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Bringing Hope, Changing Lives



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## Summary of Ministry Needs

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#### Bringing Hope and Changing Lives:

- Administrative Assistant for Guam HQ
- Missionary Pastors/Youth Workers for Island Churches
- Boat Captain for Medical Ship Sea Haven
- Boat Mechanic for Medical Ship Sea Haven
- Mission Pilots/Mechanics for Micronesia/Philippines
- Media Production personnel (Promotional video production/ Social media presence)
- Technical Missionaries for Agriculture, Water Projects

Please contact PMA Headquarters at [guamhq@pmapacific.org](mailto:guamhq@pmapacific.org) for job descriptions.

### Infrastructure Needs:

**Church Building for Guinaygay and Apad:** We praise God for fully funding our PMF Guinaygay church construction project. We have now received 50% for the construction of the PMF Apad Church. Both were destroyed by December 2020 typhoons. Please pray for logistics for building materials, manpower, supervision of these projects. The goal is to construct buildings that can withstand strong typhoon winds and rain. We have now received 50% for the construction of the PMF Apad church and still need \$25,000.

**Outer-Island Airstrip in the Philippines:** Due to this Pandemic - Patnanungan Island has been on lockdown. Hence the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) has still to come and inspect the property. We are clearing the land and plan to start putting up a fence. We still need \$50,000 for this project.

*“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11*



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# Experiencing His Unfailing Love

by Melinda R. Espinosa, CFO/Administrator

*“Let them give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for mankind, for He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.” Psalm 107:8-9*

The year 2020 was definitely a year that we did not anticipate. It has changed our way of life and has challenged us in many ways. However, I have seen the good side of it all. It enabled us to be intentional in our relationship with one another, carving out time during the day/week to touch base with our co-workers, family and friends. More importantly it has drawn us closer to the Lord and to depend on Him completely.

There is a saying that when a door closes, God opens a window. This was our experience in the Philippines, our islands were on lock-down, but the work expanded. Villages near our PMF churches asked our pastors to begin Bible studies at their places – which opened doors to worship services and children’s ministry in Casuguran in Jomalig and Luod in Apad. Amor, one of our teachers who serves at the PMF church in Patnanungan and at PMA Learning Academy (PLA), was visiting a relative in Lumong and found children willing to have a Sunday school in the afternoon. This has been a great ministry with homes open for the Word of God. Teacher Mercy who heads our PLA visited homes of teen-agers with Lyn, wife of our caretaker in Patnanungan, and started discipleship courses with them. Lo and behold their parents became interested and started learning with their children as well.

Our Bahay Kalinga Orphanage has been kept safe by the Lord and our children are thriving and most of them are being readied for adoption. What a great blessing it is to be able to match these children with families, who would love, cherish, provide and protect them. Through the years, we have served 264 children who otherwise would have been abandoned, neglected and left to fend for themselves.

Our Officer in Charge (OIC) in the Philippines, Dr. John Escote, bid farewell to the mission after 30 years of service. We saw the Lord develop and use him with his skills as an ophthalmologist. Together with a partner, we sent him for more training: a year in India at the Joseph Eye Clinic and three years at the East Avenue Medical Clinic for ophthalmology residency training and surgical skills. We thank God for his faithfulness and willingness to serve together with PMA. Please pray for the next phase of his life’s journey.

Pastor Marty Lumigis, head of our Pastoral Care and Development, will be the OIC and has been a great help, together with his wife Dadine in caring and assisting with the needs of our staff in the Philippines. Please pray for wisdom for him as he takes on this role and the ability to manage the mission well.

**Praying for a smooth transition as Pastor Marty begins his service as OIC of PMA Philippines and praying for Dr. John's next steps. L-R: PMA HQ Philippines staff: Edna, Dadine and Pastor Marty, Dr. John, Julio and Fred.**



Our PMF churches in Palau and Yap continued with regular church activities since the islands have been Covid-free. More hearts have turned to the Lord as many faced the fear of the unknown of this deadly virus. By mandate of the local government, our PMF Pohnpei church stopped having services in March but opened with two services per Sunday in July. The desire to be with God's people worshipping together and listening to God's Word brought hungry hearts to the services. The message of love and peace, of bringing hope and changing lives in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord became more relevant to the people we serve.

