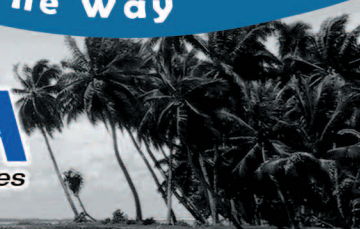


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Summary of Ministry Needs

Personnel Needs:

Missionaries
Administrative Assistant for Guam
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 Technician for Heidelberg GTO 52: for repair, maintenance and calibration at Good News Press.
Please contact PMA Headquarters for job descriptions.

Infrastructure Needs:

Hangar for Palau: We thank God we are close to completing the hangar construction. We still need to raise \$200,000.

Outer-island airstrip in the Philippines: The Lord has provided land for an airstrip centrally located for easy access to all our island stations. We still need to raise \$50,000 to complete the project.

*“You will be enriched in every way
to be generous in every way,
which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.
For the ministry of this service is not only
supplying the needs of the saints
but is also overflowing
in many thanksgivings to God.”*

2 Corinthians 9:11



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**PMA President
Nob Kalau**



Dear Friends,

Building a hangar, constructing a new airstrip, dry docking a ship, laying the foundations of a new church are all good, helpful and needed things. Days and weeks are spent traveling by sea, air and land to reach and help people in need, living on far and isolated islands. All these actions are practical, important, require hard work and are needed! Yet we are reminded daily of the main point of what PMA is all about:

“For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.” Luke 19:10

This is a two-pronged calling, on the one hand, he came to seek; on the other hand, He came to save those He found.

His mission to the lost is not passive, but a proactive and continuous one. He came to seek and save those who are lost so that that they too can have this revolutionary relationship with the all-mighty, ever-loving God of the universe.

So at PMA, we continue to join our Lord to seek and to share the message of salvation.

In this Island Echo you will read about emergencies that require skilled and wise pilots committed to the business of saving lives. You will read about our commitment within PMA's administrative office to be fiscally responsible and accurate as stewards of God's resources. You will read about an islander who took the call of God in all earnest and dedication to seek and to save his own people so that they too would experience an abundant life.

If Jesus came for the very purpose to seek and save us, shouldn't we do the same as His servants to a world that is lost and in need of His amazing salvation?

All The Way – A Year End Report

by Melinda R. Espinosa, CFO/Administrator, Headquarters

“You shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness.” Deuteronomy 8:2

What a great assurance and joy to know that God is with you and with us at PMA. As we look back, we celebrate His faithfulness for 45 years and look forward to many more years experiencing His goodness and grace!

Through the years, we have seen God provide, as our beloved founder and his wife began the first aviation ministry in Micronesia in 1974. That was the beginning – and since then, PMA has through the years, expanded its ministries in the Federated States of Micronesia (Yap and Pohnpei), Republic of Palau and the Philippines, as the Lord gave PMA a far greater vision. We have purchased 21 aircraft to serve the islands, constructed airstrips, churches, an auditorium, learning centers, youth dormitories, youth centers, clinics, and an orphanage, purchased two medical ships to serve Micronesia and two in the Philippines – all without incurring any liability. We have since sold and “retired” some of our aircraft, as well as retaining only one ship for Micronesia and one in the Philippines. God indeed has led the way and provided for all our needs. Although we may have not gone through the wilderness, the way, the journey has not always been easy. But what has remained is the unchanging ways of our Lord and His assurance of His presence!

PHILIPPINES:

We thank God for two interns from Shekinah Bible School who actively pastored two churches (Apad and Kilogan) and also assisted in other PMF church ministries with their gifts – youth training in music and children and adult outreach literacy program. Two of our senior pastors oversaw and directed their work. The Lord opened a door for ministry in Barrio Apad in Jomalig. We are so thankful for hungry hearts of men, women and children. Pastor Jun Mandreza and wife Baby started the ministry there, and Pastor Agape – our intern from Shekinah Bible school took over in pastoring this church. We celebrated one year of God’s faithfulness! Having been able to purchase a piece of property with a small building in Apad was a blessing, however, they have outgrown this place and we pray for His provision to construct a church building in the near future.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) for this year was conducted in 7 areas. Before doing this, Teacher Mercy trained the teachers and volunteers so each one could do their own VBS. For some stations, however, some teachers and volunteers from other stations assisted them. Total attendance was 455 from Amaga, Kilogan, Patnanungan, Luod, Jomalig, Apad and Guinaygayan.



