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PMA's aircraft bringing
needed help to the outer-
islands.

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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:

Palau Aviation Hangar: We are working on the inside of
the building. We still need to complete first floor electrical,
paint the walls, and install flooring. On the second floor,
80% of the walls are up, with wiring installed, 90 % of the
ceiling installed. The metal fabrication of the stairs is nearly
complete and the stairs are functional. Installation of doors
are also being worked on. There are many small projects
that a short-term missionary can help us with. We still need
\$100,000 to complete the Project.

Outer-island airstrip in the Philippines: We need to prepare
the land and put up a fence in accordance with the Civil
Aeronautics Authority. Please pray that we can begin this.
We need about \$50,000 for all these.

*“And God is able to bless you abundantly,
so that in all things at all times,
having all that you need,
you will abound in every good work.”*

2 Corinthians 9:8



**PMA President
Nob Kalau**

Dear Mission Friends,

*“He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich
store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear
of the Lord is the key to this treasure.”* Isaiah 13:6

What a great assurance to know that when we choose
our Lord as our sure foundation, no matter what may
come, what we may experience, we know that He will
always be with us and is in control. The Word of God
says that, *“Unless the LORD builds the house, its
builders labor in vain.”* (Psalm 127:1). At PMA we do
not forget that. He is the only reason why we are able
to be steadfast in the mission and vision He has called
us to.

In this issue of Island Echoes – as we celebrate 46
years of His faithfulness, we look back at the fiscal year
and remember what He has done in Guam, Pohnpei
and Yap, Federated States of Micronesia, Palau and the
Philippines. It is amazing how He has used us ordinary
people to reach the islands for Him. We also thank
God as He called a family to serve by using our pilot
internship program in Palau.

We also give thanks to God for you dear partners who
have faithfully stood with us through the years. Thank
you and may God bless you and your family
abundantly!

As we face another year, we keep on trusting our Lord,
our firm foundation to carry us through and
accomplish great and mighty things, more than we can
think or imagine. To Him be the glory!

Nob Kalau
President



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Pressing On!

End of Fiscal Period Report (July 2018 – June 2019)

by Melinda R. Espinosa, CFO/Administrator

“I’m pressing on the upward way, new heights I’m gaining every day; Still praying as I onward bound, ‘Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.’” By Johnson Oatman Jr.

We thank God for another year He has given us; 46 years of experiencing His faithfulness, goodness, grace and provision. The hymn quoted above is one of my favorite hymns. It encourages me to move upward and forward – what the Lord wants us to do as we pursue excellence, living a life worthy of Him, pleasing Him in every way, bearing fruit in every good work and growing in His knowledge. As PMA moves forward, we do accept trials, challenges and problems that may come our way. But this does not stop us from pressing on and pursuing what God has called us to do as a mission, and that is “Loving all people, Building the Body of Christ and Discipling the Faithful”, as we endeavor to know Him and to make Him known to all we serve in Word and in deed – and this only by God’s grace and strength!

PHILIPPINES. We thank God for the inroads in the Polillo island groups where our churches are growing. Our PMF (Pacific Mission Fellowship) church in Apad, led by our intern pastor Davidson Varon, is growing by leaps and bounds and the present building (which used to be a home) can no longer accommodate everyone. The children have to hold their activities outside and when it rains, this becomes a problem. The Lord enabled us to purchase adjacent properties, the latest of which was one which the owner was not willing to sell. But God has softened the heart of the family and so we have 4 parcels of land of 100 sq.m. each which would be 400 sq. m. where we can construct a church, activity center and a parsonage. Please pray for the Lord to provide for the needs of this church.

Meanwhile, our PMF Guinaygay church has yet again suffered hits from two typhoons. But the spirit of the congregation has not dampened, they got together to fix the roof and the walls of the church and just celebrated 3 years of the founding of the church. Our Patnanungan PMF church team continues to assist our intern pastor John Mark Estillore as he serves the people with all his might. We have now acquired a 3,566 sq. m. . property in this area, and now would be ready to construct a church building, activity area and a parsonage. Please pray for the Lord’s provision.