Aviation operations in Yap were busy with Amos flying more than ever. People stranded in various main islands of Micronesia had to go back to their home islands in Chuuk and Pohnpei, and requested us to fly them. Although total flight hours over the fiscal year (July to June) for both Yap and Palau were lower compared to last year, we continued to provide free flights for medical and food transport, flew referral patients and their attendants, pastors and mission staff for PMF outreach, medical evacuation, and flew family members with their dearly departed to their home island to be laid to rest. Total free flights constituted 26% of total flights. Despite the rising cost to operate aviation operations, this ministry was able to sustain itself to serve the people in the islands. We truly are grateful to the Lord!

The medical ship Sea Haven made only one tour this year before the lock-down. It was an outreach to the Equatorial Island of Kapingamarangi to prepare the island for El Niño (climate pattern that describes the unusual warming of surface waters in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean). They brought 8 one-thousand-gallon water tanks to catch rain water before the draught, cement, cement blocks, pipings, gutter systems and food supplies. We thank God for the opportune time to do this.

The Cross Radio in Pohnpei continued in its non-stop service of teaching and preaching the Word of God. This has been especially a great ministry when churches were closed and people needed to hear the Word of God. This continues to be a vital part of our ministry as radio can penetrate into homes and commercial establishments that would otherwise not hear God's message.

We thank God for the Good News Press ministry in Pohnpei, as it continued to provide excellent and timely services to the people in the island and even off-island. Free printing was provided for the local church and for our ministries as well. More important, the Good News Press has been able to support our local operations and contribute to various PMA projects.

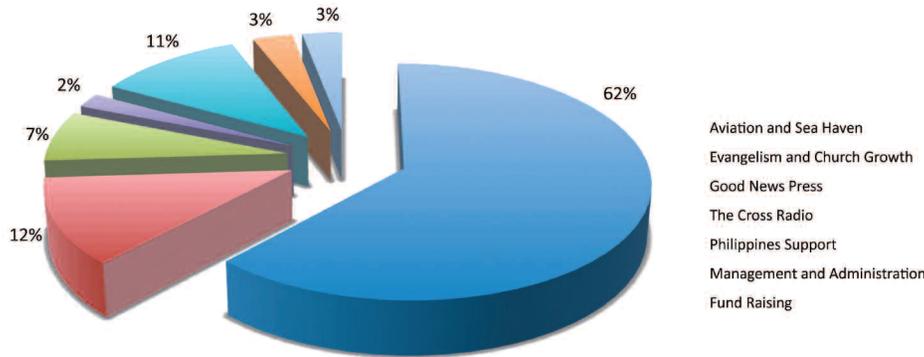
We praise God for all our missionaries and mission staff – for persevering under changes, trials and challenges which this Covid has brought upon us. In spite of this, we have seen the joy each one has in serving the Lord as we serve God not man! We thank God for good health and strength every day for enabling each one to serve well and be a blessing to the people we serve.

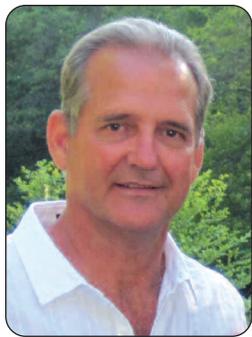
The Lord is a God who provides for all our needs and He has given us family, friends, churches, PMA Germany, and PMA Switzerland to be channels of His grace and blessings. Because of this, PMA's operations were not hampered. We continued with the Palau Hangar building project and our ministries were fully funded. Praise God!

Please find how funds were used in bringing hope and changing lives:

Aviation and Sea Haven	62 %
Evangelism and Church Growth	12 %
Good News Press	7 %
The Cross Radio	2 %
Philippines Support	11 %
Management and Administration	3 %
Fund Raising	3 %

We have seen the Lord move and be in control of 2020. Our hearts are filled with gratefulness as we have tasted His goodness. As we face 2021, we know that the same God who has protected and provided PMA with all our needs for 46 years will be faithful – He is in control and sits on the throne and so we move forward with confidence, hope, joy, peace, love, and assurance! To God be the glory!





