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Considering the Works of the Lord!



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Bible School in Pohnpei

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Summary of Ministry Needs

Personnel Needs:

Missionaries
Administrative Assistants for Guam and Pohnpei
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
Information Technology (IT) for radio and media
Short-term Technician for Heidelberg GTO 52: for
repair, maintenance and calibration at Good News Press.
Please contact PMA Headquarters for job descriptions.

Infrastructure Needs:

Palau Hangar Project: With the property lease signed we
are underway to construct the hangar. For the funding of
the Palau Hangar Project, we need to raise the following:
Phase I: \$300,000.00: Raised. Phase II: \$300,000.00: Raised,
Phase III: \$200,000.00: Raised, \$200,000.00: Still needed.

Outer-island airstrip in the Philippines: The Lord has
provided land for an airstrip centrally located for easy
access to all our island stations. **\$25,000.00: Raised,**
\$50,000.00: Still needed. We thank God for His provision
of a Cessna-206 for the Philippines.

*“Every good gift and
every perfect gift is from above,
coming down from the Father of lights
with whom there is no variation
or shadow due to change.”*

James 1:17



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**PMA President
Nob Kalau**

*That my glory
may sing your praise
and not be silent.
O Lord my God,
I will give thanks
to you forever!”*

Psalm 30:12

Dear Friends,

I recently saw this quote, “No one can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending” (Unknown). I really began to think about that statement. Each day is a fresh opportunity to devote all that I do to the Lord. At PMA we want to make a difference for eternity, especially for the ending, so we begin each day asking the Lord for His guidance. As a believer in Christ, it is not about saying I will do this and I won't do that and then dropping the idea or falling short. It is more about asking the Lord to help us each day, to fall deeper and deeper in love with Him. This way our focus will be set on the things of heaven and not on all this earthly stuff.

As we share and summarize the last fiscal year in this edition of the Island Echo, pray that PMA will continuously be determined to make Christ our all and all, as we serve our island people. He wants our undivided attention in spite of the distractions and temptations that lie waiting around the corner. He has to be our main focus. Pray for us to make wise decisions, Rejoice with us as we thank God for the progress in ministry He has provided.

Pray for us to make wise decisions, **Rejoice with us** as we thank God for the progress in ministry He has provided. **Join us** as we follow the one thing of Phil. 3:13-14:

“Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

Thank you for being part of the PMA family!

Considering the Works of the Lord

A Year End Report

by Melinda R. Espinosa, CFO/Administrator

“I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will consider all Your works and meditate on all Your mighty deeds.”

In April 2018, PMA celebrates 44 years of God’s faithfulness and goodness serving in the islands of Micronesia and the Philippines! We have experienced His power, presence, protection and His never failing provision. Looking back, we can say that the Lord has carried us through the changes, the challenges, the good and the hard times. He has been true to His promises and He has never left us nor forsaken us. We are truly blessed!

We would like to share with you God’s faithfulness during the last fiscal year, July 2016 to June 2017.

PHILIPPINES

We are thankful for Pastor Marty Lumigis who re-joined PMA to serve in the Philippines as our pastoral care and development pastor. He had served as youth pastor in PMF Palau for 2 years, with a desire to continue in ministry with us should the door open, and it did!

Pastor Marty usually spends three weeks in the outer-islands, visiting our pastors and their churches for encouragement and discipleship. One week of that visit is spent holding classes with our pastors and church workers at our Patnanungan base.

Because of the isolation and the difficult life in the outer-islands, it has been hard to find pastors and workers who would stay long term to serve and minister in the outer-islands of Polillo. Hence, PMA leadership decided on raising our own pastors and workers from the faithful in the different Filipino PMF churches. At first, we sent them to Manila to train. Our pastors and workers had to travel by sea and land to go to their training center. Each training unit lasted one week per quarter and the training ran for a period of three years. Two of them successfully graduated: Pastors Jun Mandreza and Jun Tayangona. They have been ordained as pastors serving in Jomalig and Amaga, respectively.

With Pastor Marty doing the training in Patnanungan, not only would our pastors be able to attend every month, but leaders in our PMF churches would be able to do so as well. Pastor Marty started Class 101, which includes Essentials of Faith, Mission, Vision and Core Values. Ten students graduated from this course, who now are teaching a class of their own in their respective PMF Church. The next classes are on “Essentials in Christian Living”. Which would be taught in 8 modules.



Brother Bayani of PMF Jomalig built the “Evangel” and this outrigger is used to transport our pastors and workers all over Polillo!

