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# Summary of Ministry Needs

## Personnel Needs:

Missionary Pastors  
Administrative and Ministry Assistants  
Youth Workers  
IT for Media Ministry  
Facility/Equipment Maintenance Personnel  
Boat Captain  
Boat Engineer  
Pilot/Mechanics

## Infrastructure Needs:

Repair of Boys and Girls Dormitory  
Patnanungan, Philippines  
Repair of Multi-Purpose Centers  
Patnanungan and Kilogan, Philippines  
Construction of Learning Center  
Patnanungan, Philippines  
Complete Construction of Multi-Purpose Center  
Jomalig, Philippines

*"...but the righteous give without sparing."  
Proverbs 21:26b*



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# Letter from the President

by Nob Kalau



**PMA President Nob Kalau**

Dear Friends,

*"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty I will say  
to the LORD, 'My refuge and my fortress, my  
God, in whom I trust!'" Psalm 91: 1-2*

As I reflect on the past year, God indeed has been our Shelter, Refuge and Fortress. Once again, we experienced His protection and deliverance in every situation. Through our PMF Christmas presentations in Pohnpei, "One Choice... Here & Now" we clearly presented the Gospel message through the Christmas story from a different angle... the war in the heavenlies prior to Gabriel bringing the message from God to Mary. Hell did not want Jesus our Savior to be born. God chose to give, Mary chose to be the vessel, Joseph chose to be the caregiver, the Shepherds chose to believe in what the angels said. All came to Bethlehem to worship the "baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger". But most of all, Jesus chose to come in the form of a man "to save His people from their sins" and to be our Immanuel, "God with us".

We are so thankful to serve such a Wonderful, Living and Gracious God! In this issue, you will read about God's bright spots despite difficulties and challenges; the diary of our medical doctor as he serves and travels to our various islands of ministry; a testimony of a young man greatly transformed by the ministry of the PMF church; how a young volunteer, comes back to the mission field in God's way and timing; and how a young boy's interests, gifts and talents are used by God to call him to full-time service in the mission field.

We are so grateful to our God for His never-ending faithfulness. You, dear partners, have been God's gift to us and to the island people whom we serve. May this year bring blessings to each one of us as God uses us to bless others.

That every island may hear,

Nob Kalau  
President and CEO

# God's Bright Spots – A Year End Report

by Melinda R. Espinosa – CFO / Administrator

Another fiscal year has ended and we are very thankful for God's amazing grace throughout the year. The support and revenue from user charges were just enough to cover our operating expenses (before depreciation of assets). Rising costs, lack of manpower and other resources continue to plague us, but amidst all these – God has enabled me to focus on His Bright Spots.

Our PMF churches – the heart of all we do, continue to be a source of hope and light among the people we serve. In Yap, God has provided Petrus, a man who is called and committed to minister to his own outer-island people. His desire is to grow as he spends hours in study and in fellowship with our missionaries, learning and praying with them.

We are thankful for opportunities for him to take up courses through the internet, to edify and instruct him to be a better teacher and God-willing pastor for his people. In Palau, as Pastor Bambit suffered a heart ailment and had to go to the Philippines for medical attention, the PMF members stepped up to work with and support our missionary, Amor, so that the work and outreach would continue. In Pohnpei, the Lord has blessed us with a growing church, with men who are hungry for His Word, eager to learn, to apply these in their lives and to impact their community and island nation for Christ. In the Philippines, I think of our pastors in far-flung outer-islands. They faithfully serve and minister to their people, always facing the challenges of weather, isolation, and many times scarcity of food and supplies. Yet, when you visit them, you will find them with such joyful countenance, persevering and always giving thanks to God for the privilege of serving Him!



