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Family Camp
in the Philippines

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Summary of Ministry Needs

Come join us in
“Bringing Hope and Changing Lives”

- Accountant for Guam HQ
- Missionary Pastors/Youth Workers for Island Churches (Guam and Micronesia)
- Boat Captain for Medical Ship Sea Haven, Micronesia
- Boat Mechanic for Medical Ship Sea Haven, Micronesia
- Missionary Pilots/Mechanics for Micronesia/Philippines
- Media Production Personnel (graphics design and videographer), Guam, Micronesia and Philippines
- Technical Missionaries for Agriculture, Water Projects, Livelihood Programs, Philippines

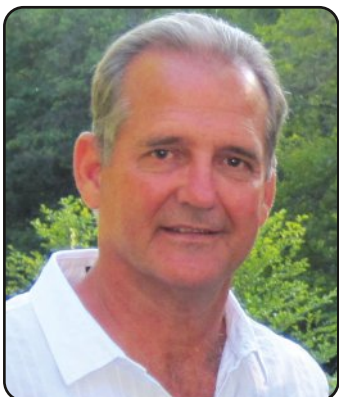
Please contact PMA Headquarters at guamhq@pmapacific.org for job descriptions.

Infrastructure Needs

Church Building, Philippines. Construction of the Busdak church will start after we complete the expansion of the Healtika building to include Safe Water Project and the completion of the fence for our PMA Academy. Thanking God for His provision. Pray for wisdom for all our workers to complete all these projects within this year.

*“And whatever you do, in word or deed,
do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”*

Colossians 3:17



Nob Kalau

“I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.”

2 Timothy 4:1-5

Once again, please allow me to tell you just how much your prayers and support of PMA ministry means to me and to the whole PMA family. We consider the trust you put in us to share the good news of Jesus Christ and sound Biblical teaching, a stewardship from God. This is why we strive so hard to live up to our Pacific Mission Fellowship church mission: “To know Christ and to make Him known,” so that island people will find faith, love, and the hope of salvation.

There is a war going on for the souls of our island people. Today, even to our remote islands, many cults and false teachers are bringing false doctrines (doctrines of demons as Paul says) to mislead precious people to the father of lies. We must not let this happen! We are called to be watchmen on the tower ready to warn people of this evil. To expend our lives to make Jesus and His salvation known. How? By planting churches, training islanders in the Word of God to become fishers of men. Seeking to demonstrate God’s love through tangible means and as broken vessels, to live out the teaching of Christ to those in our sphere of influence.

Continue praying for us, that in all areas of life and ministry we will remain faithful, faithful, faithful!

Nob Kalau

President/CEO

Philippine Visit

by Melinda R. Espinosa, CFO/Administrator

*“Not to us, LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory,
because of your love and faithfulness.” Psalm 115:1*

The Philippines were finally open, meaning that there was no need for quarantine upon entry. But still one needed a negative Covid result 48 hours before arrival and a vaccination card as well. Thanking God that I had all this, so off I left for the Philippines with great excitement and anticipation as I had been away for two years!

Meanwhile, before I arrived, our long-awaited family camp finally materialized after two years. This was held from April 15th to 17th at a resort in Patnanungan so as to accommodate everyone. We praise God that despite some restrictions, 186 adults and young people (without children) participated from all our PMF churches in the islands: Amaga, Apad, Busdak, Calutcot, Guinaygayan, Jomalig, Kilogan and Poblacion Patnanungan. This was spearheaded by Pastor Marty Lumigis and wife Dadine. On our trip to the islands, he excitedly shared with me: “Despite the rain, our PMF churches came to the event with gladness in their hearts to once again worship and fellowship with one another. So far this has been



Pastor Marty Lumigis shares the dedication message for our newly constructed PMF church building in Apad. The message? “To God be the Glory!”

the most attended family camp which we have been doing for the past 5 years! Our opening night was led by PMF Jomalig with worship singing, praying and Pastor Narciso Mandreza sharing a message based on our theme, “Joined” from Mark 10:9. From then on, every church presented a special number to showcase their talents. The next day was full of fun with games and other activities and most of all, on the last night, every Pastor’s family was given the opportunity to showcase their talents during the PGT – “Pastors Got Talent” night. All did great in their presentations but only one awarded as the winner which was the family of Pastor Jun Mandreza of PMF-Jomalig. The camp ended with a high note on Easter Sunday!

