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God is Good all the Time

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On our Cover

A Glimpse of some
PMA ministries.

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Summary of Ministry Needs

Personnel Needs:

Missionary pastors
Administrative and ministry assistants
Youth workers for island churches
Boat captain for medical ship M/V Sea Haven
Boat mechanic for medical ship M/V Sea Haven
Missionary pilots/mechanics for Micronesia/Philippines
Computer personnel for radio, media and print ministry
Short term: Canon copier technician needed for
maintenance and repair at Good News Press

Infrastructure Needs:

Renovation/Improvement for PMF Patnanungan Parsonage including outside kitchen and dining area – After several typhoons and wear and tear of the building due to age it is time to reconstruct and renovate. \$13,500 needed.

Hangar for Palau: Please continue to pray for God's provision for the property where the hangar will be built. Pray for the approval of a lease agreement and the provision for hangar materials of \$300,000.

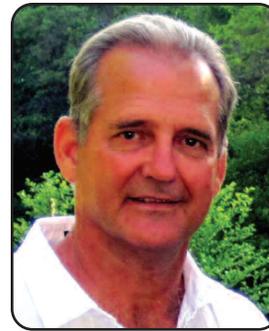
Sea Haven Medical Ship Dry Dock: Pray for \$175,000 for the project. This does not include fuel cost to take the ship to dry dock and back. We pray for an opening in Guam for this project.

*“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
His mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is Your faithfulness.”*

Lamentations 3:22-23



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**PMA President
Nob Kalau**

*“I am the vine, you are the branches.
He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit;
for without Me you can do nothing.”* John 15:5

I love this verse, the instructions are so simple, so clear. But it also takes time and patience. Sometimes we grow impatient in our lives when we don't see the spiritual growth we would like to see. But an important thing to remember about spiritual fruit is that it doesn't grow overnight. It takes time. If I were to plant a banana tree on Monday, I could never expect to enjoy banana bread on Friday. It takes time for a banana stalk to reach it's ripe, full size. I could put up my hammock, lie down, and wait for the bananas to grow, but I still would not see any discernible difference. But even though I can't see it at the time, that fruit is still growing toward maturity.

Sometimes in missions and at home we fail to see the spiritual fruit because we don't recognize it as such. What does it actually mean to “bear fruit”?

- Winning others to Jesus Christ and helping them grow spiritually is one form of spiritual fruit. Prov. 11:30 says *“the fruit of the righteous is the tree of life, and he that wins souls is wise”*.
- Sharing what God has blessed us with is a way of bearing fruit. When I take my finances and invest them through my tithes and offerings, it will result in fruit to my account.
- Praising and thanking God is another type of spiritual fruit. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks.
- Change in our character and actions is fruit. Gal. 5:22–23 tells us; *“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”*

These attitudes don't become visible overnight, they take time, just like fruit, to grow. We need to be patient, and sink our roots deeply into the person of Jesus Christ.

In this issue of the Island Echo you will read about a pastor who is not only planting pineapples, cassava and bananas, but investing in the lives of his congregation and being diligent in the things of the Lord; one man's cry for help that led to transformation of his life and family; a young man who volunteered with PMA aviation and continues to follow Gods' call on His life; a re-cap of 2014 and PMA's stewardship and blessings from the Lord; a glimpse of the past sowing seeds of evangelism that others are reaping today.

May God help you and me to fulfill the purpose for which He has created us. May we glorify Him by bringing forth fruit in our lives as we become more like Jesus Christ.

Nob Kalau
President/CEO

The PMA Experience – God is Good all the Time!

Year End Summary Report by:
Melinda R. Espinosa, CFO/Administrator

The PMA experience is this – the Lord is good and faithful! He provided us with strength, good health, wisdom, protection, continued steadfastness and perseverance in serving Him – through good times and difficult circumstances, disappointments and triumphs, testing and trials, we can truly say that we have seen, tasted and experienced the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

In one of the office devotions, Dr. John shared: “Do not mistake activity with achievement.” The former tells about being in motion for whatever reason or purpose it is being done; whereas the latter, speaks about legacy, fulfillment and inner character. It is not so much the activities that make us right with God. Rather, it is the transforming and in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit working mightily in us that allows us to serve Him. As the Psalmist said: *“Not to us O, Lord. But to Your Name be the glory, because of Your love and faithfulness!”* Psalm 115:1. May this continue to be our motivation and desire in PMA!

