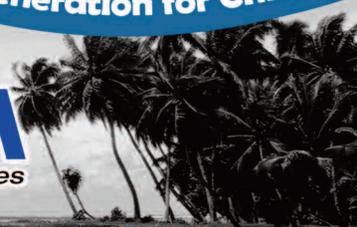


ISLAND ECHOES

Serving Jesus Christ in the Islands of Micronesia and the Philippines



Reaching the Next Generation for Christ



Dear Friends,

I look at my calendar and realize that we've already tackled January and February 2009, and we are headed into March. The beginning of a new year can be unsettling if we do not know Who holds the future. This time can be filled with overwhelming anxiety if we do not hold onto the Lord's promises:

"When my anxious thoughts multiply within me, Your consolations delight my soul." (Psalm 94:19). Yes, we do feed on His Word every day, trusting Him in all things, and are blessed with His comfort.

"Those who fear GOD get GOD's attention; they can depend on His strength" - Psalm 147:11 (The Message). We are not marching through life on our own. We have a Divine Partner, and our strength comes directly from Him.

We realize, over and over again, that we are only clay jars to be used for His glory alone. In 2 Corinthians 4:6-7, the Scriptures say: "God commanded light to shine in the dark". Now God is shining in our hearts to let you know that His glory is seen in Jesus Christ. We are like clay jars in which this treasure is stored. The real power comes from God and not from us.

We praise God because of your strong faith, steadfast care, your prayers, and for standing alongside us as we serve the people of the Islands of Micronesia and the Philippines. Thank you for praying for our PMA Board Members, our Executive Officers, and our devoted staff throughout Micronesia and the Philippines. We pray that, even in these very challenging economic times ahead, God will bless you and that you will continue to partner with PMA - as together we trust in the Lord ultimately to provide all things.

"Now this is eternal life: that they (the islanders) may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent."

John 17:3

That every island may hear,
Nob Kalau



PMA President Nob Kalau

We Trust in the Name of the Lord our God

Annual Report by Melinda Espinosa
CFO/Administrator PMA HQ, Guam

As we end another fiscal year, we are reminded once again that the work we do is God's work, and as we trusted Him, He has shown us afresh what a Great and Mighty God He is. Pacific Missionary Aviation continues to press on not owing anything to any man, except the debt of love.

We are so very thankful to God for each of you faithful partners and supporters who pray for us and provide support to our missionaries so that we can serve with PMA, and for its ministries.

We faced many challenges in every area of our multi-faceted ministries this past year. In our Aviation operation and our Medical Ship, the Sea Haven ministries - rising fuel and maintenance costs, not to mention the replacement of obsolete equipment - are just a few major hurdles we were faced with. For our Yap, Micronesia aviation operations, the procurement of aviation fuel was another test of our faith. It's not available on the island and needed to be imported by container load from Australia, thus was a formidable financial challenge. But God provided for our needs and we were able to sustain our operations so that we would not only be able to provide the critical link to the outer islands for fast, reliable and efficient transportation for the people, but also provide medical evacuations, transport of medicines, food and supplies. And for our Medical Ship, Sea Haven, after eleven years - we stepped out in faith for her to be dry-docked and, once again, God did not disappoint us. Through many partners and friends, God provided the funds to complete the work. Noteworthy to be thankful for is the safety of our pilots and aircraft, and Sea Haven crew and ship. Many times our pilots have had to fly through difficult weather, the Sea Haven through rough waves and high surf, and we are thankful that His Hand has guided and protected our mission staff.

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Our Good News Press operation continues to be used by God to provide, especially for the operating needs of our Studio, Radio Station, and PMF church. Also for the Sea Haven, not to mention continuing to provide free printing to the national church in Pohnpei. Our Radio has been a great source of encouragement and enlightenment among the people in Pohnpei. Commercial stores and restaurants are tuned in to our station, not only through the musical part of the program, but through the teaching programs as well. Many call and ask for a copy of the program, or for our Pastor Nob Kalau just to discuss something that they listened to. We are thankful for the hunger for God's Word, and we pray that the short wave radio can be up in the air once more to reach all the outer islands of Micronesia. We ask God that the transmitter problem may be resolved so that we can pierce the darkness and bring His Light of Salvation to the islands.