Our PMF church in Amaga, led by Pastor Jun Tayangona and wife Gemma, praises God for the improvement in their village. They have more public school buildings and street lights, enabling them to do home visitations in the evening and open home Bible studies. The PMF church is respected in the village as they faithfully live out their Christian values. There is growth in the young people’s ministry and this gives joy to Pastor Jun as they are the hope for the next generation. We thank God for 12 years of ministry in the island!

A neighboring island, where our PMF Calutcot is located, still does not have a pastor. The former pastor could not handle the isolation and decided to leave the ministry. This left Pastor Jun with the extra responsibility of visiting this island once a week to minister to the families there. This of course, has been quite a challenge for him and his wife as it takes about an hour to go there by small boat (banca) when the seas are not rough. We do need a full time pastor for this church and we pray that the Lord would raise someone who is committed and dedicated to Him and has the determination to reach this island for Christ, despite the isolation.

Our PMF church in Jomalig, led by Pastor Jun Mandreza and wife Arlene, thank God for His protection and wisdom in the ministry. Pastor Jun has been asked to facilitate the SIPAG (“Simula ng Pagbabago” – Start of Change) program for former drug addicts in the area and has been able to share with the local Philippine National Police the message of the Gospel. With the High School near the church, Pastor Jun and his team continue to reach out to the young people. PMF Jomalig celebrated 16 years of service in the island. Pastor Jun and the leaders of PMF Jomalig have also been taking care of PMF Apad until it had an intern pastor. Apad celebrated 2 years of their church plant. It has not always been easy traveling to Apad with dirt roads becoming so muddy during the rainy season. But their desire was to share with the people in Apad who are hungry for His Word. The result: a growing church!

PMF Kilogan has been serving in the area for 22 years, with ups and downs due to the absence of pastors for intermittent periods. However, because of a handful of faithful believers, the church continues to persevere. At present, intern pastor Dean H. Pamalison leads the congregation emphasizing in prayer and teaching from the Word of God. He has been reaching out to the neighborhood with home visitations and was even given a chance to minister regularly with the local government leaders, and the nearby Elementary school. Our prayer is that the Lord would raise a full time pastor for this church.

PMF Church in Poblacion Patnanungan celebrated 22 years of God’s faithfulness and goodness. They press on to share the Gospel and message of hope to everyone.



We thank God for the way the Lord has been using and blessing PMF Poblacion Patnanungan church and for the 22 years of His faithfulness! Small group home Bible studies are ongoing during the week. The church led by Bro. Bryan and wife Fretzel and the leadership team continue to work together, planning and implementing programs. Bro. Bryan has been actively involved in the moral recovery program for the police officers – a program implemented by the government with the help of the local church, training each one with the Word of God. We believe that His Word transforms lives – and will accomplish changes in the lives of those who diligently apply them in their lives. What a great ministry this is to be part of! Brother Bryan praises God for being chosen to be trained in Standard First Aid and Standard Life support training to assist the local government during disasters and be part of the first Working Group and Advisory Council with fellow municipal peace councils. The church has also been ably assisting the ministry in Guinaygayán – traveling there by motorcycles through difficult, dangerous roads, dusty and muddy, and at times walking – just to be a blessing to our church there. This is the Spirit of team work and encouragement and we give praise to the Lord for this.

We had a setback in one of our church plant (PMF Catmon) as the worker there suffered health problems and made a difficult decision of resigning from his assignment. As of this writing, we still do not have a worker in this area and we are praying for the Lord to provide a church planter who is called by God and has the dedication and steadfastness to persevere despite trials and hardships.

Reaching people in the islands is not an easy task. One can easily be discouraged by the isolation, and the difficult life-style (accessibility of amenities we take for granted like water, power, food, means of travel – the lack thereof could be sources of frustration). It takes people who are called by God, committed and Christ-centered to make it as they focus on the Lord and His mission and not on their situation. Please pray for our mission staff, that they would be steadfast and immovable, always abounding in the works of the Lord, knowing that their work is not in vain in Him.