The workers are few, and yet the Lord’s work keeps on growing. Another PMF church was birthed early February and another in June. Our present pastors are now taking care of two churches at the same time. An outreach began in June when a nearby village of Amaga asked our pastor Jun Tayangona to bring them the Word of God. So a home Bible study has begun. Pray for the Lord of the Harvest to raise more workers in the field. Otherwise, how then, can they hear without someone preaching to them? (Romans 10:14-15)

During the year, Pastor Marty and wife Dadine conducted “True Love Waits” seminars with the young people of Patnanungan and Jomalig. Both occasions were well attended. A Family Camp was also held in Patnanungan and attended by all our churches in April. The culmination of the camp was a Sunrise service celebrating Resurrection Day, communion and picnic by the seashore.

The PMA Academy’s 2017 school year for nursery and kindergarten levels ended in March with 12 children graduating (3 in nursery and 9 in Kindergarten). The moving up exercise was done on March 20 with all of the parents in attendance. Commencement speaker was Melinda sharing about the Word of God as our firm foundation. Since we started this outreach in June 1983, we have graduated 375 students. When they enter first grade, most of them do well and are already able to read and write. Most of all, they get to know Jesus as the Bible is taught to them. Many parents, even from the neighboring villages bring their children to the Academy, because of the good academic and spiritual testimonies of the graduates.

In April of 2017, the teachers were involved in Vacation Bible School which was spearheaded by Teacher Mercy – with 12 volunteer assistants from different PMF churches. This was conducted in 8 island stations: Kilogan, Visayan Village, Poblacion Patnanungan, Guinayayan, Amaga, Calutcot, Catmon and Jomalig. They travelled by land and sea, camped out in our churches or stayed in church members’ homes and ministered to 406 children in 28 days Praise the Lord!

A new church plant: PMF Guinaygayan - what a joy and encouragement they are to all of us!



Our pastors, workers and churches in the islands always look forward to the annual visit of our CEO, Nob Kalau and CFO Melinda Espinosa. In March of last year, they travelled with Pastor Marty, our medical team: Dr. John and Geneziel for the annual visit. With Poblacion Patnanungan as their base, they visited 8 island stations traveling by land and by sea with PMA's outrigger boat "Evangel". What a great time it was for sharing, talking face-to-face, fellowship and praying for one another. Sometimes staying up late in the evenings. Time became irrelevant when everyone was together. Our day started with the rooster crowing at 4 AM to get ready for the day's travel and events. One special occasion was a surprise appreciation party in honor of Melinda who by then had served PMA for 30 years. It was a great surprise to her! The children and young people presented cultural and modern dances. We enjoyed games and testimonies were shared. A real blessing to Melinda! During a two-day conference attended by all of our pastors and workers Nob shared about "Walking in the Truth" and Melinda held training on "Teaching Children Effectively". Pastors Nob and Marty presented those who completed Class 101 with their certificates of completion. It was a joyful day for everyone.

Our Bahay Kalinga Orphanage in Naujan, Mindoro Oriental, continues to reach out and help the less fortunate children in the countryside. It stands as a place of solace for children needing social protection, alternative parental care, love, attention and trusting relationships. Most of all, we are thankful that we can share the love of God to these unfortunate and abandoned children at a very young age.

This year we received a home visit from twins Matthew and Andrew who are now 15-year-old teenagers. They were adopted in 2001 by a loving family from Maine, U.S.A. It was a special visit for them, remembered by our children ... giving them hope that one day, they too would have a family of their own who would love them. Praise the Lord, the total number of children we have served to-date is 217.

"Healtikas" in Patnanungan and Jomalig, are a great help to the island people. Instead of traveling to the main island for medicines (which would include a 5-7 hour boat ride and transportation by land), islanders are able to get the needed medication on island and at a lower cost. The Healtikas not only provide medicines but other nutritional products which contribute to the well-being of a person. As the Lord provides, we plan to expand the services to other islands/villages and to include clean water supply. Many people get sick due to lack of clean drinking water, hence we will make this a priority in the next fiscal period.

This year, PMA purchased an aircraft for outer-island outreach in the Polillo area. The Cessna 206 was shipped to Yap, Federated States of Micronesia, where it will be assembled and prepared by our efficient Yap crew. We look forward to the aviation ministry revival in the Philippines. Where it needs to take 5 hours driving and 4-7 hours by boat to reach the islands where we serve, from the capital Manila, it would only take 40 minutes by air. Meanwhile, the owner of the property for the airstrip in Patnanungan has agreed to sell us 5 hectares. Please pray for the completion of aircraft project and for provision for the airstrip, as well as the preparation thereof.