**PMA President  
Nob Kalau**

## Honoring a Simple Faith in a Faithful God

“Oma” (Grandmother in German), as everyone affectionately called my Mother, was born in Stuttgart, Germany in 1931. Her father was a seminary professor and businessman, her mother a faithful prayer warrior. Grandfather Heinrich Coerper, was the founder of the Liebenzell Mission that prepared and sent missionaries all

around the world to share the Gospel. Mom often spoke of the wonderful fun-filled summers spent on the “mountain” (Liebenzell mission compound) with her grandparents, siblings and cousins. She was energetic, accustomed to playing with her brothers, eager to find the next adventure! Then as a young girl in the 1940s, she also experienced the atrocities of war which God used to deepen her faith and trust in Him. As a young girl, she made her own commitment to be a follower of Jesus and obey Him with her life.

In 1954, her spirit of adventure took on a whole new meaning when she met my Father at the seminary, fell in love, married and two weeks later waved goodbye as her new husband left on a ship bound for America to study and learn English at CM & A, Nyack Seminary in New York. About a year later, Mom followed Dad to America with a broken English that she had learned while studying in England. Now together they would prepare for the mission they were assigned to in Micronesia.

This adventure continued in 1956 with an 18-hour-flight across the big blue Pacific in a DC-6, Mom’s first airplane flight! She was 24-years-old and 7 months pregnant when they first arrived on the beautiful island of Guam, then continued onto the island of Palau where their first assignment was to lead the Mission’s Boys School established on the island.

Her first child, Esther, was born in Palau. On a kitchen table, with a medic who had no means nor knowledge of performing a C-Section. The baby was stuck and after 2 days the medic asked my father; “do you want your wife or your baby?” Dad said: “Both”. He anointed her with oil and prayed for a miracle. And God, for a quick minute, miraculously opened her womb. Years later other doctors would tell her that it was impossible for her to have children normally. She learned this when I came into this world by C-Section. I praise God for a mother who had an enormous faith in a miracle-working God who is in total control of life’s many unknowns!

In 1959 Mom and Dad with a baby and a toddler, boarded a small freighter bound for the island of Yap and lived with a local family in a one room tin house until they built their own home.

Yap was to be their destination, their home, the people God had called them to serve. They served in Yap for 18 years building a church, youth center, printing shop and loving and serving the people. In 1975 they started Pacific Mission Aviation to meet the ever growing needs of the remote outer islands. Then in 1977 they began PMA’s Aviation ministry on Pohnpei, as well as church, printing shop and radio station, where they served for 25 years before moving to Guam for their senior years.

Mom loved to read. I witnessed her daily morning habit of reading her Bible and writing notes in its pages. What I saw in Mom was a woman who faithfully read the Word of God and was intimately connected to her Lord in a day-by-day way. With such a high regard for the Bible, her whole life became a response back to God of what she knew to be so true. Faithfully obeying as best as she could even when fear gripped her. Like the fear of the unknown in a new island world, for the times when she thought... “I don’t know if I can do this!” Obedience however brought joy and strength. Then strength was supplied for the next act of obedience.

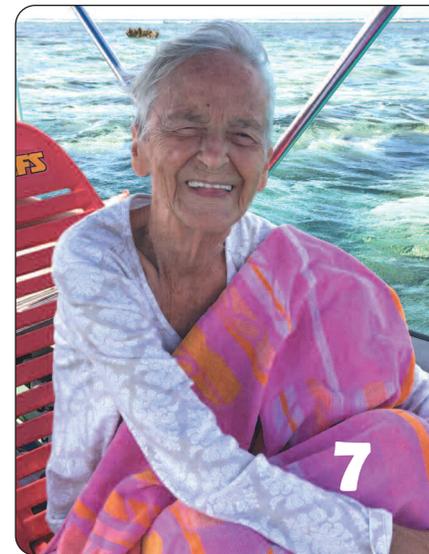
Mom would say to me: “Norbie, if you are ever tempted to disobey the Lord, it will most likely be because you don’t trust Him enough. Faith will always lead you to obey and then direct you to put your belief into action.” My Mom in a quiet way saw life as the most amazing gift! She knew she had been called to serve by Dad’s side with the gifts, talents and opportunities God had entrusted to her. She was responsible to use them in her sphere of influence to build the Kingdom of God so that every boy and girl, man and woman that God placed in her life path would see and hear about Jesus.