The Lord provided for our PMA projects such as: purchase of C206 Aircraft for Palau, payment of engines for our 2 Queenaire aircraft in Yap, Micronesia; in the Philippines provision for the construction of the Patnanungan Learning Center; Healtika (Livelihood Program) building in Patnanungan



Praise God for His provision of aircraft C206 in Palau, enabling us to effectively be part of nation building.

PMF Calutcot church; re-building and renovation of the PMF Amaga church and parsonage; water filtration system and 4 solar systems for our island stations. The faithfulness of the Lord was most especially experienced as He supplied ongoing operating needs and the support of our missionaries and workers. Indeed He is our Jehovah Jireh – our Great Provider! As has been the testimony of the Lord’s goodness for the past 40 years – PMA continues to be debt-free – all projects and expenses have been fully funded by the Lord through our generous and faithful partners.

We are very thankful for the aviation ministry in Yap and Palau – for the Lord’s protection over the flights and that we can continue to be part of nation building, by



Medical evacuations are vital services for the outer-islands – we are thankful to God for being there in times of great need for speedy travel to reach proper medical help.

providing reliable, safe transportation to and from the outer-islands of Yap and Palau. It is a joy to know that we can be there for the people during their time of need: medical evacuation, transport of food, supplies, medicines, patients and attendants so that they can receive proper care, the transport of islanders whose families desired that their last resting place would be their island home; and conduct sea search and rescue operations. Our user charges for passenger, cargo and charter enable us to provide for these benevolent services for free and at most – at cost.

One important prayer request is for PMA to be granted a leased property at the Palau International Airport so that we can build a hangar for our aircraft. Would you please pray with us that the Lord will soon release the land, and for provision for construction of the Hangar? Estimated need is \$300,000.

The Sea Haven went on a three-week tour the beginning of the new fiscal period. The trip to the outer-islands of Chuuk included 42 hours of rough sailing over turbulent waters. We are thankful for stateside volunteer nurses Priscilla and Cassie and PMA’s Medical Director Dr. John who accompanied this trip. The Sea Haven travelled 600 nautical miles, and held clinics in Oneap, Lukinoh, Satawan and Ta islands. Total patients seen were 186. Dr. John performed cataract and pterygium surgeries on board the ship and made many islanders happy with eye exams and the dispensing of eyeglasses.

The Sea Haven is in need of a dry dock. We pray that by the next fiscal year – she may be able to undergo this vital undertaking. Pray for God’s supply – for \$175,000 for this project.

January 8, 2014, was an unforgettable day for all of us in PMA. Our founder Rev. Edmund Kalau went home to be with the Lord. He left us with a legacy of his vibrant life: that of faithfulness, passion and commitment for our Lord Jesus Christ.

In March, Pastor Inok and Erpina came to Guam. What a blessing they are to us! They have been ministering to their families, relatives and friends, and discipling Chuukese leaders. PMF Guam is in great need of a Senior Pastor. Will you please pray with us that the Lord will raise a missionary Pastor, who with his wife minister and grow the PMF church here on Guam?

Our Bahay Kalinga Orphanage in the Philippines passed its accreditation with the Department of Social Services once again! Typhoon Haiyan, known in the Philippines as Typhoon Yolanda, was one of the strongest tropical cyclones ever recorded; devastating portions of Southeast Asia, particularly the Philippines, in early-November 2013. Typhoon Yolanda’s sphere of destructive rain and wind reached Mindoro. Naujan experienced heavy rains, mudslide and power outages.

Our children and staff were kept safe at the two-story house PMA owns across the street. We thank God for their protection, safety and good health. We praise God for being able to serve 189 children thus far, caring for them until we find permanent homes with loving parents or guardians.