**“One Choice... Here & Now”: Hearts and lives of the audience were touched as the dramatization from the angels in heaven beckoned: “If you gotta start somewhere why not here? If you gotta start sometime why not now?”**

Our medical ship, the Sea Haven, travelled to 16 atolls and islands, covering 2,097 nautical miles and delivered needed text books and educational supplies, chairs and desks to both elementary and high schools. Pallets of medicines and medical supplies were distributed to Island Dispensaries. 3,000 pairs of rubber shoes, boxes of clothing and food were distributed to the people and construction materials were delivered for a church building. To date, we have delivered 735 solar water stills converting sea water to safe drinking water. More than the delivery of material things is the time spent with isolated island pastors, church leaders and men, eager to learn more of God's Word, desiring to grow in their spiritual knowledge so they could minister effectively to their people.

We praise God for opportunities given through the aviation ministry. It is always rewarding to be able to transport patients and their attending doctors or nurses to better health care facilities. To be a part in saving a life or seeing a patient returned to good health is a wonderful experience. Doors are opened through the visitation ministry of our staff as they share the Word and introduce patients to the great healer, Jesus our Lord. Through the aviation ministry we continue to provide a dependable service to the outer islands by flying passengers, cargo, mail, medical supplies. PMA is the essential link to these remote islands. One experience stood out for me when I visited Ulithi. As I waited for Amos to unload the cargo and prepare for the return flight to Yap proper, a lady who knew me introduced me to everyone as “Our agent in Guam”. What a great joy that gave me, it showed that they not only accepted us, but have made PMA their own.

Our Bahay Kalinga (House of Love) Orphanage in the Philippines continues to be a safe haven for orphaned, disadvantaged and abandoned children. We are thankful that we are able to provide the love and care that they need. Praise God that to date, we have cared for 152 children. Our Learning Center in Patnanungan Island Philippines continues to impact children as well as their families. An outreach in Sitio Catmon commenced when Mercy began a Vacation Bible School. This sparked the interest of the children's families, now there is a growing Bible fellowship of approximately 30 adults.

Our medical outreach ministry in the Philippines, a two-man team have screened and treated 5,462 patients, performed 172 cataract surgeries and 125 other minor surgeries. They also were able to dispense 2,001 eyeglasses.

What a blessing “The Cross” FM Radio is in Pohnpei. As it broadcasts 24/7 uplifting music with a message, and Bible based teaching programs, people listening are blessed, encouraged and equipped as evidenced by the number of calls Sylvia receives everyday. What more if we have the transmitters for the SW radio fixed and installed – the radio programs would then be heard in the outer-islands of Pohnpei and Chuuk. Please pray for the engineers to come the first month of 2011.



**Dr. John visits Bahay Kalinga monthly to check the children's health. Time is also spent visiting with our care givers and social worker updating, training in nutrition, preventive health, and other issues that pertain to the children's well being.**

How did we fare financially? We praise God that we are debt free. We are able to meet all our monthly obligations as God has indeed provided for our needs. Here is a snapshot of our financial activities:

**Support and Revenue**

General Contributions	\$	446,485
PMA Deutschland and PMA Switzerland Contributions	\$	270,143
Revenue from User Charges	\$	430,726
Unrealized loss on Marketable Securities & other Investments	\$	39,589
Satisfaction of Program Restrictions	\$	20,849
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,207,792</b>

**Expenses**

Program Expenses			%
Medical Relief (Sea Haven & Aviation)	\$	432,415	31
Evangelism & Church Growth	\$	303,927	22
Media	\$	109,672	8
Studio and Radio	\$	84,032	6
PMA Philippines	\$	279,626	20
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,209,672</b>	<b>87</b>
Management and Administration	\$	64,050	5
Fund Raising	\$	115,458	8
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,389,180</b>	<b>100</b>
Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets	\$	(181,388)	

The Lord has also blessed us with missionaries who have committed to serve long term, as well as dedicated nationals working side by side with us. We thank God for the sacrifices each one has made to be able to reach people with the Gospel message.