She would tell me, “It really does matter how you use your gifts and abilities. Because how you use your life simply demonstrates how much you love Jesus. Serve Him faithfully today and tomorrow, to the very end. For one day He will return and there will be a reckoning, a laying bare of all of your life. Be wise and live it faithfully now!” *“To whom much is given, much will be required.”* Luke 12:48

For 65 years Mom has called the Micronesian Islands her home. She loved the islands but loved the people even more. Mom changed her home address and followed Dad on the final most amazing adventure of life: Face to face with Jesus forever! What an amazing truth for every child of God. Thank you Mom! You were a testimony of faithful obedience through thick and through thin. I look forward to the day when we will praise and dance together before the Lord with exceeding joy for all He has done!

Dear ones, many of you have accompanied the life’s journey of Mom and Dad, and the ministry of PMA. We thank God for your faithfulness and together, we will press on with the legacy that my Mom and Dad left us: To bring hope and change the lives of the people we serve in Micronesia and the Philippines!

Nob Kalau, President



# Beechcraft King Air's

## News Flash: Samaritan's Purse Donates Two Beechcraft King Air's to Pacific Mission Aviation

Pacific Mission Aviation (PMA) with its headquarters in Guam, USA, has aviation bases in Yap (FSM), Koror (Palau) and Manila (Philippines). The mission was founded as its motto declares, to "Bring Hope, Change Lives" through the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to provide medical evacuations, sea searches and disaster relief for islanders in isolated islands. By God's grace PMA has provided these services and many more for 46 years.

The challenges of 2020, and the ever-increasing demand for flight services, brought to light a need for better, faster equipment that could expand PMA's reach to adjoining states and countries in the region. They began to look seriously at the Beechcraft King Air 200 to enhance their capabilities. As PMA spread the word about this need, they also researched grants that could provide funds for acquisition, training of pilots and mechanics, as well as spare parts. PMA had been fervently praying for God to provide the funding, if this was the direction in which He wanted them to go.

On November 8, PMA contacted Samaritan's Purse, who happened to have two King Air 200's for sale. In typical Samaritan's Purse fashion, these planes were outfitted beautifully for mission work, with extra cargo carrying capabilities, strong landing gear, and many other enhancements. Four days after the initial contact, PMA received correspondence directly from Franklin Graham, CEO of Samaritan's Purse, asking for more details about the Mission and the need for these aircraft. Two days later after several back and forth emails, Franklin Graham called Nob Kalau, CEO of PMA, and informed him that Samaritan's Purse was going to donate these planes to PMA.

But that was not all! God does not do things half-heartedly. Samaritan's Purse was prepared to assist PMA as best they could to integrate seamlessly into the world of turbo-prop powered aircraft. Franklin Graham committed to preparing the planes so that when they arrived in Micronesia, they would be ready to serve. This included the training of three PMA pilots and three mechanics, upgrading the avionics on both planes, and even exchanging components that were nearing their life limit such as one engine and two propellers.

Samaritan's Purse worldwide mission is to be obedient to Jesus' command when he told the story of the Good Samaritan. That we as His followers should "Go and do likewise." These aircraft are tools that PMA will utilize to extend the vision of Samaritan's Purse, which also mirrors PMA's vision in Micronesia of "Bringing Hope, Changing Lives." The donation of these aircraft brings in a new era of extended service, increased safety and spreading God's love to the people of Micronesia.

PMA is deeply thankful to the Lord for His servant Franklin Graham, and the generosity of Samaritan's Purse. To God be the glory!