What a great testimony it is when the community sees the people of God loving one another. Our PMF Patnanungan core group as well as other PMF pastors and staff, with God’s grace have the goal to love all people, build the body of Christ and disciple the faithful.



New-born believers such as this lady who came to know the Lord through the ministry of PMF at Barrio Apad, Jomalig, obey the Lord and follow Him in water baptism.

We completed the Conference Center in Patnanungan. What started as a project for an al fresco kitchen – became an expanded facility as Patnanungan is PMA's base station in the Polillo Islands. This is where Pastor Marty holds his teaching ministry with all our pastors/workers every month as we have room to house everyone. This is also where the pastors/workers conduct their monthly meeting and prayer time. Time together is always important – iron sharpening iron, sharing one another's burden and encouraging one another to press on!

We continue to minister to local policemen in Jomalig and Patnanungan for values training as well as supporting and teaching those who are undergoing drug abuse rehabilitation – great services to the community recognized by the local governments.

At present we have churches in Amaga, Apad, Calutcot, Catmon, Guinayagan, Jomalig, Kilogan and Patnanungan Bayan. For some of our churches, one pastor takes care of two congregations. There are just not enough workers in the field. We still are in great need for missionary pastors/workers willing to serve in the islands. Life there is not easy, but we know the reward from the Lord is out of this world! Please pray with us for our Lord to raise more workers in the field who are committed, capable, Christ-centered and persevering.

PMA ACADEMY in Patnanungan Bayan, continues to be a beacon of light and learning as more and more parents see the value of having their children trained early in God's Word and be grounded in good manners and right conduct. For the school year, we have graduated 24 children which means influencing 24 households in the community.

MEDICAL OUTREACH: Our two-man medical team of Dr. John Escote (who was also installed as Officer-In-Charge for the Philippines during the year) and Geneziel Tandoc are untiring and passionate about what they do. We thank God for traveling mercies and safety as they travel by land and sea. They have monthly clinics at Magsaysay Hospital in Lopez, Quezon, monthly medical outreaches in PMA stations of the Polillo Island Group and they visit and hold clinics twice a month at our Surgi-Center at our Bahay Kalinga Orphanage complex in Naujan, Mindoro. They were able to examine 3,617 patients; Cataract surgeries performed were 207; other major surgeries – 12; other minor surgeries – 117; and eyeglasses dispensed totaled 1,267.

Our BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE in Naujan, Mindoro Oriental celebrated 27 years of serving and caring for children abandoned to poverty and desperation. Total children served so far have been 220; we have provided temporary shelter to 195 children; assisted and prepared 25 children for adoption and transferred three to other care facilities where their needs could be best met. We thank God that we continue to be accredited as a residential-based program and service facility for children by the Department of Social Welfare and Development!



Melinda from Guam HQ with our Philippine Staff - It is always a joy to meet, share, plan and pray: Sitting: Melinda and Dr. John Escote, OIC Philippines, L-R Standing: Bryan Bantucan, PMF Patnanungan, Pastor Jun Tayangona (PMF Amaga and Calutcot), Pastor Marty Lumigis (Pastoral Care and Development), Pastor Jun Mandreza (PMF Jomalig and Apad), Hardy Manlogon (Interim PMF Kilogan), Geneziel Tandoc, Medical Assistant, and Cesar Foster, PMF Catmon.

PMA Germany's administrator Matthias Keppler and missionary Sabine Musselwhite accompanied Nob and Melinda in visiting the Philippines. They attended the conference for all our Polillo workers and visited the stations of Catmon, Amaga, (also visited the Village of Luod), Guinayagan, Jomalig and Apad. Patnanungan was our base. They also accompanied us when we visited our Orphanage in Naujan. This enabled both of them to get to know PMA Philippines ministry and staff. These visits are always anticipated by our staff as they bring encouragement and enhance closer relationships one with another.



We are thankful for our Naujan, Mindoro Station with the Orphanage and a Surgi-Center, equipped to serve the community not only in Naujan but all over Mindoro and beyond, with the care of abandoned, neglected and abused children and cataract and other minor surgeries.