We are thankful for our Partners, faithful ones who through the years have supported us in prayer and in finances. Even during this economic crisis we have been experiencing, their steadfastness has been a source of encouragement and joy.

Most of all we thank God. To Him be all the glory for giving us the privilege to serve Him, for allowing us to see the fruit of our labors, for giving us the strength and unswerving perseverance to press on to bring hope to the islands where we minister!

# Diary of a Missionary Doctor

by Dr. John Escote, Missionary Doctor – PMA Philippines

*Editor’s note: Dr. John Escote, PMA Philippines missionary doctor, travels monthly to our mission stations where he performs medical checks on the children at our Orphanage, conducts eye and medical clinics, and performs cataract surgeries. Together with assistant Geneziel, it takes this 2-men-team, 3 hours one way to travel to Naujan (land and sea), about 4 - 6 hours one way by boat to the Polillos (more when the ocean is rough). We thank God for protecting them from harm and danger and continually giving them good health. Dr. John shares his travel diary from each of our stations:*

**JOMALIG VISIT:** It has been such a great joy to visit Jomalig and see the changes in the church building construction. Geneziel and I conducted clinics in the new building and slept there at night. The night air is cool at this time of the year, so sleep was very comfortable. Although not completed yet, the PMF Church has been meeting in the building since May – first with a tarp as roof, but now with a good galvanized roof. What a joy it is to see the church members help and be part of the construction work. Pastor Jun Mandreza praises God for all those who have helped and contributed to make his dream a reality.



**We thank God for Jun and Baby Mandreza, serving in PMF Jomalig church – from “fisherman” to “fisher of men”, they face a lot of challenges and opportunities as they reach the people on their island for Christ.**

**NAUJAN VISIT:** The idea to extend the medical services through the eye program was actually broached by Melinda Espinosa. The purpose of this was to make the community “feel” the existence of PMA not only through Bahay Kalinga but as a far reaching mission organization as a whole. There were many people having eye problems in Naujan. I am burdened by their needs, especially after I visited the Community Hospital, finding that it did not have an operating room. This is now my heart’s desire, that somehow, PMA can construct an operating room in it’s already existing multi-purpose center. Bahay Kalinga: By God’s grace, all the children have remained healthy. I met two new children: MacMac and Chris who we have accepted for temporary shelter. I thank God for Jesse, our Social Worker, a man of quiet confidence and great love for the children. While talking to him, he revealed a depth of spiritual maturity: a teachable man, eager to learn and grow.



## **Continuation of “Diary of a Missionary Doctor”:**

**PATNANUNGAN VISIT:** The PMF Church in Patnanungan decided to bring the Eye/Medical team to their outreach ministry in Sitio Catmon where an average of 30 people usually join their Bible study and fellowship. Brother Polo, one of the elders in PMF Church in Patnanungan, was instrumental in this outreach mission for this is where he farms. Sharing with fellow believers really made a difference and gave unexpected encouragement.

**KILOGAN VISIT:** As always, going to Kilogan is like preparing for a bivouac usually done by a para-military group on training. We hiked over small hills along muddy track of weather beaten often trod network of patchy roads. The thought of cold water or hot coffee and snack would occasionally propel us to excitedly hasten to reach the PMF Church. Aside from medical and eye check up, fellowship with Pastor Ed and his wife Beth and other active members of the church were times of refreshment and encouragement. One thing noticeable around the PMF Church’s ground are the various vegetables growing. Pastor Ed sets an example by farming and this has helped the church members as well.