What a great joy it is to be able to help those less fortunate, especially those who are unable to fend for themselves. We continue to pray that we can effectively care for abandoned, neglected children and provide the security of a loving home.

Our Pastors in the Polillo islands continue to be faithful and committed to the task of reaching the islands for Christ. I thank God for their dedication as they have experienced many challenges – droughts, typhoons, rough seas, isolation – and yet they count it all joy to serve Him. Gemma, wife PMF Amaga Pastor Jun, gave birth to a healthy baby girl. They could not find anyone able to deliver the baby. Only a quack doctor was available as a midwife. Pastor Jun prayed and trusted God and told her not to use incantations. She obeyed, and after the delivery, he shared the Gospel to her – she received Jesus and now her home has an ongoing Bible study! As a testament of the Lord’s blessing and their authentic testimony, our pastors/workers have been invited to share periodical “values training” with the officers and personnel of the islands’ local government, and the Philippine National Police.

Dr. John Escote continues to minister to our island pastors and workers with monthly visits, conducting discipleship Bible studies, this on top of his medical outreach. He and his assistant Geneziel visit and conduct clinics at Lopez, Quezon, Polillo Islands, and Naujan, Mindoro, at the Bahay Kalinga Complex and Surgi-Center. For the year, the two-men medical team has screened 4,304 patients, performed 167 cataract and 87 minor surgeries, and dispensed 1,272 eye glasses.

The Patnanungan Pacific Mission Academy (Learning Center) was completed in June. This included the fencing, grounds landscaping, putting in a water tank, a flag pole and installation of the solar equipment which is able to provide power to the Academy, the Parsonage and the PMF church. We are now on our 11th year of serving the community and have graduated 233 students since we began.



Financial Information

Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2014

How Funds Were Used:

Program Activities:

Aviation	\$ 444,175	38%
Sea Haven	\$ 50,648	4%
Evangelism and Church Growth	\$ 292,530	25%
Media: Good News Press & The Cross Radio	\$ 161,045	14%
Philippines	\$ 123,059	11%
Total	\$ 1,071,457	92%

Support Activities:

Management and Administration	\$ 52,818	5%
Fund Raising	\$ 29,563	3%
Total	\$ 82,381	8%

Overall Total \$ 1,153,838 100 %

We continue to praise God for the ceaseless efforts, support and partnership of our PMA Executive Board, our PMA Boards in Germany and Switzerland and for partners in Guam, U.S., Canada and Europe. May the Lord bless them more! May each one continue to be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord for we know our labor is not in vain in the Lord! (1 Cor. 15:58).

PMA’s Medical Director, Dr. John Escote is tireless as he travels to and from the islands – providing medical help and encouragement to patients, as well as to our mission staff in far-flung islands.

An Amazing Brother!

by Dr. John Escote, PMA Medical Director

It was an unhurried walk to Catmon an outlying village of Patnanungan, Philippines. With Pastor Cesar of PMF Catmon as our companion and guide, the 5 of us reached his home and the church after 2 hours. Our conversations and sharing while trekking through uneven and varied terrain made the journey both pleasant and enjoyable. After climbing the last hill at the threshold of where the PMF church stands, lush, beautiful plants greeted us. The tropical scenery and the fresh breeze of wind overwhelmingly refreshed us. We lingered a bit taking in the beauty and freshness around us. What amazed me even more, was not only the surrounding scenery, but what was interspersed among the tall bushes of cassava (tapioca) and other greens growing tall. 500 pineapples were planted by Pastor Cesar. He said that the fruits are expected for harvest in March, 2015. Wow! What an amazing guy!

Suddenly, at the end of a trail to our left, a young boy emerged, wide-eyed and excited. It was Jihoo, the pastor's son. We gladly followed him and there found brother Polo waiting with a snack of cooking banana, thinly sliced, cooked in coconut milk and slightly sweetened. It was delicious and filling. We then continued to the place where Cesar and his wife Joy had built their house. A five-minute walk downhill nestled on the side of another hill about 75 feet from the seashore.