In Yap, our PMF church thrives, despite persecution from the members' own families. Our Pastor John Malimai and Johanna, together with two couples from our church, are part of an ambitious project of translating the New Testament to the Woleaian outer-island language, starting with the Book of John. Oversight of the project is by SIL Missionary Cameron Fruit, who visits Yap every quarter. This project has been a great blessing to the church as it has sparked many a discussion and in depth study of the Word of God, whetting appetites to know the God of the Bible and what He has to say about this life.

In the Philippines, we have island churches, learning center, and dormitories that greatly need repair and construction. Yet, despite these challenges, the work continues. Our pastors and workers press on. They do not allow these inadequacies to hinder the work of the Lord. Because of their perseverance, yet another work has opened in Amaga, a village in Patnanungan Island, planted by our PMF Kilogan church. Through the auspices of South East Asia Theological Seminary, our pastors and church leaders (10) have completed a course on ecclesiological studies and community transformation through the church. We are thankful to Mike Fast and other teachers who have faithfully come to the islands to hold classes and to see to the edification and education of our pastors and church leaders.

Our Learning Center continues to have an impact in the community and reaches families through the children we serve and teach.

By the end of the fiscal year, our Bahay Kalinga Orphanage has served 158 children. We thank God for the opportunity to serve children, arrange for their adoption, rescue them from difficult, impoverished or abusive environments and provide loving care, safety and security.

How did we fare throughout the year? Here it is in a nutshell:

Sources of Funds:

General Contributions	\$	479,416
Support from PMA Germany & Switzerland	\$	208,533
Revenue from User charges (Aviation & GNP)	\$	455,706
Total	\$	1,143,655

Uses of Funds:

Program Activities:

Medical Relief (Aviation & Sea Haven)	\$	480,303	34%
Evangelism & Church Growth	\$	280,221	20%
Media (Good News Press)	\$	146,517	10%
Studio and Radio	\$	86,442	6%
Philippine Ministries	\$	250,299	18%

Support Activities:

Management and Administration	\$	76,876	5%
Fund Raising	\$	92,301	7%

Total	\$	1,412,959	100%
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(*) \$201,809 represents depreciation for the fiscal year.

As you can see, we have diligently spent what the Lord has provided on ongoing programs and ministry activities. Whatever capital expenditure that was not funded had to be deferred. We continue to trust the Lord that in time, He will provide so that the needed equipment can be acquired, and facility repair, maintenance and construction can be effectively done. What matters most to us is that His message continues to be proclaimed in the islands. God has been faithful, and with the Psalmist, we can testify that the Lord God is our strength and portion forever (Psalm 73:26b). He will never fail.

Summary of Ministry Needs

“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.

Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into the harvest field.”

Luke 10:2

Missionary Pastors, Administrative & Ministry Assistants, Youth Workers,
House Parents for Bahay Kalinga Orphanage, IT for Media Ministry
Boat Captain, Boat Engineer, Pilot/Mechanics

Infrastructure:

Repair of Boys and Girls' Dormitory - Patnanungan, Philippines
Repair of Multi-Purpose Centers - Patnanungan & Kilogan, Philippines
Construction of Learning Center - Patnanungan & Katakian, Philippines
Construction of Multi-Purpose Centers - Jomalig & Calutcot, Philippines

My Time in Guam

by Corinne Gyger, PMA/PMF Volunteer

This past year I spent most of Europe's cold winter, not in Switzerland where I come from, but on a tropical island, a place many people like to call "island paradise". Yet I found that even in such a beautiful place, only those who find paradise are those who have it inside of them.

My University studies are in Linguistics and one of the requirements was to live in a place where English was spoken. While looking for a place, I was asked by Klara Moser of PMA Switzerland, if I might be interested in coming to Guam and serve in the PMF church. I was thankful to God for finding a place such as Guam, not only to meet my University requirement, but also to be in touch with different people and to use my time and abilities to help others.

During my seven-week stay, I prepared for the weekend's Kids Klub, Sunday school and church service throughout the week, and met and taught the children on Saturdays and Sundays.

I also helped Edmund and Elizabeth Kalau scan their old and very valuable slides and make them digitally available. I found this very interesting work as it gave me insight into their many years of mission work in Micronesia. It has also been intriguing to get an insight into the cultures of Guam, Yap and other islands, not only by working with the mission's materials, but also by living and sharing with the Filipino, American, Micronesian, and other peoples I was able to know and befriend while serving with PMA. My prayer is that the children will remember all the Bible lessons we learned together, and hopefully build a firm foundation on good values that they can use in their daily lives.