Our untiring and efficient two-man medical team: Dr. John and Geneziel, continue to follow their monthly schedule. They travel by land and sea, catching the boat at all hours of the day to make it to the islands and back. At the end of our fiscal year, they were able to see 3,450 patients, performed 195 cataract surgeries, 9 major surgeries (including surgeries that need to be done in the operating room like repair of the eyeball, removal of the eyeball, and glaucoma) and 108 minor ones, such as pterygium and minor eyelid wounds. Eyeglasses dispensed reached 1,108.

It was also this year that Dr. John Escote was appointed as PMA Philippines' Officer In Charge (OIC). Dr. John started serving with us on October 1990. He could have chosen to go into private practice, but his heart was in mission service, and we thank God for calling a committed and competent man of God. His faithful service with PMA for 28 years this year is such a great blessing to our island people and to us. To God be the glory!

We thank God for Dr. John Escote - our PMA Philippines OIC. Serving faithfully for 28 years! Dr. John, performing a cataract surgery here, with Geneziel who has been his faithful assistant for 14 years.



GUAM, REPUBLIC OF PALAU, POHNPEI AND YAP, FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

PACIFIC MISSION FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

The PMF Palau church celebrated 21 years of service. The celebration reflected the past, the present, the future and PMA's vision of bringing hope and changing lives. Pastor Mike Hammond and wife Nadia with children Diana, Scott and Lester arrived in Palau in May of 2016 to begin their service as senior pastor. Church attendance and prayer groups are growing. We thank God for 10 people who followed the Lord in water baptism. The men's retreat in the island of Angaur built the bonds of friendship and drew everyone closer to the Lord. While in the island, the men also helped repair a community house. The ladies' retreat in Babeldaub was spiritually nourishing and empowering!

Memorable was the outreach to 22 Filipino fishermen who were caught fishing illegally in Palau waters. Their fishing vessel was impounded. While they were detained, PMF church members visited, provided food, shared the Gospel and held Bible studies. Praise God, 21 received the Lord – one of them was already a believer. A break-through in outer-island outreach to Angaur began in June of 2017 where a weekly Bible study is held by Pastor Mike and other members of the church. Transportation is provided by our PMA aircraft.

PMF church conducted Vacation Bible school during the summer together with a local church. The church participated in a "Walk for Jesus" together with other churches where Palau and government officials were prayed for openly. God indeed works everything for our good and His glory. With his military background, Mike formed friendship relationships with the local Civic Action Team and became their Chaplain. We thank God for the ability to reach out to U.S. military personnel.

**"Gotta Move!" VBS at PMF Pohnpei reached 160 children for the Lord!
We thank God for these harvest of souls.**

The joy of every Pastor is baptizing those who step out in faith in Jesus. Pastor Petrus baptizes a member in the beautiful ocean of Yap.



In Yap, our Pastor Petrus and wife Queen persevere in reaching out to their own people. July was a busy month for the PMF church with 2 VBS and a youth retreat. The first VBS was with the outer-island children. Pastor Petrus with a small, but dedicated team planned, prepared and implemented the program. The theme was "Following the Footsteps of Jesus." We had 65 children from ages 4-12 having a lot of fun listening to stories of Jesus, doing craft, actions songs, indoor and outdoor games. Right after the first VBS was the youth retreat, a combined effort of 4 evangelical churches in Yap. 50 youth found out who they are in Christ. On the Sunday after the retreat, all four churches had a combined worship service with the youth sharing what they had learned. Right after the youth retreat was the second VBS planned by Yap Evangelical church with PMF volunteers actively participating. The theme was "Who we are in Christ".

Witnessing baptisms is always encouraging. This time, it was all the more special as one of the 8 participants in September, was Pastor Petrus' father, Pius. Three of those who also submitted to water baptism were from the youth group. We thank God for these ones who have dedicated their lives to the Lord. Being a believer in the island is an uphill battle, but we trust that as they learn, grow and walk in the footsteps of our Lord, they will persevere. That is Pastor Petrus and Queen's prayer as they are committed in their ministry of home Bible studies, visitation, and discipleship.



PMA Pohnpei staff with Sokehs Rock in the background.