**Pastor Ed and Beth demonstrate great energy and commitment as they minister and serve in both PMF Kilogan and Calutcot. They have to cross over the ocean to get to Calutcot, but this does not seem to dampen their spirits.**

**AMAGA VISIT:** Joining us were Pastor Ed and his son Alvin who used their outrigger boat to proceed to Amaga where Brother Jose Tayangona pastors the PMF Church. Going there was a milder version of going to Kilogan. They always serve us delicious food here, however, getting a good sleep is the real problem. At night, minute flying insects locally called “nik-nik” would bite. And their bite would be worse than mosquitoes. Neither mosquito nets nor blankets offer protection. The bite is so itchy that it would stay for days. But the warmth and spiritual fervor of Brother Jose overshadows all the inconveniences and discomforts especially as he joyfully shares the spiritual victories and successes in the ministry. The LORD is indeed at work in the lives of the believers in this church.



**8 PMF Amaga Pastor Jose, wife Gemma and children – Always full of joy and praises to God!**



**Pastor Jorie and wife Adarna serve the growing church of PMF Katakian. Their prayer life has shown forth fruit as many have come to know the Lord through the ministry of the church.**

**KATAKIAN VISIT:** This was a highly challenging travel. We endured the strong winds and rains for 3 out of the 5 hours travel by a big outrigger boat. All soaked and wet, the passengers, were still happy and enthusiastic, thanking God for a safe landing. At the home of Pastor Jorie of PMF Church Katakian, a warm dinner awaited us. What was outstanding about our Clinic in this island was the encouragement shared during meal times. “When a man does not pray, he works alone; but when he prays, God works in and through him.” Pastor Jorie quoted one time during our sharing moments. That is definitely what he lives by, a consistent prayer warrior at dawn. Just try sleeping near his room and you will be awakened by his prayers. He is also a very good student of the Scriptures. His testimony about how the LORD provided for him to complete his Masters studies on Theology is a marvel to hear.

**CALUTCOT VISIT:** The easiest route to Calutcot is through Katakian where we stay overnight then proceed the following early dawn. Pastor Ed and wife Beth of PMF Kilogan, shepherd the PMF Church here as well. As an outreach of PMF Kilogan, Pastor Ed and Beth travel to this place right after the Sunday Worship service in Kilogan. Wood poles and thatch roof characterize the building that is strongly built and airy due to the absence of walls. The church members have planted row upon row of sweet potatoes in the surrounding areas where the church structure stands. It looks so pleasant and truly radiates a picture of hope in store for those who find time to work as worship to God.

**Magsaysay Memorial District Hospital (MMDH), LOPEZ, QUEZON:** The eye team has been working in the government hospital as a network partner for the past nine years, serving both as a referral center to our island churches and base hospital to do major eye surgeries of the widely known eye maladies like cataract and glaucoma. The clinic in this hospital is alternatively done weekly interspersed with either Naujan or island church visits. The surge of patient volume really surprises me. For the two weeks that we spend here, we would end clinical consultation mostly near midnight. This untiring attitude has become our trademark, separating us and distinctly allowing islanders to see our Christian work ethics. We give back the honor and glory to God every time we hear people telling us that our ministry gives prestige to the hospital and great help to the people. To God be the glory!

# Body, Soul and Spirit

by Amos and Heidi Collins, PMA Missionaries – Yap, Micronesia

One of PMA's mottos is to reach the whole person: body, soul, and spirit. We have PMF churches which reach the spirit by teaching the Word of God. Our aviation ministry brings much needed supplies to and from the outer islands, which shows the people we care about their physical needs and in the process, lifts their souls.

It has always been a vision of our president, Nob Kalau, to not only provide spiritual food for the people of Micronesia, but also give faithful believers a means to provide for their families. We have tried to think of ways in which our church members could have a livelihood to help them support their families as good jobs are hard to find here in Yap.

We do have needs that we as a small team cannot completely accomplish. So we hire local Yapese to help us. Our office secretary, Grace, is a Christian who ably does her work and is always cheerful and a pleasure to work with. Our mechanic assistant, Tommy, is a hard worker, believes in the ministry and is a joy to work with. Recently, we have brought two new members into full time work with PMA. They work in two completely different capacities.