Pastor Marty Lumigis continues to over-see the pastors/workers of our PMF churches. Every month they meet at our base: Poblacion Patnanungan for a 5–day training/teaching on Bible Doctrine, church management and administration, evangelism and church growth. It is a great time for all our pastors/workers who are separated by the vast ocean to come together: to learn, pray for one another and be encouraged by one another’s testimony and presence. He goes around visiting our churches, observing, encouraging, mentoring and building up our pastors and workers. We are so thankful for his wife Dadine, who supports him in his ministry and accompanies him to the islands for special activities in our churches such as Family retreat, Vacation Bible School and Couple’s/Youth outreach.

During the summer break, our churches held Vacation Bible School in Kilogan, Patnanungan, Guinaygayán, Amaga, Apad and Jomalig with a total of 364 children in attendance. The theme was “Secure in God’s Protection” taken from Psalm 46:1 “*God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.*”

This was exactly what our island children and families needed as several tropical storms “visited” the islands during the period. We are thankful that God indeed is our Shelter and a present Help and Refuge in times of trouble!

Our PMA Learning Academy presses on to reach and teach children from Nursery to Kindergarten 1 and 2 – graduating 30 children this year – totaling 429 children taught and trained since the Academy started operations in 2003. The speaker for this year’s graduation just passed the Criminology Board examination given by the Philippine government. He was one of the graduates of 2003 (the first batch of students). Mercy Sulad, the Head teacher, praises God for their work is bearing fruit in the lives of the children they have taught, not only academically, but especially spiritually as the children continue to grow in the knowledge and wisdom of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Our Bahay Kalinga (BK) Orphanage in Naujan Mindoro has been a safe refuge of children abandoned to poverty, parental desertion and neglect. We thank God for 247 children served thus far since we started the ministry in 1991- 28 years of loving service, providing 222 children temporary shelter with a home until a responsible family member could care for them. For those who do not have anyone, they become our ward after a long process and we have been able to prepare 25 children for adoption finding good loving homes for them in the Philippines, U.S., Europe, and Australia. We thank God for the leadership of Jeny Gutierrez and the sacrificial love of our social worker and caregivers who truly provide unconditional love to our children. We also praise God that the BK continues to receive affirmation from the Department of Social Welfare as accredited residential-based program and facility for the children in our care.

Bahay Kalinga (BK) House of Love in Naujan, Mindoro Oriental, is a home where children in need can find love, security and care. We thank God for BK!



Our medical team composed of Doctor John Escote and Geneziel Tandoc serve in two clinics: one in Magsaysay Hospital in Lopez Quezon where they served 1,408 patients and at our Surgi-Center in Naujan, Mindoro, located in our BK Orphanage compound where 1,714 patients were served. They also visited our Polillo island stations and were able to minister to 385 patients – a total of 3,507 patients for the year. Cataract surgeries done were 238; other major surgeries 7; minor surgeries 28 and eyeglasses distributed were 1,135.

Once again CEO Nob Kalau and CFO Melinda Espinosa made their annual visit to the Philippines and together with Dr. John Escote, Pastor Marty and Geneziel traveled to Real, Quezon, where we took a small boat to Patnanungan. We visited our 4 stations: Kilogan, Catmon, Guinayayan and SM village by land – riding motorcycles, then to Amaga and Calutcot, Jomalig via our small banca the “Evangel” and again by land from Jomalig to Apad via motorcycles. It took us 3 days to visit all the stations – it was exhausting, in extreme heat, over very rough terrain, and somewhat rough seas, but it made us experience what our pastors/workers experienced as they traveled to and from their island/village of ministry. What was rewarding was the joyful welcome we received from our PMF congregation and their generosity as they prepared sumptuous meals for us. Each evening, we met with all our pastors and workers for a teaching series with Nob Kalau sharing about “Disciple Making”. As usual Doctor John translated. Nob and Melinda met with all our staff individually and as a whole group listening, sharing, encouraging and praying together. It was a great and refreshing time for everyone!

PMF Pohnpei in Micronesia is a home for islanders no matter what island they come from. A place of love, worship, prayer, fellowship, joy and where everyone is growing together in Christ by His wisdom and grace.