Pastor Cesar had singlehandedly built his house – with 2 bedrooms, a loft, living room, kitchen, dining area, and another structure divided into washing area and bathroom. It is a quaint “anahaw” (footstool palm) hut and looked beautiful inside because of the mixture of colors, arrangement and decorations they made. In their garden are growing, string beans, okra, sweet potatoes, bitter gourd, sponge gourd, papaya, pineapple, cassava, and flowering plants like Vietnam roses. It was another amazing wow moment for me. We had food served, freshly picked and cooked from the surrounding garden. There was almost an hourly serving of native local foods like sweet coconut, deep-fried garlic cassava chips, and pineapple candies.

We were able to take care of a few of the really sick neighbors late in the afternoon. We ended our night with a fellowship study in Isaiah 40: 12-31 with coffee and cassava cooked in banana leaves. With the north-east monsoon upon us, the air was cool and pleasant, accompanied by the whistling sound of the wind. We had a good night's rest.

Early morning, we began our walk back to town escorted by the pastor's family. Barely 20 minutes after we had left the place, I had another wow moment. Bro. Cesar showed us the place where someone had leased the land to him for \$11.00. There he had planted 1500 tapioca plants due for harvest in May, 2015. For Pastor Cesar it was natural and just part of who he is. But for me, a doctor, who has never done anything like this before – I was so impressed!

A natural farmer and builder, I am not surprised with the way he leads and cares for the flock at the PMF church, tending to each one attentively – ensuring growth and fruitfulness. I really thank and praise God that we have a brother in Christ like Cesar in PMA Philippines. May his tribe increase! Amen.

Brother Cesar and wife Joy are showing medical assistant Geneziel the path they take every time they need to go to Patnanungan Bayan for family provisions and on a monthly basis to meet PMA Team members for discipleship, fellowship and prayer.



My Time In Yap, Micronesia

by Sebastian Urschitz, Airplane Mechanic, Volunteer

I am blessed to have spent an exciting time on Yap and would like to share my experiences with you. Coming from Austria, I spent nine months as a volunteer airplane mechanic with PMA aviation and was able to be an active part of the PMF church ministry.

A missionary kid, I grew up in Papua New Guinea. Even as a child I was fascinated with everything that had to do with airplanes and my heart started beating for missionary aviation at a young age. God led my path in a gracious way and I was able to get to know PMA.



My time on Yap was very exciting and educational. I personally learned a lot and my relationship with Jesus grew stronger; a lot of my experiences will stay with me for life. During my time with PMA I wanted to follow their motto “To know Christ and make him known.” I have the desire to get to know Jesus better, trying to become more like Him and to be a light for Him among the Yapese.

I worked in various areas and learned so much from Amos, PMA’s Director of Aviation, chief pilot and mechanic. As a mechanic I experienced the personal joy of being of help and of use in a multi-faceted job. Next to the usual maintenance, a very special highlight was the restoration of an airplane that has not flown for more than 17 years. Many hours were put into this restoration and it was a special privilege for me to be able to contribute and witness the first test flights. This plane can now be used again in mission aviation service.

A very special gift to me from God was the team in the hangar. They were like family to me. It is difficult for me to explain it – but to be able to work with such wonderful people who have a passion for Jesus – that is the best job I could think of!

Sebi counts it a great privilege to serve with PMA, and we thank God for his servant spirit and love for the Lord.