GUAM, MICRONESIA AND PALAU

AVIATION. Our aviation ministry continues to faithfully serve in Yap and Palau and support PMF churches in outreaches to Angaur, Palau and Ulithi and Fais in Yap. The “Rice runs” in Yap enabled PMA to purchase emergency beacons with protective pelican cases for distribution to each outer-island (please refer to Island Echoes issue fourth quarter 2018), and at the same time provide needed rice to the islands free of freight costs. These emergency beacons are life savers when fishermen are lost at sea. We thank God for His protection and safety as our pilots fly over great distances of water and unpredictable weather. We also give thanks to our mechanics (who most of the time are our pilots as well) for the wisdom and ability the Lord has given them to keep our aircraft safe. PMA introduced an internship program in Palau, for pilots who have low flight hours to serve with PMA and build up their hours. This has been the Lord’s way of providing us needed manpower in the aviation area. We thank God for those who have served with us – they have been a great support as they also served in our PMF church. We started the construction of the Palau hangar the beginning of the fiscal period. Construction was delayed because of too much rain – the soil was not ready enough to begin building. However, the Lord’s timing is always right –the containers of materials arrived on time and the construction steadily went underway.

THE CROSS RADIO in Pohnpei continues to broadcast God’s Word and is a valuable source of Biblical teaching for many on the island. For some pastors, it has become their pastor as well, teaching and equipping them to enable them to rightly divide the Word of God and to teach and grow their congregation. Power outages have been experienced all throughout this year, and we thank God for protecting all our equipment. Power is expensive and we are saving for a generator so that the radio can continue to broadcast 24 hours, 7 days a week without interruption. Would you pray for the Lord to provide the funds to do this?

Our **GOOD NEWS PRESS** keeps providing support for our local workers and staff as well as the ministries in the island of Pohnpei. We support the local churches in the publication of their Dema (a year round teaching and reading schedule guide for pastors), printed tracts on cults in English and translated into the local language. PMA ministries are also supported for our printing needs.

The **MEDICAL SHIP SEA HAVEN.** The Sea Haven has had to undergo various repairs and replacement of equipment, generator overhaul and new radar and anchor. These were purchased at the end of the first semester of the fiscal year. We thank God for His provision. An outreach was done during the first semester of the following fiscal year.

Team Pohnpei: Standing L-R: Inoki Romolow, Sylvia Kalau, Raynold Jack, Nob Kalau (PMA CEO), Esther Petrus. Seated L - R Paiden Amaraich, Markes Liwy, Apsalim Haimin. Sabine Musselwhite (not pictured) on home leave.



TEAM YAP: Standing L-R: Simon Hämmerling, Director of Maintenance; Pastor Petrus and Queen Haleyalgiy, Heidi and Amos Collins, Director of Flight Operations, Dave, Grace and daughter, Rejoice Gaan, Juliana Adgil, Paul Regmar, Charlotte Hudson, Chester Pongol and Tommy Gorong, Children sitting: Bethany, PJ, JP and Caleb Haleyalgil, Tommy, Raina, Honora and Theo Collins.

TEAM PALAU: L-R: Monet Borromeo, Catherine Claveria, Prisca and Markus Klassen (Aviation Manager for Palau) and children: Sky, Airo and Tahi, Stephen Newton, Joshua and CJ Misajon.



PMF CHURCHES continue to be the heart of all we do – to bring hope through the great message of salvation, loving all people – enabling anyone to come and know the Lord Jesus Christ, and building the Body of Christ – in teaching, discipling children, youth and adults. The challenge for us is to find missionary pastors to serve in the islands – at present, we do not have pastors for Palau and Guam. We are thankful for the elders and church leaders who have taken the baton and are running the race with faith, diligence and perseverance so that each person would know Him and be equipped to make Him known as well.

GUAM HQ is the center of PMA’s finance and administration for the Federated States of Micronesia, Palau and the Philippines. We are thankful for God’s grace and strength as we make sure that we are accountable to God and man as we undergo internal and external audits as well as continue to be accredited with the Evangelical for Financial Accountability (ECFA) since 1987. By the Lord’s grace, we are thankful that we are openly committed to high standards of integrity.