It was a victorious Sunday as we “Joined” together to declare our victory in Christ by worshipping together and celebrating the Lord’s resurrection together. The message the Lord placed in my heart was to share the meaning of the resurrection to us believers based on 1 Corinthians 15:

1. It Proclaims Christ’s Deity
2. It Promotes our Dignity
3. It Protects us from despair
4. It Prepares our future

We ended the camp not only in worshipping God together but also celebrating the baptism of 18 individuals from different churches (mostly young adults). What a great way to end our time together! Praise the Lord!”

After the family camp, Pastor Marty took Dadine back to Manila so she could attend to her school responsibilities in Iligan. It was the same day that I arrived, so we all met at the airport. The following day, we travelled with our staff at 4 AM to Port Real to catch a boat to Patnanungan. And from there, every morning at 5 AM we left to visit our stations. Our base was Poblacion Patnanungan. We visited Kilogan, Busdak and Catmon. We experienced intermittent rain, a 2-hour banca ride to Kilogan with waves 2 to 5 feet high and the high tide enabled us to dock. We walked to our church, for half an hour and upon arrival we were greeted by our congregation who prepared fresh young coconut drinks (buko) and different “kakanin” Filipino local desserts. Brother Jun who pastors the church was with us and introduced us to each person that we met in the village and in church. Then off to Busdak, a banca ride for about 45 minutes. The tide was good so we were able to wade to the shore. It was great to meet Pastor Mario and wife Nemia in person for the first time, as they had joined PMA during the Pandemic. Some of the congregation were also there busy preparing lunch. We were able to visit our property and determine where the church would be built. Then, a 45-minute-walk to Catmon; through the beach area, then forest, through mud and grime, rain and shine. Thank you Lord for your protection. Then another 45-minute-walk the same way but it seemed fast. Arriving Busdak, in time for lunch which seemed like a feast. We had to wait for the tide to come in for us to get on our banca and so our trip back to Poblacion was delayed. It was a dark night made beautiful by the numerous stars dotting the sky! Another great day with the Lord’s blessings!



Melinda Espinosa, PMA Guam HQ, cuts the ribbon for the new church building with Apad Councilor Eusebio, who testified, he was so blessed by the event!

DAY 3. So thankful for the Lord's unfailing love and protection throughout this trip. One thing we take for granted is the internet connection. The Lord provided this as well so I could communicate with the office, our CEO, family and friends. God is good! Visited three stations this day. Two hours on a banca trip to visit villages SM 1 and 3, and again much walking. Picked up a lot of "Amor Seko", a plant whose seed sticks to your clothes. Village SM 1 is a place where we have done outreaches and those will be continued by our resident Pastor in Guinayagan. Village SM 3 will be a place where PMA would have livelihood projects so as to help sustain our mission in the Philippines (Please pray for this endeavor). Another 45 minutes on a banca and we arrived in Guinayagan. The Lord provided us with a newly constructed church building here, completed in November 2021, which will also be used as a shelter during typhoons. The last building was obliterated by Typhoon Ulysses. This building was constructed by local labor and so helped the economy of families affected by the Covid. So good to meet our Pastor Ed and wife Mercy and of course some of the church members, who prepared a great lunch, always a joy!



Pastor Narciso with wife Baby joyfully serve at the PMF Apad church as well as PMF Jomalig and Casuguran churches and outreach in Bukal.