Corinne desires that the children she taught would remember all the lessons they learned and that they can use these in their daily lives.



Community Transformation through the Church

by Rev. Michael J. Fast
President, South East Asian Theological Schools

"South East Asian Theological Schools (SEATS) didn't give a final exam, but encouraged our church to develop a project that will help the community", says Pastor Jorie Bonggoyan of PMF Church, Katakian. "We were challenged not only to help people with their daily needs, but to show them that they can experience the goodness of God's love".



Pastor Jorie's words were music to my ears. For the past two years a team from SEATS has been working with Pacific Mission Fellowship churches in the Philippines. Our goal has been to help local pastors see the world beyond their four walls and begin to have a positive impact on society. Our dream is for churches to make their own decisions to impact their communities as a direct result of studying with us.

Katakian Island is situated in prime fishing grounds, 137 km straight east of Manila. During part of the year the population of this tiny piece of land swells to nearly 6,000 people! The island offers every vice imaginable - drugs, alcohol abuse, gambling, prostitution, illegal fishing - but has a very small Christian presence. The church has been ministering to people here since 1973.

A direct result of our teaching was that the church was challenged to think of ways they could help the Katakian people experience true community. Seeing a need for affordable goods in an age of high prices, PMF established a Multipurpose Cooperative selling affordable goods for the community. This would be a positive influence on local households, by providing welcome relief during these days of extreme inflation and the church would have contacts to invite people to participate more fully in the church's ministry. The Cooperative dreams of having a boat for transporting goods and passengers to the islands, a pharmacy supplying affordable medicines, a water-purifying system to reduce water-borne diseases, a Learning Center to meet the educational needs of the children, and a lobster and crab farm to provide additional jobs for the Katakians.

At graduation on December 12, 2008, ten students from PMF churches received Certificates in Ecclesiological Studies. This island community faces so many spiritual and economical difficulties, but the believers here know that their helping hands and caring hearts will make a major difference in the lives of the Katakian people.



A Beautiful Gift from God

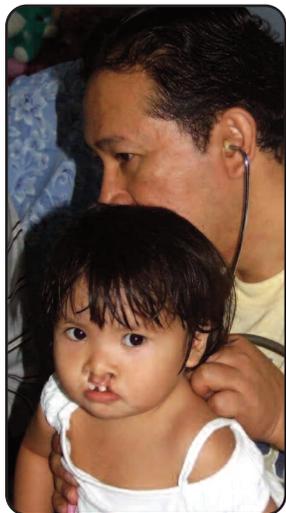
by Estela Sacyaben, Social Worker
Bahay Kalinga Orphanage, Naujan, Mindoro, Philippines

I first met two-year-old Jolly (not her real name) when she and her brother were brought to us in September 2008. Her father, an ex-convict and jobless, was an alcoholic. Her mother, in an attempt to protect herself and her children, had gone to a shelter. The shelter then referred the family to us.

The first thing I noticed about Jolly was that she smiled easily and was very friendly, despite having a severe cleft palate and cleft lip. Although she tried to talk, no one could understand her. She couldn't pronounce words, yet, compared to our other children, she seemed to understand and followed what we asked of her - a comprehension, I felt, far beyond her age. She became the sunshine of the orphanage and we often thanked God for her engaging personality and the great joy she gave us.

Soon I began to coordinate with an organization that specialized in providing cleft palate operations and in December 2008, Jolly was scheduled to have surgery, but unfortunately she had an asthma attack (an existing condition). When she had first arrived at Bahay Kalinga, she was also under weight and her asthma had resulted in fragile lungs. The doctor explained that this was due to her open mouth caused by her severe cleft palate she was prone to have cough and colds and also caused her to be vulnerable to any kind of amoeba.

Frustrated by missing the chance for this free operation, our staff made it a goal to physically prepare Jolly for the next opening. We were grateful for the surgery schedule, January 2009, because Jolly was healthy and ready for the doctors. Later that day the nurse gave us the report: The operation had been a complete success! We are thankful to God for His faithfulness, for the dedicated doctors and nurses involved, for your prayers, and for restoring Jolly to a healthy little girl, a beautiful gift from God!



Left: Jolly before her surgery with PMA Philippines Doctor John Escote making sure that she is healthy for the procedure.

Top: Jolly after her successful surgery.