The fiscal year brought with it so many challenges, there were heartaches, joys and triumphs – many answered prayers! We still have many needs – personnel, completion of the Palau Hangar, the Philippine airstrip, as well as the construction of at least 4 churches and parsonages in the Philippines. However, the God who called Ed and Elizabeth Kalau and supplied all the needs of PMA since 1974 is the same God we worship and honor today – He is our Jehovah Jireh! We can trust Him! Our founder often said that the work of the ministry is not the work of only one man or woman. It is the team work of men and women called by God and dedicated to serve Him together in edifying, encouraging relationship, building one another in love so that we may be able to serve Him with joy and courage. I praise Him for what He has accomplished in and through the lives of faithful men and women who serve Him through PMA. We are thankful to all our partners and supporters who have faithfully been His channels of blessings. Indeed, our Lord knows the way through the wilderness, and all that is required of us is to follow Him. “Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow”, as the hymn goes is ours – and all that is required of us is to follow Him.

*“Oh, how abundant is your goodness,
which you have stored up
for those who fear you and worked
for those who take refuge in you,
in the sight of the children of mankind!”*

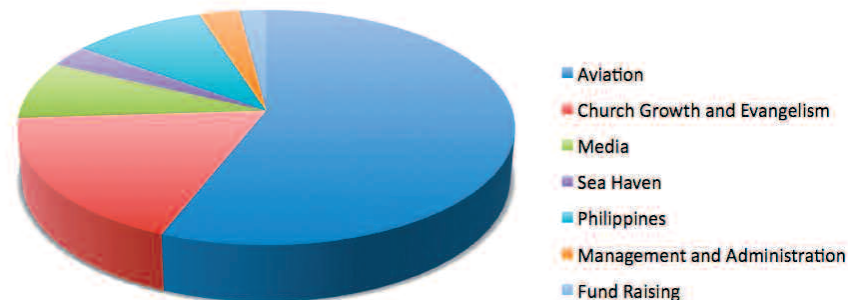
Psalm 31:19



TEAM GUAM: Sitting L-R Wai Ma Yi, Tez Cuenco, Richelle Caasi, Standing: Melinda Espinosa, CFO/Administrator

How Funds were used in 2018:

Aviation	56 %
Church Growth and Evangelism	18 %
Media	8 %
Sea Haven	3 %
Philippines	10 %
Management and Administration	3 %
Fund Raising	2 %



Shark Attack!

by Simon Hämmerling, Director for Aviation Maintenance

One early morning in January, PMA received a call about a young man who was attacked by a shark on the remote island of Satawal and needed an emergency medical evacuation. Jake had been fishing with several other boys when he noticed a shark about to attack a younger boy. Jake bravely swam in the way and was himself bitten by the shark. His injuries required medical attention, and the small dispensary on the island was unable to provide him with the care he required. Satawal has no runway, so the National Government planned to send a boat to bring the patient to the nearest island with a runway: Woleai (which is approximately 200 nautical miles west from Satawal). While preparing the medevac, it became known that two other patients in Woleai required urgent medical care as well: an elderly woman hemorrhaging and a woman in the late stages of pregnancy facing serious complications. In conjunction with the hospital in Yap, we quickly began planning the medevac for these three patients.

Flying into Woleai is always an adventure. The runway runs through a taro patch and, over time, has dipped halfway down the runway. A few hours of heavy rain can flood the runway, rendering it unusable. Because the boat carrying the shark attack victim would not arrive at Woleai until the very early morning hours, the plan was for me to fly to Woleai the afternoon before and spend the night on the atoll. This would allow us to leave at dawn of the morning the patient arrived. However, this plan was also contingent on the runway in Woleai remaining dry so that I would be able to take off.

It is approximately a two-hour flight over the Pacific Ocean from Yap main island to Woleai. Often, these flights are beautiful – sunny with blue skies – and below, tiny islands intermittently dotting the vast ocean. However, my flight the afternoon of the medevac was cloudy and we were dodging local rain showers for the entire two hours. This did not bode well for our chances of making a return flight the next morning. Just before the Woleai Atoll came in sight, we double-checked again with our agents on the ground that the runway was still dry – which it was. After we secured the aircraft for the night I was fed well and had a wonderful time catching up with old friends; however, in the back of my mind I was thinking about the runway condition. I was comfortably housed in our agent's house for the night, but I didn't get much actual sleep until midnight. From my arrival and throughout the night, there were intermittent rain showers accompanied by heavy winds – it rained at least 20 minutes out of each hour. I prayed for the patients and for the runway to remain usable in spite of the downpours. Around midnight, I stopped looking outside and was able to say: "One way or the other – Jesus is in control". Five o'clock the next morning, I got up to wait for the arrival of the boat. We saw the boat in the distance but the captain wanted to wait for dawn to bring the patient to shore. Clear visibility is needed when you navigate a little boat through the reef. The patients still needed to be stabilized before we were able to depart.