Petrus has been a faithful member of PMF church since the very beginning. He became a Christian while in prison, and has followed the straight and narrow road ever since. He is a man of integrity and an inspiration to us all. When Pastor John resigned from PMA, Petrus was the obvious choice of church members who could work toward a leadership capacity. We began to disciple him and although he had never been trained in church leadership or preaching, he worked at it enthusiastically and wholeheartedly, because, as he said, "I just want to preach the Word of God". As Petrus became more involved and the ministry of shepherding the flock began to take more of his time, it became apparent to us that we needed him full-time. Petrus has, up until recently, relied on construction contract work to provide for his family, however, he does not always get paid on time, a problem when you have a family to feed. As a full-time ministry worker with PMA, he can fully devote his efforts to building the church and enable him to provide for his family. We are glad to have him and his wife Queen on board.



**Petrus in his office where he studies the Word of God.**

Pakaluo is from Lamotrek, an outer island 500 miles from Yap. He used to work as a dive boat operator here in Yap. He began coming to our fellowship shortly after PMF first started. He is very sharp when it comes to discussing Scripture. PMA needed someone to do grounds work and to renovate some of our facilities. Pakaluo came recommended as a skilled worker, so with the initial intent of just getting a few repairs done, Peter Reichert hired him on as a part-time worker at the hangar. He began by repairing one roof over a storage container. What we noticed was that Pakaluo was unlike hired hands of the past. This was someone who would do the job well and do it fast without much, if any, guidance. When Pakaluo proved himself on that job, we decided to give him a bit more work since there were more roofs that needed repairing. He continued to exceed our expectations in the variety and quality of work that he could do. We realized that we had found a gem. This was a skilled worker, a trustworthy Christian man, and a member of our church for whom we could provide a job. We couldn't let him slip away. Peter offered him a full-time position of maintaining our facilities. Jobs ranging from grounds work, to construction, to painting or even to lend us a hand in the hangar if need be. Pakaluo agreed to Peter's offer. I personally get to spend some extra time with Pakaluo on Sundays since I drive to his village to pick him and his family up for church. This is a time where we can talk as we drive and I have really enjoyed getting to know him and building on that friendship.

We are grateful that with these two men, PMA is able to reach them: body, soul and spirit. We look forward to working long term with them and I know we all appreciate their hard work.

**Pakaluo – busy maintaining and upkeeping the aviation facility in Yap.**



# Palau Memories

by Leweni Raikadroka, Youth Group Member – PMF Palau

My family moved to Palau six years ago and now we are going back to my home island – Fiji. It's sad that after we have come to know people, love them and belong to one big family of God, we have to leave.

My sister and I used to come to the “Kalau Gym” as the PMA Gym is widely known here in Palau, to play volley ball. We became friends with Romeena, Pastor Bambit's eldest daughter. God used this friendship to draw us closer to Him. Eventually, we started coming for Sunday worship. At first, I would just come and go as I pleased. Friendship and fellowship with the youth group deepened my relationship with the Lord. I became faithful in attending services and activities. As I grew in my faith, I realized that I was saved to serve, so I began using my voice for God's glory. When Pastor Bambit and family left for their furlough in November, I offered my help in the office and whatever needed to be done around the church grounds.

I witnessed how the faithful members of PMF continued to serve and help in the absence of our pastor. Four men who have been mentored and discipled took over the pulpit to preach, each member was given ministry opportunities and each one willingly gave their time and talent to keep the ministry going. I thank God that He uses ordinary people to do His extraordinary work. Many have shared with me that they've never been to a church like ours. We not only gather for prayer, worship, Bible studies, celebrations or parties for fellowship, but also for church clean-ups every Saturday, and helping others during the week (that's what true fellowship is all about).