Reaching one Family at a Time

by Rea Joy Lumawan, PMA Missionary, Palau

Barry, a hospital employee, who often comes to our gym to play volleyball, joined us, with his family, for our Christmas Eve celebration at PMA's Youth Center. They had missed the Thanksgiving celebration, so Claude, their youngest child and a first grader, said that they "had" to attend this celebration. Since that time, they've been attending our church. Although Barry has Sunday work commitments, he desires to attend church whenever possible.

We thank God as Barry's wife Monica has initiated conversations about spiritual things with us. We see the whole family on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the gym. Meanwhile, Joy Balayo, Pastor Bambit's wife, has started a weekly Bible Study with their only daughter, Rufina. Joy is so happy to see her enthusiasm!

Their teenage son, Desmond, wants the Lord to protect him from bad influences from his peers. We are thankful that he made it to the Palau High School Volleyball Team; we pray that this team will be a good influence on him. Pray for Monica, for strength as a wife and mother, and for little Claude. That he will mature in his love and faith in Jesus. Because of Claude's determination, he was able to bring his whole family to church. "Let the little children come to Me", Jesus said. And as they're coming, dear Lord, let them bring their moms and dads, and sisters and brothers!

PMA Missionaries Rea Joy, Pastor Bambit and Joy Balayo encourage the Melve family in their walk with the Lord.



New Challenges for Amos and Heidi Collins

by Melinda Espinosa, PMA HQ

Starting November of last year, Amos and Heidi Collins accepted the challenge of ministering to PMF's (Pacific Mission Fellowship) youth group of about 24 to 30 young adults and teens. While Amos works full-time as one of our Pilots and Director of Aircraft Maintenance, Heidi volunteered to teach English as a second language at the local community college. John Malimai, the pastor of our outer-island church, praises God for the Collins' involvement, as this freed him to do additional Bible studies with other families that needed to grow in Christ.

Amos told me that his first term of service was to observe, learn and grow - and in the aviation field, he knew he had much to learn. He is thankful for an excellent teacher and mentor in Peter Reichert, an experienced aircraft mechanic and pilot, with thousands of flight hours with PMA. Under Peter's mentorship, Amos has developed skills and knowledge which he wouldn't have acquired had he worked alone. After four years with PMA, and with his wife as his partner, he's ready to tackle another opportunity to serve the Lord.

Amos and Heidi hold weekly Bible studies with the PMF church young people and have designated the fourth week of the month as fun time, but also as a reminder of where their foundation lies - Scripture verses learned during Bible studies are reviewed and recited from memory. The Collins are amazed and pleased by the islander's abilities to recite the verses flawlessly.

We pray that these verses will continue to transform their minds and hearts. Will you pray for Amos and Heidi, too, that they may continue to build strong relationships with these young, impressionable hearts and be an excellent influence to them in their personal walk with the Lord? Pray that they'll have a passionate desire to know the Lord and will mature in their spiritual walk.



How many young people can fit on a flat bed truck?

Heidi picks up the youth for their weekly meeting trying to fit as many as the truck can carry.

Meanwhile, Amos drives another vehicle picking up more young people.

Pia Kaufmann - Growing the Fruit of the Spirit

by Melinda Espinosa, PMA HQ

With lessons such as "Learning to serve like Jesus", in her girl's discipleship class - Pia is challenged to become more compassionate and sensitive to the opportunities of reaching out to other people. The more she discipled these young women, the more she sees the importance of reflecting Jesus in her own life. She desires to have an eternal impact in the lives of these island girls. She also is involved in the Youth ministry, as well as overseeing and teaching Sunday school. With discipleship and teaching being a great part of her work - it is important that she herself continues to grow in the Word and allows the fruit of the Spirit to be manifested in her life.

Lately, she has been undergoing a Bible study with a Ladies' group on the book of Daniel, led by Sylvia Kalau, and teaching from the book of Revelations with the Youth. Through these studies, she has seen how God holds everything in His hands and how He has an overall plan for this world. This is her first time to teach a whole book of the Bible instead of topical studies. It is quite challenging and involves a lot of study, but she is very encouraged by the interest of the youth. Pray for her, the youth and children as she ministers and serves, that she may be a living letter of Christ to them.

Growing the Fruit of the Spirit involves relationships: getting to know one another, accepting each other, being accountable and allowing the Fruit of the Spirit to be manifested in each one's life.