After getting to know my patients and checking to see what I needed to watch for, I went to the airfield and was happy to see that the runway was still open.

Around 9 am, the patients were finally securely settled in the plane. God blessed us with a safe departure and bumpy yet safe flight back to Yap. Due to the patient's late term pregnancy, I had to fly at a low altitude during the return flight, which can be uncomfortable but safer for the pregnant patient.

Upon our arrival, the ambulance in Yap was already waiting to transport the patients to the local hospital, where they received the medical attention they required. The shark attack wounds were treated, a baby was safely delivered. Sadly, due to complications, the baby died after two weeks. We are thankful that the mother survived the ordeal. It is still worth everything - the insecurity and loss of sleep in not knowing whether we would be able to get out of Woleai the night before, the stress of transporting patients in critical condition over 380 nautical miles of Pacific Ocean, we can thank God for enabling us to be available for emergencies such as these.

We always try to follow up with patients we have flown on medevacs by visiting them at the hospital. This is a great way of building relationships and sharing the love of Jesus on a more personal level. Being able to demonstrate God's love to the islands through this medevac service is truly an honor. Thank you for your prayers and support which make medevacs like this possible.



Thanking God for the ability to make a difference in the lives of our island people through emergency aviation services.



A Tribute to a Faithful Brother and Servant

by Nob Kalau, President/CEO

My relationship with Edwin began in 1991. As a student he was attending Pacific Island Bible College on the island of Chuuk where he heard about the ministry of the Sea Haven. Growing up on the small atoll of Puluwat in the Western Islands of Chuuk, Edwin had seen the great need his island people had for medical and disaster relief and most importantly to hear the good news of Jesus Christ. So Edwin wrote to me, introducing himself and sharing his passion to help his people. I encouraged him to finish Bible school and then apply to PMA Sea Haven ministry.

In 1993 Edwin joined me in Cairns, Australia, where we re-built an oil rig supply vessel into a medical ship at a Cairns, Australia shipyard. Welding, grinding, painting, converting and rebuilding, Edwin worked so very hard. His waist size went from 44 to 34 all due to hard work. We learned a lot together about life and the vessel as we finished and sailed the rebuilt ship back to Micronesia. Edwin was my right hand man. He was a part of our family and like a second dad to our three children who grew up on the Sea Haven. He was on every tour of the ship. He had the local knowledge of navigating through many of the tight channels and reefs of the atolls. He was an excellent fisherman and kept our ship freezer full of reef and palagic fish.

Edwin married a strong Christian girl that he met at Bible College. Together he and Inoki had 3 sons and served with PMA on the island of Pohnpei.



At our mission station in Pohnpei, where the Sea Haven is based, Edwin took care of PMA maintenance and led a crew of 3-5 men. He was always reliable and helpful, a man of integrity. He served as one of the elders in our church. When the ship went out on a tour Edwin was the Chief Executive Officer. A man of many talents. He ran the shuttle boat from ship to shore as patients came aboard Sea Haven for medical help. He subbed as a dental hygienist whenever needed in the dental clinic. On land he shared the gospel in his outer island language and always had a great rapport with the people we served.

At the end of 2018 Edwin, went to meet the Lord after 26 years of faithful unwavering, selfless service to the Lord. It was much too early for all of us at PMA and in his absence today, there is a big void in our team. We miss him and need him, but acknowledge the fact that God is in control and has a bigger plan that we cannot see. There are not many like Eddie, so willing and eager to serve and dedicate their life to full-time service. Well done good and faithful servant. Welcome to your real home, Eddie! Enter into the joy of the Lord.

Now as Inoki grieves the loss of her soul mate, she faithfully continues to serve with PMA and PMF church. Her self-sacrificing devotion is a reflection of the life of her husband. Such precious servants of the Lord, eternal treasures to any ministry.

“Those who go down to the sea in ships, who do business on great waters, they see the works of the Lord, and His wonders in the deep.” Psalm 107:23

Eddie and Inoki with their three sons: Norton, Collin and Eli. Each of the three boys have accompanied their dad on many outreach voyages of M/V Sea Haven.





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