While waiting for our time to leave Palau, I would like to make this time count by encouraging and thanking my church family for sharing their lives with me. For enabling me to personally know God's love and mercy so I would grow in my spiritual life and walk faithfully in Him daily. I am indeed thankful to God for the PMF Church and its ministries. The Lord has used PMF to shape my life. I've learned here that God has given us two purposes: To love Him and love/serve others. As I leave this beautiful island, memories of PMA /PMF will always linger in my mind. I shall never forget the family I had here and the many ways God transformed my life through them.



**Leweni and Talica, his sister, give their talents to God and sing praises to His name.**

# “Thank You, PMA!”

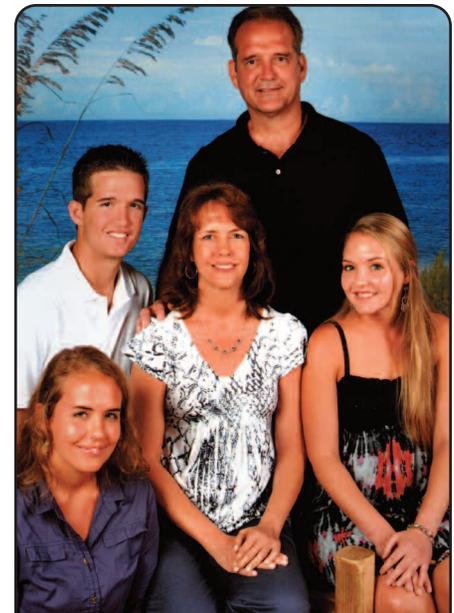
by Sylvia Kunz, Volunteer, written March 1986

I want to thank Pacific Missionary Aviation for the rich and rewarding experience I had in the islands this summer. As I observed the work in the Southern Philippines, the pictures I had seen in the “Island Echoes” suddenly became real life. I remember visiting a Samal village on a small sand bank in the Sulu Sea called Kabukan. While playing with the happy children and observing families in daily life routines, I wondered what it would take for them to come to know Christ. It was obvious that they needed a living example of love reaching out to them, showing by action and word that Christ died for them as well. Please do pray for the Boat Clinic staff as they earn the right to share Christ with the Samal Muslim people group.

The time spent in Pohnpei gave me a chance to develop nursing as well as ministry skills. I am thankful for the opportunity to monitor women in labor and help deliver their babies in the State Hospital. A trip to Joy Island with the Community College Bible study group was packed full with quiet times, seminars, recreation and great fellowship! I will miss the Bible studies for the young people held throughout the week. It was difficult to leave the island and people I had come to love. As my thoughts often return to the islands, I am looking forward to the day when I might return to join PMA as a missionary.

*Editor's note: Psalm 37:4 says: “Delight yourself in the LORD and He will give you the desires of your heart.” And return to the missionfield she did! The second time as a life-time partner of Nob Kalau. It has been almost 24 years now, and with their three children, she and Nob have faithfully served in Pohnpei. She continues to use her nursing skills for eye clinics, and the occasional “mom” calls from PMF church family. Her time is well spent with family, PMA Field Office work, managing Good News Press, Ladies Bible Study, teaching Sunday school, counseling, radio work to name a few. We thank God for her, she indeed is a partner fit for Nob.*

**Sylvia and Nob are career missionaries. Their 3 children, Nadya, Chelsea and Alex, were born and raised in the islands and have experienced God's hand of continued faithfulness and blessing. God always keeps His promise to guide and direct those who look first to Him.**

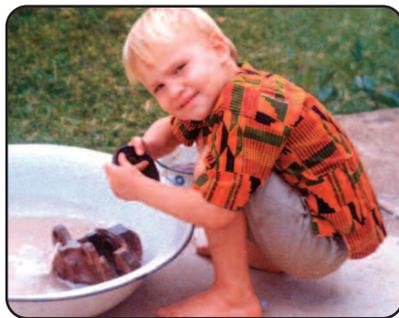


# Following Where Jesus Leads

by Simon Hämmerling, Missionary – Yap, Micronesia

There is just something fascinating about cars and machinery and how all the little parts work together to complete a job. I was 3-years-old and on the way home from church through the African jungle one Sunday afternoon when I picked up my first brake caliper (car part for the brake) from the roadside. To someone who is fascinated by machinery, you can imagine the excitement this treasure find was for me. Thus, a love for mechanics was born.

