family, he began to walk in faith. Through the church, he was introduced to seaweed farming - and that augmented his fishing income.

But God was not finished with Jun. He and Arlene felt God leading them into full-time ministry. From the time he first became a believer, Jun was discipled by Pastor Jorie. God then opened an opportunity for him to be trained further. South East Asia Theological Seminary (SEATS) teachers came to the island to train all PMA pastors and PMF church leaders. Jun enthusiastically signed up for the training; he continued to grow in his faith and became well-equipped for fulltime ministry.



Pastor Jun and his wife Arlene now serve their people on the island of Jomalig.

In 2006, our pastor in Jomalig retired, and Jun and Arlene were ready to take his place. Jun shared with us, that at the start of the ministry, he encountered many challenges. For one, he took over the ministry just after Jomalig had been ravaged by a typhoon. He and Arlene first had to repair the church, repair the area where their family would live, and clean the debris in the backyard. They had to establish relationships in the community and get to know the church members.

But there was no thought of turning back for him and his family - because he and Arlene know God wanted them to serve in Jomalig. Already, the flock is growing and taking responsibility by serving in many areas of the church.

What challenges do he and Arlene still face? His ministry brings him to far away villages that take hours to reach by foot. His desire is to own a motorcycle so that he and Arlene can visit homes and conduct Bible studies. The need for Bible study materials, Bibles in Tagalog (predominate language in the Philippines), and Sunday school visual aids for children are also essential supplies. A multi-purpose center to be constructed for worship and other outreach activities, in addition to a sturdier home for his family, are needed. But these challenges don’t stop Jun and Arlene from pressing on! They are experiencing God’s provision daily, and see His faithful hand in their lives and those they serve. Indeed, God has turned Jun’s life around. By the grace of God, this former illegal fisherman is now a successful “fisher of men” (Matthew 4:19).

Pastor Jun enjoys reaching out to the youth on his island.



The Work had been Done with the Help of our God

Nehemiah 6:16 - A Testimony of God's Faithfulness
by Melinda R. Espinosa, Chief Financial Officer

As we ended the fiscal year 2007 - our testimony and our praise is that the Lord our God continues to be faithful. He has provided for the needs of our mission through all of our faithful partners; and He has grown and extended the work of His kingdom through committed PMA mission staff, as well as dedicated volunteers who served with us in the islands of Micronesia and the Philippines.

It is always a privilege to visit our missionaries stationed in Micronesia and the Philippines. A greater blessing and joy is to personally experience and see God's answers to our prayers as I meet many people who have been directly benefited by PMA's ministry and service.

In the Philippines, we celebrated 25 years of service, while in Micronesia 34 years. As I listen to testimonies and stories of people who were assisted, rescued and saved not only physically, but spiritually, I cannot help but be thankful that PMA has been led and staffed by people of courage. It took courage for Pastor Edmund Kalau and his wife Elizabeth to take that step of faith, 34 years ago - to leave the mission organization that provided for all their needs - and by faith, with a handful of faithful friends as supporters, begin a new ministry that could meet the needs of the island people - using aircraft to link outer islands to the bigger island states. It also takes courage today for each of our mission staff to leave their comfort zone of home and family and live in these islands and serve a people and culture that is so different from their own.

A chief from one of the outer islands of Ulithi, Yap, in Micronesia, shared: "Words are not enough to let you know how PMA has helped my people. I cannot thank you enough for your selflessness, love and care shown by the medical evacuations you fly, assisting us after typhoons, and transporting people and cargo." A principal for the Yap Outer Island High School shared how, as a young boy of 9 years, he witnessed PMA's first airplane landing in Ulithi, flown by Rev. Edmund Kalau. He said of that day, "We often heard airplanes flying over our island, but this was the first time one landed so we would be able to see and touch!"

He related that classes were in session that day, but as soon as everyone heard the drone of the airplane's engines - all the students rushed out to the airstrip to see what was happening. That was the beginning of PMA's service to the islands - connecting the outer islands to the big island for food supplies, medical help, education and other needed goods and services not available in the outer islands. With that, the chief concluded that PMA has been and still is indeed the "blood-line" to these outer islands.

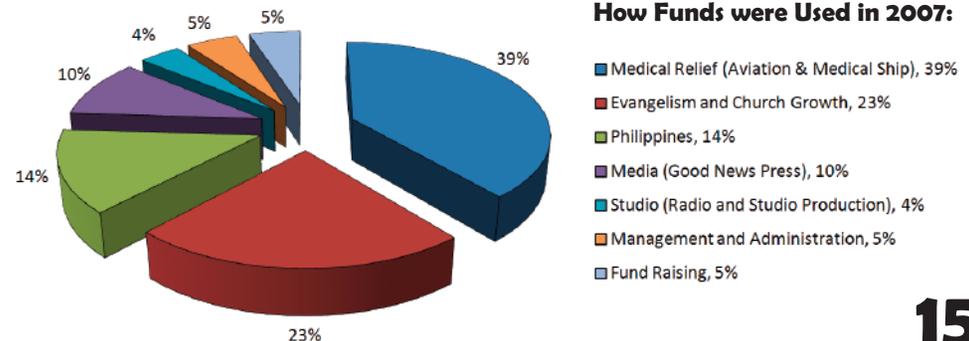
I also thank God that PMA continues to be an organization that values character and integrity. We continue to undergo internal and external audits and have faithfully demonstrated continued compliance with ECFA (Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability) Standards of Responsible Stewardship since 1987 when our membership began. With our stations thousands of miles apart, integrity and accountability are so important so that the work of God can continue efficiently and effectively, meeting the needs of the total person: body, soul and spirit.

Most of all, we thank God for the commitment of PMA and our mission staff to serve the island people. The work and ministry is not always easy - with the remoteness of our islands and in most parts, inaccessibility to needed goods and services - so many challenges come our way. But we know God called us to serve where we are and we can remain focused to the mission and vision He gave us, by His strength and grace. We know that our enemy wants all kingdom-building to cease, he wants us to be disappointed, discouraged, disturbed, and distracted, but our Lord has kept us steadfast, persevering in the work He called us to do. And finally, we are very thankful for the prayers of His people on our behalf. These provide great encouragement, strength and have enabled the ministries and our mission staff to continue.

What began as a small aviation ministry has now grown to embrace a whole range of services for the islanders: a 125' medical ship, the Sea Haven, serving islands with no airstrips. A studio with a dream and vision realized in November 2007: an FM and short-wave tropical band radio broadcasting out of Pohnpei, Micronesia. Also, Good News Press, an orphanage in the Philippines, community outreach through learning centers, youth dormitories and livelihood programs. And so vital and at the heart of all we do - Pacific Mission Fellowship churches - planted to reach and meet the needs of indigenous people by growing them to be faithful disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With the fiscal year ended - we still have unmet goals - that of building projects (multi-purpose centers on islands of ministry), continued repair and maintenance of facilities, dry docking of the Sea Haven, church planting on islands with no Christian witness, and expanding of services in areas where needed. We continue to be faced with rising operating costs and the challenge of acquiring aviation fuel due to our remote location. However, these have not distracted us from our mission and purpose: "To know Christ and to make Him known." As a mission, we are committed to press on until Jesus comes. With God as the "Author and Finisher of our Faith", we know we will not fail.

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