#### 2 Beechcraft King Airs

- 1975 Beechcraft 200 N875SP S/N BB-86
- 1998 Beechcraft B200 N468SP S/N BB-1639



#### 2 Beechcraft Queen Airs

- 1965 Beechcraft 65-B80 Excalibur Queen Air N44MA S/N LD-412
- 1965 Beechcraft 65-B80 Excalibur Queen Air N46MA S/N LD-413

#### 1 Britten Norman Islander

- 1975 Britten-Norman BN-2A-21 Islander N799MT S/N 449



#### 3 Cessna 206 Stationairs

- 1965 Cessna U206 Stationair T8A-211 S/N U2060394
- 1965 Cessna U206C Stationair T8A-211 S/N U2060928
- 1981 Cessna TU206G Stationair T8A-213 S/N U20606158

**We continue to stand in awe of a God who knows our needs and provides for them at the right time. Thank you Rev. Franklin Graham and Samaritan's Purse for your generosity! God bless you more!**



# Testimonies from our Intern Pastors

**A Meaningful Experience** by John Estillo, Intern Pastor, PMF Guinaygayan

I would like to thank Pacific Mission Aviation for letting us serve the church and be a part of the island ministry. I was commissioned by our Bible school to serve in a place in the Philippines which I hadn't known about; Patnanungan. During my first three months, I really struggled to adjust to the culture and the language. Although I can speak any dialect in our town of Sangali, Zamboanga City, Mindanao, I was still having a hard time speaking Tagalog in Patnanungan. I had to work hard on my sermons because the church members could not understand when I preached in English, which I was so used to doing in Bible school. The Lord enabled me to do many things that I was not used to: communicating in Tagalog with adults and children, and building relationships by visitation.

I thank God for the Dellova family, led by their father, Emiliano, who took me under their wing during my internship in PMF Guinaygayan. Words aren't enough to thank them for treating me as family – as a single person in a place where I did not know anyone, this was a great blessing and encouragement! As far as the church ministry is concerned, I felt so inadequate as the people needed nurturing, equipping, molding; some members needed to be followed up all the time and most of them were older than me. However, I have seen this as a great opportunity to learn, grow and nurture myself in the Word of God so I can minister effectively. It made me realize that “book knowledge” in school is not enough, real life experience and interaction with church members, building relationships that is really what is important not only in my growth as a Pastor, but in the progress of each member of the congregation.

Praise God for how He used PMF leaders like Bro. Bryan Lloyd and Ptr. Jose, who shared their lives and mentored me. Their support, insight, and advice gave me the reassurance that I was part of a team and I was not alone! My fervent prayer is for the Lord to provide more workers in the island, especially Guinaygayan. When I leave PMF Patnanungan, Brother Bryan will be taking over to minister to the people. Please pray for them and the people in Guinaygayan so that the Lord will continue to bless them with growth and perseverance in their Christian walk.

**Experiencing God In Challenges** by: Davidson Varon, PMF Apad

I praise and thank God for His goodness and faithfulness during my entire journey here. I have so many memories and experiences, and am thankful to God for allowing me to serve in these islands – first in PMF Jomalig and then in PMF Apad. It has been an enjoyable journey especially since I discovered that our God is so creative in His plan for my life. I have learned that there are things that we cannot escape especially when we face a problem along the way, however, it is good to know that God controls everything.

There were times that I did not understand what was happening, why I needed to go through difficulties, however I knew God was working and molding me in all aspects of my life. I believe that I was not accidentally assigned here to experience challenges, testings, trials, and joys; but I know it is God's way of reminding me that I need Him in my life to be able to accomplish all the work and activities assigned to me for His glory and honor. Now I am looking forward to the next challenge of life because I know God is always there to help me.

**All Worth It – Unforgettable Experience** by Dhean Hudson Pamalison, PMF Kilogan

We were supposed to serve for 9 months and return to Bible school for our senior year. However, our service with PMA was extended due to lockdown and Covid regulations. We could not travel back to our home and Bible school in Zamboanga City. We were thankful that we had internet in our Patnanungan base station, so we were able to do online classes.