DAY 4. We had a 5 AM wake-up call so as to leave early for island visitations. We visited Amaga and Calutcot. Two-hour-banca ride to Amaga (rain showers during our trip) then to Calutcot 45 minutes. Of course we walked to our churches, but the way was cemented in some parts, not muddy at all. In Amaga, Pastor Jose and wife Gemma and children prepared some snacks for us, and of course our favorite Buko Juice straight from young coconuts – so refreshing! In Calutcot, Pastor Ed and wife Beth prepared a great lunch for the group and bunches of bananas to take home! Another 2-hour-ride on the banca. At first the sailing was smooth, but we hit a rough patch which rendered me soaking wet. Praise the Lord! Arrived safely in Patnanungan!

In the evening we met with all our Pastors and workers. Each gave their praise and thanksgiving to our Lord for protection and safety during the Pandemic, for His provision (so many people had lost their jobs), and yet, the Lord continued to provide for their pastors' salary support every month! I thanked each one for their perseverance, commitment, faithfulness and many times sacrificial service to the Lord.

I also shared PMA's plans for the coming year and our long-term goals which encouraged everyone. We ended with prayer, committing ourselves and PMA to the Lord for His blessing and guidance.

DAY 5. We travelled to the island of Jomalig to visit Jomalig Bayan and Casuguran PMF churches and of course PMF Apad where we would be celebrating the goodness of the Lord as we dedicated the church, construction of which was completed end of March 2022! Good weather all the way! Pastor Narciso was in Port Jomalig to meet us. Son JJ (my godson) was also there to take me to the church on his motorbike!

After passing by PMF Jomalig Bayan and PMF Casuguran, we were now on our way to Apad where we would be dedicating the church building to the Lord, a highlight in this visit! What a great celebration it was as we honored Him and gave Him praise for all He had done! Pastor Marty shared the message from 1 Kings 8:54-63: Solomon dedicating God's Temple after so many years of Israel's not having one. We dedicated the church building to give glory to God and to recognize that apart from Him we are unable to do anything. Many people and churches were used by God to provide funding for the building. We thank God that we were able to provide livelihood for local workers during the construction and for the wisdom He gave Pastor Bryan to oversee the building process; through it all God reigns! We not only dedicated the building but especially ourselves and the congregation that we will continue to be light and salt in the community and not depart from His Word! All glory, honor and power belong to Him! Forever and ever!

Back to Patnanungan Bayan, our base which includes the PMF church ministries and the PMA Learning Academy. The following day, Sunday, was a great time of worship at our PMF Poblacion church, a fitting end to our trip. I praise and thank God for the opportunity to visit the islands and for His protection all throughout the trip. To Him be the glory!



The PMF Apad congregation joyfully takes a photo in front of the newly built church!

Follow Your Dream

by Mercy Sulad, Head Teacher, PMA Academy

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

Praise God for another school year that has ended. Our Learning Academy started in 2003, and since then, we have celebrated the graduation of 487 students! It has been a challenge during this pandemic to continue with the school lessons. We had modular classes, prepared the lessons for the children and delivered these to their homes. Later on, when we could meet face to face, we divided the classes into two sessions, morning and afternoon, and still placing few students in different classrooms to comply with the distancing rules. We are so thankful to God that during this period, all our students have been healthy and strong and did not get any Covid, and neither did our teachers.

I make it a point to be in contact with the children that graduated from our school. By this time, a lot of our alumni have completed their college education, are employed, professionals and pursuing their dreams. Our first batch 2003-2004, we had 10 graduates. They are now professionals, some are seaman, nurses, tourism graduates, and teachers.

When our school year ended, I decided to invite one of the graduates to be our guest speaker of batch 2004-2005; Ailon Nicole Avellaneda. Our theme being: “Follow Your Dream” and with a Bible verse from Jeremiah 29:11.



Ailon works in a call center so she can fund the completion of her college education. Her lack of finances did not stop her from pursuing her goals, but was the motivation for her to pursue her dream of working in a bank in the field of accounting information system. She learned that one's faith in God, a strong determination and hard work are essential to pursuing one's dream.