PMA Aircraft brings solace to the islands. One of the greatest comfort a family has is to bring their love ones back to their home island to be laid to rest.

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AVIATION. How thankful we are for the Lord’s protection throughout the year – as our pilots flew a total of 839.7 hours – 415.8 hours in Yap and 423.9 hours in Palau. We do not take for granted the watch care of our Lord over these flights as these are flown over ocean with unpredictable weather. We thank God for our mechanics, some of whom are pilots as well, who care for our aircraft and maintain them with utmost care. We praise God that we can continue to provide reliable, safe and timely transportation to the outer-islands and always be available for medical evacuations, transport of food and supplies, surveillance, search and rescue operations when needed. Our aviation services also provide support for our outreach to Angaur, an outer-island of Palau, PMF church in Yap and the outreaches to the outer-islands of Ulithi and Fais. Total non-revenue flights for the period was 222.45 hrs. or 26% of total flights which cost the mission \$132,534. Rice delivery to the outer-island of Yap continues – with a cost to PMA of \$51,443 for the period. We are thankful that the proceeds are used for the purchase emergency beacons to outer-islanders. We have given away 35 to the outer-islands and 6 to mainland Yap, each with a pelican case. The internship program in Palau has been a blessing to PMA, as it provided us with added manpower. During the period, we had two interns who served with us and one stayed on to serve full time. Thank you Lord! The construction of the Palau hangar is ongoing, however, the progress continues to be delayed by weather, scheduling of construction crew, and waiting for materials to arrive the island. We are happy to say that at the end of the period, the 100’ by 25’ massive hangar door (donated by HP doors) has been installed. This is specially designed to withstand 175 mph winds, beefed up this would be 45,000 lbs. The door was assembled on the hangar floor and then lifted into place with two cranes. Praise God everything worked out and no one got hurt!

The Hangar in Palau is coming up slowly but surely. We thank God for all who have put in their effort in the construction and those who gave to make this happen. We are trusting God that this project will be completed soon!



THE CROSS RADIO. We continue to broadcast God's Word over the FM frequency in Pohnpei. "We love the music, the teaching programs are inspiring, encouraging and teach us the Word of God which help us in our daily life..." is the feedback from listeners of The Cross Radio which broadcasts 24/7. Indeed, faith comes by hearing and hearing the Word of God! We thank God the National Telecom Co. who approached us about using our radio tower to install antennas for their cell phone service in our area of the island. In return, PMA would get to hookup to fiber optic as well as plug into Telecom's generator during our frequent power outages to keep the radio on the air. This is a good offer for us and one that will improve our radio ministry. A great way for a loving God to show us that He knows our needs and provides!

Training a child in the fear and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the goals of PMF Church's Sunday School. We thank God for the assurance of His Word that as we faithfully teach the Bible, this will not return void but will accomplish the purpose and will succeed in the thing it was sent – spiritual growth.



Great is our God! This is the testimony of PMF Palau church as they continue to grow and be a blessing to one another and to the people around them.

GOOD NEWS PRESS (GNP). Year in, year out – the Good News Press continues to serve the island with quality printing. Our clients are from the private and government sectors and we thank God for being able to provide their printing needs, and importantly, through the user charges we are able to support the needs of the mission in Pohnpei by providing support to local workers and ministries. We also support the printing needs of our other mission stations like Palau and Yap, as well as the local churches in the publication of their teaching and reading guide for their pastors, and print tracts on cults in the local languages. One of the challenges of GNP is finding someone who can fix our equipment and copiers. One of our Heidelberg presses is giving us a problem and needs to be repaired. Please pray for the Lord to send someone who can help us in this area.

THE MEDICAL SHIP, SEA HAVEN. The repair and maintenance of the ship was ongoing the whole year. At the beginning of the period, the Sea Haven set sail to the Halls Islands: Onan and Ulul, and to Puluwat Islands. Traveling approximately 1,300 nautical miles, they delivered supplies for two cell sites to be set up on these islands and on Puluwat. A cell site was to be set up near the High School. Ten of the Telecom workers stayed behind to work on the project. It was during this trip that Edwin Romolow, Sea Haven's Chief Executive Officer developed a skin infection – not knowing that this would ultimately poison his system and lead to an untimely death. How we truly miss him and yet we know he is now with the Lord. His wife Inoki continues to faithfully serve with us at the Field Office.