Serving with PMA has been a blessed experience. PMA made me realize what missions should look like. The pastors and workers are well taken care of. For me it was a challenge, even though I live in a remote area of Zamboanga, the even more remote island I was assigned to made all my experience so noteworthy. I observed the daily dedication of each of the PMA Pastors and workers. I watched them taking risks, face dangers and difficulties – the reality of life in the islands. I experienced difficulties in dealing with language and communication as the people speak a unique combination of the languages of Bicol, Bisaya, and Tagalog. But the Lord enabled me to adapt to these various dialects.

Traveling the road to and from Kilogan and Patnanungan was very challenging for me. Almost always, we walked for 4 hours on pathways deep in mud. We crossed through the forest which required stamina as we walked in stormy or rainy weather as well as under the heat of the hot sun. The favorite saying here in the Island is “walking by foot and by faith”.

I am so glad the Lord had me serve with PMA. My experience allowed me to learn many important things in ministry that I shouldn't take for granted. I will benefit from this training in my future ministries. My understanding of what a mission is was deepened and enabled me to grow in my faith. God willing, I will be back to serve with PMA. God bless and thank you so much for allowing me to live the PMA mission and vision and have an unforgettable experience!



**Hearts anticipating to go back to their home island and Bible school, and yet sad to say good-bye to their island of ministry and the people they served, Davidson, John Mark and Dhean, pause before they embark on the boat that would take them to Real - first part of their journey home.**

# Give Thanks to the Lord!

by Catherine Ann Claveria, Ministry Coordinator, PMF Palau

*“Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!” Psalm 107:1*

The whole month of November, especially, was a celebration of thanksgiving to God for carrying us through the year 2020. Palau continues to be Covid-free. Our elders press on in leading PMF Palau with the leaders of various ministries. It is a great picture of a church working together, using their gifts to serve the Lord through serving people.

With thankfulness, the elders conducted a baptism class for twelve people who desired to follow the Lord in water baptism on Thanksgiving Sunday. This class further explained what baptism is and also to make sure that the twelve had truly understood what they were about to do as a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our prayer meeting fell on Thanksgiving Day. More people than ever filled the conference hall that evening. It was amazing! The leadership allowed extended time for sharing of praise and thanksgiving and, indeed, there was so much to be grateful for! The prayers of God’s people were heartfelt and vibrant! The congregation also took this opportunity to express our gratitude to PMF’s elders for willingly sharing their gifts through preaching, planning and generally overseeing the Lord’s flock here in Palau. We are thankful for God’s call in their lives and give Him the glory!

The Sunday after Thanksgiving, the ocean tide and weather were perfect as PMF celebrated God’s faithfulness and goodness with a worship service and witnessing of the public declaration of faith through baptism of our twelve brethren. We stand amazed by God’s graciousness and goodness!

Praise the Lord for sustaining us! Praise the Lord for His unending love!

**A glorious Thanksgiving Sunday as twelve people signified their public allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ as they followed Him in water baptism.**



**The Lord has truly been faithful in protecting the Bahay Kalinga home from typhoons and Covid. We praise Him for He truly cares for the little ones!**

## All Praise To Him!

by Jeny Gutierrez, Center Head,  
Bahay Kalinga Orphanage, Naujan, Philippines

All glory to the Father! We are alive and continue to receive the grace of God! He has carried us through 3 typhoons in 2020, one after the other and kept us safe and protected! We are still Covid-free in our area! We thank God for the admission of five children for this month. Four of these children are siblings, ages ranging from 2-7. They were left alone at their house with no one caring for them while their mother is at work to provide for the family and their father is in prison. The other baby, a 2-month-old boy was abandoned by his mother (she has 6 other living children). She had given this baby to a couple in an illegal adoption. We are thankful the local Social Service has rescued them and now they are in our care.

We thank God for the monetary Christmas gifts given to all the staff by PMA. These were welcome provisions as each of our families experienced typhoon damages in our homes. We are glad and very blessed indeed to receive this blessing from our God. We had a beautiful Christmas party with a worship service and gave gifts to everyone. What joy we saw in the grateful children!