Missionary Highlight: Malcolm and Mary Cleope PMA Philippines

by Melinda Espinosa, PMA HQ

“Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.”
Psalm 37:4

This verse guided Malcolm and Mary Cleope as they determined to follow the Lord in their lives. Have you ever wondered why, despite your thinking that you are “delighting in the Lord”, that God takes you on a different path? That is what Malcolm and Mary thought.

Malcolm and Mary come from different cultures and backgrounds: he was born in the Philippines and she in Iowa, USA. They both turned their lives over to Christ in the 80's. Their first “date” was playing volleyball at a church in Minnesota. In 1988, they began their journey together and are now blessed with four children.

An accounting graduate, Malcolm worked as a bank teller, furniture deliveryman, childcare provider, newspaper carrier, custodian, cafeteria cashier, accounting clerk and finally a full charge accountant. But what he really wanted to do was fly an airplane! During the 90's he earned his commercial pilot's license and continued to build his flight hours (just in case!).

Mary worked as a music therapist, activity director, quality assurance coordinator, and office manager. What she really wanted to do was to be home with her children! Many times the Cleopes worked opposite shifts in order to be the ones caring for their children. They appreciated great churches that God directed them to, and were blessed with fun-loving and faithful friends along their path.

In December 1999, Malcolm responded to a Pilot's position available with PMA Philippines. Mary didn't think much about it, but Malcolm hoped his dreams would come true. When PMA HQ mentioned the need for Pilot/Accountant, Malcolm took a leap of faith, and visited Guam, Micronesia and

the Philippines to meet PMA leadership and staff. In October 2000, PMA accepted Malcolm and Mary for full time service in the Philippines. And so began something new, trusting the Lord for their provision as they raised their financial support to serve in the Philippines.

God was faithful. By September 30, 2001 the Cleopes, with William (11), Lauren (9), Christopher (7) and Mark (3) embarked on a new chapter of their lives. Malcolm's primary duty was to be Finance Administrator and Primary Pilot, while Mary supported Malcolm in his work, as a wife and mother.

William is now a freshman attending Northwestern College in St. Paul, Minnesota. Lauren is in 11th grade, Christopher in 8th grade and Mark in 5th grade, all at Faith Academy, Manila. Malcolm is now our Officer in Charge (OIC)/Chief Pilot in the Philippines. He has his U. S. FAA Flight Instructor's Certificate, in addition to his pilot's license and Instructor's Certificate in the Philippines. He also directs our Flight School. Mary continues to be that vital support for Malcolm, not only as wife and mother, but also in providing needed assistance in networking for PMA, raising awareness of our needs, and a communications link to our Guam headquarters office.

Now in their third three-year term of service with PMA, the Cleopes continue to press on - trusting the Lord as devoted servants of Him in the Philippines. Giving special thanks to their committed partners, Malcolm and Mary are able to serve. The Lord has given them the desires of their heart - and has brought about what He had planned for them, as well.

The Cleope Family: Will, Mary, Lauren, Chris, Mark and Malcolm - Pressing on and Serving the Lord in the Philippines.



Dapoy

by Edmund Kalau, PMA Founder

While going through my over 1,000 slides taken from 1956 to 2004, for archiving, I came across countless photos of a very unusual man from the Island of Yap. If you are familiar with PMA, you will see his picture on the home page of our website (www.pmapacific.org).

I met Dapoy during my first visit to his village in 1960. Our family had moved from Palau to Yap, and lived on Yap from 1959 to 1975. Dapoy's presence created a distinctive atmosphere - whether he was presiding at the village council, or leading and introducing his village dancers at festivals. Even when taking part in the making of "auw", the coconut rope used for tying beams and rafters for the traditional Yap Men's House or other buildings.

Dapoy not only attracted visitors and journalists from off-island because he was the Chief and Magician in the high-caste village of Wanyan, but especially because of his full-body traditional tattoos. At age 70, Dapoy would be the last man in Yap to go through this painful tattooing procedure, which lasted close to six months.

After establishing a closer friendship with Dapoy, our conversation often turned to his responsibilities as Chief and "Tamarong" (top magician), and his duties to his community in their social and cultural setting. He often spoke with enthusiasm about this and always had new plans to help his people.

In all of these conversations, my main interest was to acquaint Dapoy with God's Word. We agreed to meet in his village every two weeks for a special Bible Study. Dapoy and his close friend always politely listened to what I had to say about God's plan for us humans and the affairs of our lives. They often nodded their approval, but without making any comments about my explanations. Afterwards we would eat dried or smoked reef fish, which had been smoked on a dried, smoldering coconut husk and we'd drink refreshing coconut water. I loved it and they enjoyed our meetings.