The PMF churches truly take Jesus' mandate seriously: "Let the children come to me." In PMF Pohnpei, a team of Sunday school teachers serve each Sunday with a rotating schedule for 5 different age groups and each teacher is responsible and passionate. Sunday school involves up to 150 every Sunday! Vacation Bible School for the year reached about 160 children, with 40 youth volunteers and 20 adults helping every day. The theme was "Gotta Move!" There were many decisions for the Lord with some children following the Lord in water baptism. 8 persons were baptized.

GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) is a midweek event of going through the Bible in a service and subsequent small discussion groups: men, ladies, young adults. Men, ladies and young people continue to grow in their faith as they each meet in their individual small groups during the week. We continue to pray that as each is being discipled, they themselves would disciple others to be Christ followers.

The PMF church in Guam continues to thrive with TCF partner church. Pastor Inok and Erpina press on in their fervent ministry to Chuukese families. They have visited "ranches" and homes of the families, presenting the Gospel message. The work is very challenging and one never really knows if the message is getting through, however, we know that our labor in the Lord is not in vain. After three years of ministry, the Lord encouraged us with a couple who made a decision to follow the Lord. They have been faithful since then and have even brought their grandchildren to church. It is inspiring to see how this family is growing and applying God's truth in their lives. They are also very much on fire for the Lord, so much so that they too are reaching out to their extended family.

Sea Haven crew off-loading construction materials to rebuild dispensaries destroyed in the last typhoon.



The Medical Ship M/V Sea Haven - brings love and hope to the outer-islands of Micronesia who have no docks nor airstrips.

MEDICAL SHIP, M/V SEA HAVEN

M/V Sea Haven visited 14 Chuuk outer-islands, starting off with Weno, the Halls, the Namonuitos and the Western Islands. They carried with them medicines, school furniture: desks, chairs, cabinets, white boards, book cases; books, school supplies, pallets of drinking water and construction materials to rebuild dispensaries that were destroyed by the last typhoon in 2015.

We thank God for His answers to prayers as they experienced good weather with intermittent rain, smooth sailing, healthy crew and a wonderful time in each island. Praise God for opportunities to share the Word of the Lord and His wonderful Gospel! They traveled over 1,402 nautical miles and arrived safely at their home port in Pohnpei after a month of travel.

MEDIA MINISTRIES

"So that every island may hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" is the mandate of our media ministries. The Good News Press (GNP) in Pohnpei continues to do a great service printing Church and Sunday school materials and tracts for outreach. There have been many cults invading the islands, and tracts explaining who they are and what they teach is an important tool for the island people to know and to be aware. Praise God for the ability to provide quality printing services in the island which enables PMA to generate financial support for all our on-island ministries and provide workplaces for islanders.

The Cross Radio is a valuable source of Biblical teaching for many on the island. For some Pastors, it has also become "their pastor" to equip and enable them to grow their church. It is always with great joy to hear The Cross Radio being broadcast in different stores on island and for people to call our office, asking for more information because of what they heard on the radio. This enables us to reach the community in a non-invasive way as people listen to the broadcasts in their homes and cars. We thank God for protecting the equipment therein as the island experiences power outages almost daily. Power is very expensive on the island, and the radio consumes a lot of power. Please pray for as we raise funds for a generator for our radio ministry.

AVIATION

The beginning of the fiscal year in July was an intense month of flying for our Yap island station. We flew 30,000 lbs. of food, equipment and personal items between Yap, Ulithi and Fais – still part of our assistance from the last typhoon that hit these outer-islands in 2015. Also during that month was one of the logistically more challenging flights, a medical evacuation to Palau. The hospital on Yap asked us to fly a patient to Palau for further medical treatment. We are very grateful for pleasant weather and a very reliable airplane!

The outer-islands of Yap range in a distance from 100 miles to 500 miles away. Most of these islands don't have runways and depend on a supply ship to bring food and fuel. The Yap State ship is to make regular runs to the outer-islands, but it has been down for more than a year. This has reinforced in the mind of Amos Collins, our Director of Flight Operations, how essential it is for PMA to be here to provide safe and regular transportation, food supply and medical evacuations for these isolated communities. We thank God for two pilots and three airworthy planes to provide reliable support. This has made everything run smoothly and we continue to thank God for His protection in all our flights.

In Palau, we are thankful for two pilots and two aircraft serving the outer-islands of Angaur and Peleliu. More important, is that the Lord has provided safety and protection. With the signing of a property lease at the International Airport in 2016, we have started the preparation for constructing our hangar. A key person to this project is Dick Ruckman, a Christian engineer from Alaska. He has decades of experience in hangar structures. He not only supplied us with the building, but also provided us with all the contacts to other parts of the building. Ordering of the hangar building and accessories started the beginning of the fiscal period. An American engineer in Palau has also agreed to assist us to accomplish this enormous project. The continuing rain in Palau has been a challenge in preparing the ground for the foundation. We pray that toward the second quarter of 2018 we would commence the construction of the foundation. Please pray for provision, good weather and wisdom for all concerned.