I grew up as missionary kid in the Ivory Coast, West Africa. My parents trained local pastors for the churches in the Ivory Coast. A couple of days before my 9th birthday, we returned to Germany to stay. In Germany, my father worked as a pastor in the city that we lived in. It took some time till I was able to adjust to that new life and climate. It wasn't until I had a real hobby that I liked my new life.



**A picture of young Simon with a truck part he found.**

As a teenager, I spent a lot of time building and flying model airplanes. Numerous times I came home with only parts and pieces of my model airplane and I would take them into the attic for repair. With a steady hand and hours of careful work I would put my model together again. Having to repair my airplanes so many times not only improved the work with my hands but also developed perseverance. To learn more about what makes an airplane fly, I joined a radio controlled model ministry in my hometown. Our leader started our meetings off with the Word of God, and an article from a missionary pilot or mechanic from somewhere around the world.

My interest in mission aviation started to grow and I made it my personal goal to become a mechanic and a pilot. I was also introduced to PMA during that time and I wrote them my first letter at the age of 14. I asked what I would need to do in order to be able to work in their aviation ministry. The high requirements for pilots and the fact that they wanted me to speak and write English fluently made me think that I probably would never be accepted by PMA. Languages had never been my strength, but isn't it in our weaknesses that Jesus chooses to glorify Himself?

After my years in school I did a three year apprenticeship as a car mechanic, still with the goal to transfer to airplanes afterwards. During that training I applied with different aviation ministries. PMA was the only organization that I received positive feedback from and they took me for a year. Norbert Kalau was in Germany at the time

I applied and we arranged for an interview, we also talked about the option of extending my time on Yap after one year to do an on-the-job training under Peter Reichert, Station Director, to obtain my Airframe and Powerplant Mechanic (A&P Mechanic) Certificate.

After one year, PMA agreed to help me to get the required experience needed to be eligible for the exams. I committed for one term (three years). My focus during that time was learning the English language and learning everything I needed to know about airplanes to do my job at PMA well. My previous mechanic experience made it a lot easier for me to transfer to airplanes. The three years I studied for the exam seemed to never end. I remember spending hours studying over dictionaries and manuals to learn about airplanes. I studied while the sun was down and then worked while the sun was up. Later in the evening I documented the newly gained experience in my Mechanic's Logbook. This developed a discipline that I not necessarily had at the beginning but gained as I worked with PMA. I want to say thank you to Peter who by his example taught me how to work meticulously and to properly keep maintenance records. This time of very precise and careful work started to change my thinking and affected a lot of other areas in my life. Like the work in and around the house. My standard was brought up a notch. I felt the presence of Jesus during that time in a special way. It's by His grace, that I passed the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) exams on Hawaii in June 2007.

Studying had taken up a lot of my time. After the exams I was glad to be able to spend the time with other activities. My parents have shown me by their example how important the Church is to Jesus. So I want to contribute my time and gifts to the body of Christ. These days I am helping with the worship ministry in the PMF church on Yap, Bible studies during the week and the prison ministry on Sunday afternoons. Jesus asks us to make disciples and leaves us a lot of freedom to use our creativity in how we reach out to others. That's a challenge I love.

I can say with all my heart that Jesus has led me wonderfully through my life and I am so glad for my experience in West Africa that helped me adjust to Yap a lot easier. My passion for serving the Lord is one that has been passed on to me by my parents and I am thankful to them. As I look back – all my experiences have led me to this moment in time. I thank God for His direction!



**Simon today – devoted to serving the Lord in many ways, not only as an aircraft mechanic but also actively involved with the PMF church ministry in worship, Bible study and prison outreach.**



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