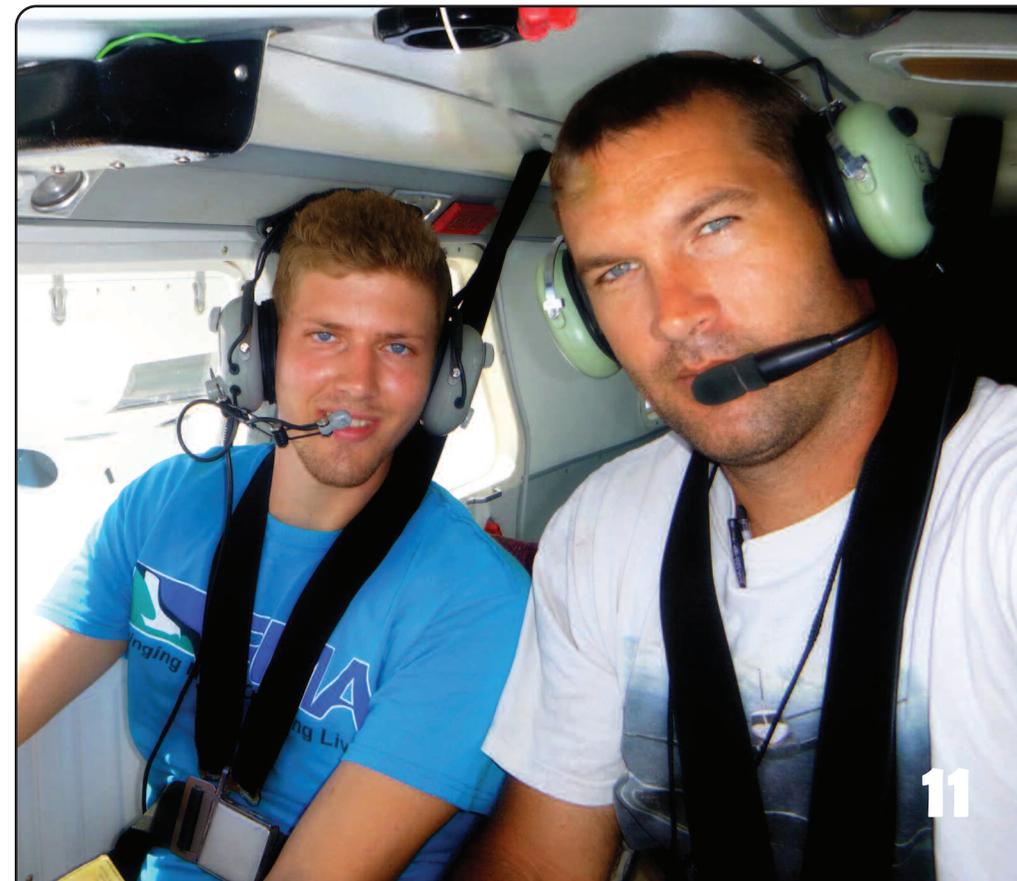
Ministry at the PMF church was stimulating. The Lord enabled me to serve in the youth ministry, with practical projects and the taxi ministry to and from church functions. I enjoyed getting to know the culture of the people in Yap and built relationships with them. The children on the islands fascinated me very much. They beam with love and joy of life even though they do not possess much.

I really got along great with Pastor Peter and spent many evenings on his porch engaged in meaningful conversations. In June, I was able to join him and his team on an outreach to one of the outer islands of Yap. These remote islands have much need. They are not accessible by airplane and taking a ship requires 4 to 7 days. They are completely cut off and many of the people we met with were encouraged to hear the Gospel.

I really appreciated the freedom I had with PMA. I felt that I could get engaged where my heart is devoted and where I see my gifts. I really treasure the islanders and would wish that God would again lead my ways and use my gifts in the islands.

Thanks to everyone who supported me in prayer during my ministry.

Flying with PMA’s Director of Flight Operations, Amos Collins, was an exciting and learning experience for Sebi.



June 1975: God Uses an Airplane for His Witness

by Sally Picard, Wife of PMA's first Chief Pilot Maurice Picard

I praise the Lord for the airplane that makes the witness of Christ possible in Ulithi Atoll. There is a Yapese girl from the Yap Evangelical church that attends the High School on Ulithi. Through this contact a Bible study was started by Sadaria, a worker in the church. Now, since Sadaria has married and moved to Palau, I have the privilege of continuing the Bible study.