PACIFIC MISSION FELLOWSHIP (PMF) CHURCHES. The PMF Churches are the heart of ALL we do! Our Founder Ed Kalau said about our aviation, media, orphanage, outreach to children, medical ship: "Anyone can do that – but it becomes more meaningful when all is done with eternity in view". Hence the planting of churches in the islands where we serve is very vital. It is here that people are disciplined to know Christ – that they may be able to make Him known. You see, we can only share with others what we have.



PMF Yap Church ministers to the outer-islanders in mainland Yap, as well as the outer-islands for Christ!

PMF Pohnpei continues to be strong by God’s grace – reaching out to all ages and all walks of life, not only growing in number, but its members are growing in the knowledge of the Lord and being able to themselves share with others. During the period, we lost two of our elders as they went home to be with the Lord. Pastor Nob Kalau continues to disciple men and the Lord is growing them. We pray for more men to take the lead in church.

PMF Palau’s Senior Pastor made a hard decision to leave at the beginning of the fiscal period because of health reasons, and since then, we have had no pastor for the church. We have challenged people and prayed and the Lord seemed to see fit not to raise someone yet. We wait for His timing and provision. God’s Word says that it is not by might, nor by power, but by His Spirit – and our Elders have stepped in and by His grace and mercy, the church has continued to flourish.

PMF Yap’s Senior Pastor Petrus has been discipling men to assist him in the growing ministry, not only in mainland Yap, but also in the outer-islands of Ulithi and Fais. Outreach to his home island in Woleai has been done by remote: sending teaching and his sermon tapes to our small group there. His desire was to bring his family for ministry during the summer (as they had done previously), however, the inter-island ship was sent for dry dock and was not available.

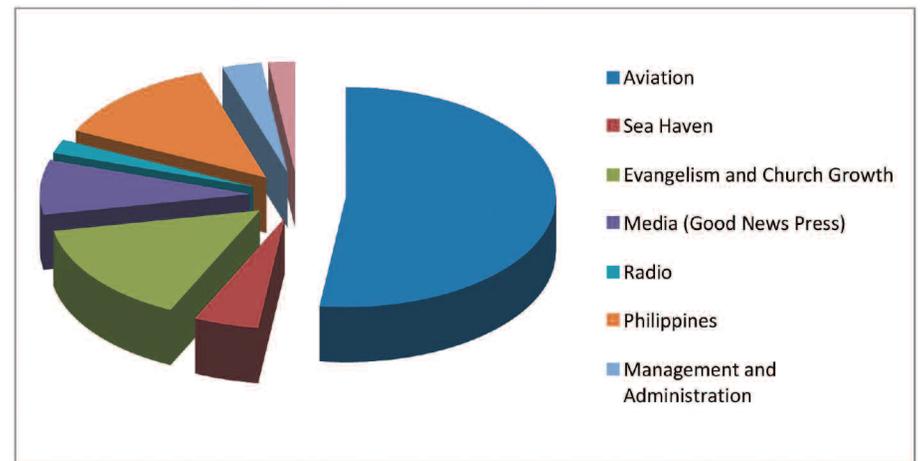
PMF Guam continues to be a partner of a local church with PMA in charge of children’s ministry. It has been a very fulfilling role as we see children coming to know the Lord and growing in Him.

GUAM HEADQUARTERS. We thank God for continuing to be accountable to God and man as we pursue excellence in the finance and administration of our mission stations in the Federated States of Micronesia, Palau and the Philippines. Once again, we have been accredited by the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA) as we adhered to their seven standards of responsible stewardship. As part of this accountability and stewardship, we continue to undergo internal audit and review by an external auditor.