We were thankful that the adoptive parents of two-year old Lane were able to pick him up and take him home to the Netherlands before the lockdown. We will miss him, but are happy that he now has a family who will love and care for him as their own. After months of waiting, 2-year-old Athan was successfully transferred to his adoptive parents from Occidental Mindoro. It was seen on his parents’ faces how grateful and happy they were when they finally held and hugged him. Thank you Lord for the safe travel of the adoptive parents and also for the smooth process of their papers as the travel protocol here in Naujan is so strict.

We are thankful for 3 more children (two of them are 3-years-old and one 8-years-old) who are waiting as they have been successfully matched with families in Italy, Spain and Sweden. Please pray for the paperwork to go smoothly.

Our prayer is for the Lord God to always guide us and provide our needs for the best interest of each child. We praise God for his unending guidance to finish all the paperwork/ documentation of each of our children and for His protection every day. May God keep us all safe in this pandemic from any type of natural disaster.



# God's Timing

by Amos Collins, Director of Flight Operations

*"A man's heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps."* Proverbs 16:9

More often than not, God's timing is completely different than ours. When we think we need something urgently, God takes His time and it can be discouraging since we "know" we need that item. But what is really encouraging to experience, is when God has been working in the background and putting things in place that lead up to something that you never would have dreamed of. This is what is happening with us here in PMA, God is doing above and beyond what we could ask or imagine!

**Hangar:** In 2012, PMA was invited to Palau to provide a similar service to the islands that we had been providing in Yap. For 6 years, we operated out of two shipping containers and a temporary shelter until the Government of Palau decided to partner with us to provide aerial surveillance of illegal fishing in their waters. They awarded us with a lease right next to the runway. It was a small lot, but we decided to build a big structure on that lot as possible, not knowing what the future would hold. When the dream came to a reality, the Lord had provided a massive 120' X 120' structure able to withstand 175 MPH winds and a massive 100' door. It was truly impressive but dwarfed our small fleet of Cessna 206 aircraft. Everyone looked at us as if we were crazy. We felt a bit like Noah before the flood.

**Tug:** When you have a hangar that size, we have realized that it draws in different groups, whether government, military, corporate jets, or contractors who may need a place to stage a short-term operation. This can be beneficial sometimes as it can help our operation to cover some of the overhead costs. But we also have to do our part in having equipment available to support. We have had it on our wish list to get a tug of sorts that would be capable of towing aircraft of different sizes for parking.

Knowing this, our PMA Germany Director scouted around and found a very good deal on a tug that was designed to carry King Air planes and other aircraft around that size. We still did not know what surprise God had in store for us, but we were actively pursuing the King Air as our future aircraft to operate.

**Yap – Palau Route:** In 2018, United Airlines decided to stop flying the weekly route between Yap and Palau. This meant that anyone who wished to travel that route would have to detour to Guam and then to Palau or vice-versa. At that time there was a government airline that came in and based in Yap and made that connection. But after two years, they were struggling and ended up moving their operation back to the Capital in the East. PMA is now being asked to link the island countries.

**Personnel:** For the last year, we have been operating with a bit of a skeleton crew. Two of our long-term missionaries left the field and we did not really have the team in place to do anything except keep our head above water. But in the last year, we had the Welge family who came as pilot/mechanic intern to our Palau base and after their experience decided to commit long term to serving with PMA. Brock Welge is also an experienced mechanic and comes with managerial skills to lead our operations in Palau. We are eager to have them join our team.

And from across the world in Switzerland, another couple, the Zayers, contacted us and enthusiastically answered the call to join our team here in Yap. Igor has a background of flying many different aircraft in the Swiss Airforce and, although they are retired, they still want to serve the Lord in Missions. We look forward to them joining our team in Yap after the borders open again, as we have a busy year ahead of us.

This November, Samaritan's Purse donated two King Air aircraft to PMA. Not only did they give us the planes, but they committed to helping us with a strong start. If we had been given these planes two years ago, we would not have had any space to hangar them, we would not have had the personnel, and there wasn't as much of a need as there is now to link the countries. As all of this comes together, we can only stand back in amazement and awe as we watch to see what the Lord will be doing through PMA in this region in the next decade.





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