Every Friday I fly down with Maurice and meet the girls. I must admit that at first I was apprehensive. I had not met these girls before and was unsure of their reception and acceptance of me. Sometimes they would discuss in Yapese whether we should meet under a coconut tree, in the dorm, or at an apartment belonging to a worker in the school. After their discussion, they would tell me in English what they decided.



Even after 40 years, PMA continues to support the Outer-Island High School (OIHS) with the transport of food and supplies, students, parents and teachers.

There are other girls that would like to come to the study, but their parents have forbidden them to attend. The people in Ulithi are very lovely people, but they may not understand what the Bible study is all about, or they may fear that it may bring changes in the lives of the girls.

Please pray for these girls. For some of them, this is the first time they have heard of God's love and His plan of salvation. But because of this study I have the opportunity to go weekly to Ulithi. We know that God can use this contact to open doors of friendship.

Please pray with Maurice and I that God will continue to use the airplane so that a Christian witness will grow and many will come to know Him as their Savior.

Editor's note: Forty years after this article was written – PMA continues to serve the outer-islands of Yap. Our faithfulness has allowed the Word of God to be accepted by the people in the outer-islands and doors are open for us. Maurice and Sally's prayers have been answered – but the work is not finished yet. Please pray that the Lord will raise more laborers who will serve in the outer-islands. Pray for Pastor Petrus as he disciples leaders for outer-island outreach and ministry that these men and women may be able to teach/disciple others also. That each of their lives will be living examples and a testimony of a transformed life in Christ.

A graduating class of Outer-Island High School – we pray that our faithful, committed service would influence lives for eternity.



A Gracious God!

by Hardy S. Manlogan, PMF Patnanungan, Philippines

When I look back at my life, I am amazed that the Lord would even choose me to serve Him. I certainly did not deserve His love.

When I was single, I had many friends whom I chose over the Lord. The day came when I met my future wife, Delita. The start of our married life was tumultuous – and it became even worse when our first child arrived because I still thought of myself and my happiness first. I continued to go out with my friends, as if I had no responsibilities. Each time they invited me, I would join them drinking or disco dancing with ladies and even took drugs. Each time I came home, my wife and I would quarrel. She was angry with me because I neglected my family. It got to the point that Delita wanted to leave me but I begged her not to leave and promised I would change. However, I would break that promise over and over again. At that time, we already had three children. Our fourth child lived only for a short while and sadly died.

Delita's fifth pregnancy was a wake-up call from God. When the time came for Delita to give birth, her labor was intense. She was undergoing so much pain. I was afraid, confused and felt so lost watching her agony! There was no one to ask for help. Delita was getting weaker and I realized that we might lose her. I could not bear it. Only one name crossed my mind at that moment – God. I turned to Him and humbled myself before Him. I confessed that I had sinned against Him, Delita and my children. I asked for forgiveness for the wrong I had done to my family. I begged God to save my wife and baby. Graciously, the Lord answered my desperate cry for help and mercy! She was able to give birth safely, thank God! I saw the pain ebb away from my wife's face and felt God's love and faithfulness, as He answered my prayers. In spite of my sins and my turning away from Him, He did not forsake me nor leave me. How great is the Lord!

Thank God for His greatness and faithfulness always. From that time on, God truly changed me. I devoted myself to His Word, and grew in faith. My wife and family were my priority and together, we all studied His Word and have faithfully been serving at the PMF church.

I continue to experience God's love, goodness, and faithfulness – I know He has never left my side and my family. Through the Lord's grace and mercy, I am now one of the church leaders at PMF Patnanungan. He has given me the privilege to share His Word two Sundays each month. Learning and growing in His wisdom and knowledge is a wonderful gift from Him. Presently, I am also assigned to maintain, clean, and landscape the whole PMA/PMF compound, including its buildings.

I thank God for all the blessings, especially for using me and my wife for His glory. *"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!"* – Joshua 24:14.

Hardy and Delita Manlogan serve the Lord with joy in their hearts – a clean well-kept PMA compound in Patnanungan is such a great witness to the community. Their love and faithful service at the PMF church is a great blessing!





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