Someone once said that when a worship service is well attended, the pastor is famous, however, when a prayer meeting is well attended, the Lord is popular. Prayer has always been an integral part of PMA/PMF’s being. We understand that we are a faith mission and that our dependence on the Lord is part and parcel of who we are. We have experienced His provision and answers to many prayers that sometimes would seem impossible. Indeed, we move forward on our knees! A great part of His answers to prayers are you dear prayer warriors, supporters and partners. Your faith in Him and in us, His Word and promises that never fail have enabled each of us in PMA/PMF to press on to Higher Ground!

**How Funds were Used
July 2018 - June 2019**

Aviation	52 %
Sea Haven	5 %
Evangelism and Church Growth	15 %
Media (Good News Press)	8 %
Radio	2 %
Philippines	13 %
Management and Administration	3 %
Fund Raising	2 %
Total	<u>100 %</u>



With God – All Things are Possible

by Brock and Rachel Welge, PMA Palau Aviation Missionary

Now that we are serving with Pacific Mission Aviation here in Palau, I started thinking about the amazing story of how God brought us here. You see, I was a flight analyst at Boeing flying on 787 and 777 and designing the new 777-9. I had a great job that most people dream of and retire from. About three years ago, God gave me an unshakable desire to start flying small aircraft again. I had received my pilot's licenses when I was 17, but had not flown regularly for 15 plus years. It was through my Egyptian, non-Christian friend that I learned about Mission Aviation Training Academy (MATA) in Arlington, Washington. After a couple weeks of wrestling with God, and asking if this was really what He wanted, I decided to pay MATA a visit. From the moment I walked in the door, I knew that was where I was supposed to continue my flight training.

In the summer of 2019, just before I took my commercial check-ride, Amos Collins, the Chief Pilot for PMA in Yap and its Director for Flight Operations, visited MATA during a furlough, the same place that he earned his pilot ratings. There, we talked about the PMA internship program, and I expressed interest in applying for the fall of 2020. Rachel and I started praying and seeking what God would want for us. During a drive to spend the day with the family, Rachel said, *"I think we should go to Palau with PMA this November."* I was blown away, because I am more of the adventurous one and she is more cautious. I agreed, but if we did go in November, which was only 2 months away, God would definitely have to show us how to navigate all the decisions and details, because there was too much to accomplish in such a short amount of time.

I sent an email to Amos, letting him know that God had given us the desire to come in November 2019. He replied, "funny you say November," because the Palau base manager was leaving around the end of November and PMA-Palau would need a pilot. That was the confirmation that God was preparing us to serve with PMA very soon. From then on, every day started with a mountain of tasks to complete, like finish my commercial pilot's license, build the required 25 hours of Cessna 206 flight time, earn a multi engine rating, complete the various applications for PMA, Palau Missionary Visa, and Palau Airport Badge Clearance, all the while still working full time at Boeing to support our family.

Another giant hurdle was to gain approval from my new manager at Boeing. Little did I know that God had put him there because he is a strong Christian and was supportive of me taking a leave of absence to serve with PMA for the internship. The last major need was direction on what to do with our house in Lake Stevens, Washington. I was asking around and looking at options for selling and renting. Then one night, I received a text from the chief instructor at MATA saying one of the students is looking for a place to live, in November for 6 months. The exact time we would be gone. Wow! Talk about a clear answer from God.

Over the next month and a half, God would bring our friends and family together to pledge the support we needed to raise, as well as find airplane tickets for \$4,000 less than we originally thought they would cost. He also allowed me to pass my commercial single engine and multi-engine checkride(s) and get a scholarship to pay for the needed Cessna 206 flight hours.

God has bulldozed a clear path for our family to serve His mission at PMA Palau and has shown us His great and mighty power. I am reminded of what Jesus said in Matthew 19:26,

"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." It has

been a great joy and honor to serve in Palau for the last few months.

As we are approaching the end of the PMA internship, please join us in praying for God to show us, if He wants us to continue serving with PMA.

We thank God for calling and sending Brock and Rachel, children: Garrett, Caleb and Jane to serve with PMA in Palau. As they trusted in the Lord, He opened doors and provided all their needs! What an awesome God we serve!





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