As time went on I was able to ask them direct questions about their faith, their beliefs and where they thought they would spend eternity after their death. But I had the feeling they weren't too interested about it, as they often only shrugged their shoulders.

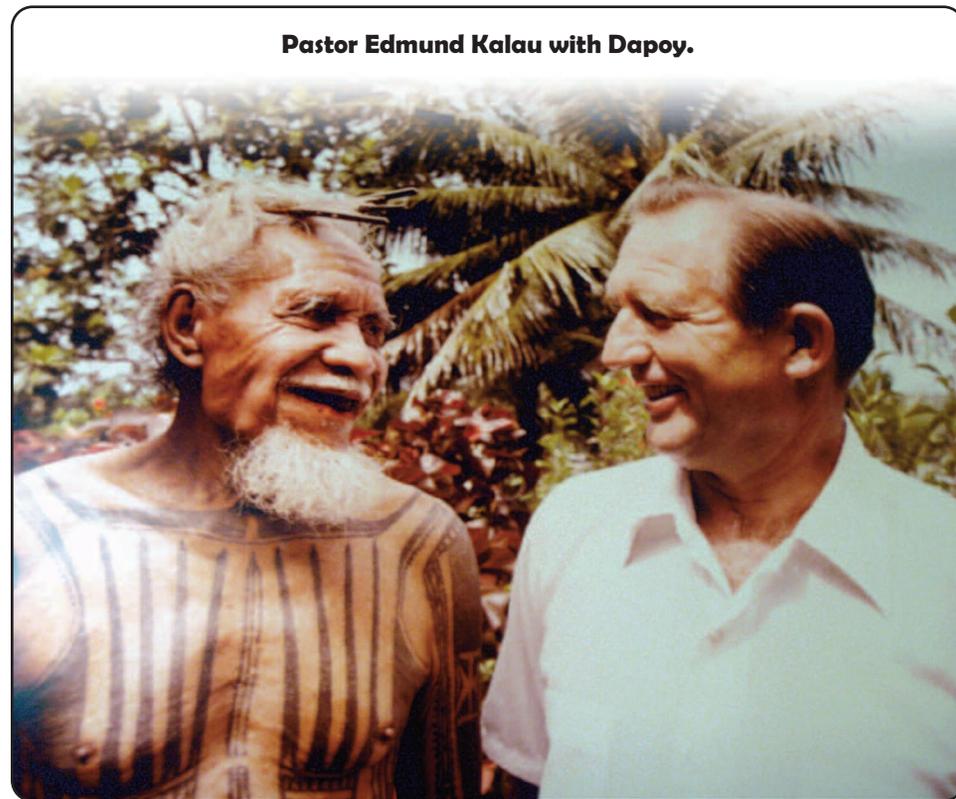
Then suddenly and unexpectedly Dapoy's best friend died. Dapoy was not only saddened but extremely shocked by losing him. The questions about life after death, God, and salvation now began to occupy his mind, and I was able to provide Biblical answers to his queries.

Yet, after he trusted God for his salvation, his people were no longer happy with him - he no longer did magic, and he had joined the evangelical church. Often he would come by small canoe to attend our church services, not minding the long travel time - 1 ½ hours. Many of our church members, including Dapoy, would come to Colonia (where the church was located) on Saturdays in order to be on time for Sunday morning services at 9 o'clock. A special house was built for those who stayed overnight. Many brought their own food with them, and even their chicks and piglets for their safety and care.

Early one Sunday morning, I found Dapoy sitting on our porch, reading the New Testament which had been translated into the Yapese language. After our customary Yapese greetings, he looked up at me and repeatedly said, "I am so sorry, I am so sorry". When I asked him what he was sorry for, without hesitating for a moment, and with sadness, he replied: "I am so sorry that I did not accept Christ years ago when you first visited me. Now I am too old to go to the outer islands to tell my people what Christ has done for me and what He offers to them." And I saw tears welling up in his eyes.

Sadness and regret often come when people disregard God's calling in the best years of their lives. Many opportunities and blessings are forfeited and the lost time is irretrievable. Pray that the islanders' hearts may be open to the God's Word and that they will have the desire to share this good news with their own people. Lord, make us wise that we may not lose even one day of being available for Your use.

Pastor Edmund Kalau with Dapoy.





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