Tommy (who has been with PMA for 19 years) and Chester - from Yap and Ulithi, have learned to do cleaning and maintenance work of our aircraft.



Our Yap Team is serving with commitment as unto the Lord - in Aviation and PMF church ministries.

The signing of an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between PMA, Palau National Marine Sanctuary Office, Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Justice, in October, resulted in PMA's Amos Collins flying from Yap to Palau for marine surveillance demonstration with the Australian Navy. It was a successful demonstration, one that would be actually done by PMA toward the end of the fiscal period. Our Queen Air was repositioned from Yap for surveillance assistance with the Australian Navy and Marine Law Enforcement. Aerial photo shooting was done and Palau Patrol Boat, Japanese Fisheries Vessel, and a U.S. Coast Guard boat were all part of the action that was featured in the local newspaper. An MOU between PMA and Angaur State was signed for PMA to provide emergency medical evacuation, transportation of referral patients, sea search and rescue, and regular transportation to Angaur. Angaur graciously has waived landing fees. Our CEO, Nob Kalau and Markus travelled by boat to Kayangel to view potential runway location. We pray that this outer-island will be open for us to fly to.



Approach to Ulithi, an outer-island of Yap - thanking God for His protection through the years!

A break-through for PMA in outer-island outreach is the start of a PMF Bible study in Angaur Island in June. Pastor Mike teaches at the community center and PMF leaders take turns in this endeavor. This outreach has long been awaited. A deacon from the national church is flown to Angaur on a weekly basis as well, as he meets the needs of the local Christians.

We thank God for the opportunity that our aviation ministry is able to serve the islands of Yap, FSM and the Republic of Palau. We truly praise and thank Him for faithfully providing safety and protection for our pilots and wisdom for our mechanics to keep our aircraft safe and airworthy. We rejoice that we can continue to be part of the nation building process in the islands, provide safe and dependable transportation to and from the outer-islands, serve in areas of medical evacuations, transport of supplies, air drops of needed medicines in islands without airstrips, transport of medical staff and supplies, search and rescue operations, relief efforts and the protection of resources of the islands.

Guam HQ Office is the center for PMA administration and finance for the Philippines, Palau and Micronesia. We praise God that we once again have been accredited with Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA), attesting to PMA's dedication toward high principles of governance, finances and stewardship that are far beyond what the law requires. We pray that ECFA's accreditation will enhance the trust of our partners and supporters as they generously give to provide resources to help fulfill the Great Commission.

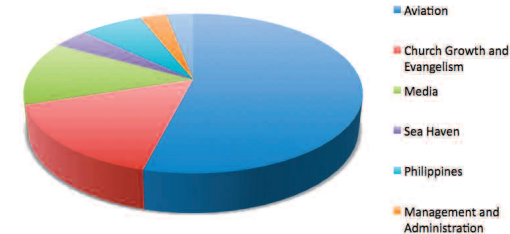
Many services performed and events that happened during the year have not all been recorded in this report. I have tried to highlight those that were more significant. We are very thankful to God for all our missionaries, staff and workers – most serve behind the scenes, but their contributions play an important role in PMA in being more effective in meeting our mission: “Demonstrating Christ’s love and compassion to all the people of Micronesia and the Philippines, meeting needs, bringing hope and sharing the Gospel” and vision of: “Bringing Hope, Changing Lives.” It is our prayer that we would let our light shine before men in such a way that they may see our good works and glorify our Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

Where would we be without YOU, our faithful partners – who pray and financially support us? We can only be as effective in what we do because you stand behind us. Thank you so very much and to God be the glory for all you have done and continue to do! May the Lord bless you more!

As we remember the last fiscal year – we know in our hearts that what was accomplished was ALL God’s doing! To Him be the glory now and forever! We have experienced the God of great wonders who can be trusted! “You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples.” (Psalm 77:14)

HOW FUNDS WERE USED IN 2017

Aviation	54%
Church Growth and Evangelism	16%
Media	13%
Sea Haven	4%
Philippines	7%
Management and Administration	3%
Fund Raising	3%
TOTAL	100%



VBS children in Pohnpei who followed the Lord in water baptism! O Happy Day!





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