One of the legacies of our Learning Academy is the ability to share the Word of God to our children. We are thankful that His Word is alive and that a living relationship with our Savior Jesus Christ goes a long way, and we saw that, especially during the pandemic, our children were able to handle stress and press on with their learning.

Our desire as teachers is that we can influence our children in the ways of righteousness by always pointing them to our Lord Jesus, whether by teaching or by example. Our Learning Academy is not only about reaching the minds of the children, but most especially influencing their lives for eternity – that way they would intimately know the Dream Maker and the Planner of their lives – Jesus Christ!

PMA Academy teachers in the back row: Ruth and Mercy, with guest speaker Ailon. It is a great joy to be able to influence the lives of the children for eternity and our PMA Academy teachers not only share the Word of God but live the message before the children daily. How thankful we are that the children can go on and become the person God designed them to be, as we contribute to their foundation early in life.



Rest and Recreation

by Jeny Flores, Center Head,
Bahay Kalinga Orphanage, Oriental Mindoro

It's been three years since the children and staff in our Orphanage have experienced outdoor recreational and play activity. We know that this is very important for healthy development and well-being of the mind and body of the children. It used to be a regular schedule for the caregivers and children, yet our outside play was limited by the pandemic.

How thankful we were when in April, the restrictions to go out were lifted! We celebrated with a special trip with the children to a resort called "Tampisaw" in Oriental Mindoro. Everyone was excited about the thought of going out and enjoying God's wonderful creation!

We left Bahay Kalinga early Saturday morning of April 30th. What a happy group we were! We all experienced a sense of peace and an absence of fear knowing that it was safe for us to go out. The children were so happy, running around, playing in the pool and just being able to be free to go about the place, after being cooped up for three years.

Our caregivers were able to relax and unwind. Children that have been with us for temporary care experienced so much joy and freedom. Their sadness of not being able to see their individual biological families for so long was lifted. Truly, a much-needed respite to all concerned!

We thank God that through all the 3 years, He has protected the children and our caregivers from the Covid virus and has even allowed us to process and arrange for adoptive parents to come and pick up their children despite all odds. 13 children were adopted:

- Italy: 2
- France: 1
- U.S.A.: 2
- Netherlands: 1
- Sweden: 1
- Spain: 1
- Philippines: 5

Truly, nothing can stop our Lord the God Almighty!

As of today, Bahay Kalinga Orphanage has cared for 267 children.





What freedom and joy the children experienced as they played around and rode on the toys!

The pool's water refreshed everyone and the air invigorated them.



Of course, after all the activity, the children were hungry. It was a treat to have fiesta food in their plates.

God's Grace is Sufficient

by Amos Collins, Chief Pilot

On May 19, after waiting several weeks for the Woleai runway flooding to recede, we were finally able to do a flight to pick up some passengers and some patients.

When I departed Yap, they had reported that the runway only had some residual water on the sides. But in the 1.5 hours it took me to fly there, heavy rains began to pour and by the time I arrived there was about an inch-deep puddle in the center portion of the runway.

Landing in Woleai on a sunny dry day is always a challenge and requires precision all throughout the approach and the landing rollout because towards the end it narrows to only 20 ft wide. So, on a rainy day there is not much room for error. And on this day, because of the rain, my visibility was impaired, and my approach was too high, so I executed a go around. On the second time around, the rain had let up more and I was able to get on the ground and slowed considerably before reaching the puddle. After shutting down the aircraft, I knew our ground crew were going to have a job washing all that mud off the side of the fuselage. (Sorry, guys!)

After unloading all the passengers and supplies that we brought out to the remote island, we first loaded the cargo and baggage going back to Yap, and then the first stretcher patient arrived. We loaded her first, and then we loaded the 9-month-pregnant lady who was going to Yap to deliver her baby. Then we had one other patient who could sit up, evidently with a thyroid problem. The family members who were accompanying the sick boarded. And then lastly, before we shut the door, we loaded the final patient. She was on a stretcher, and I had made a place for her stretcher on the opposite side from the first stretcher patient. We then closed the door and took off for Yap.



Amos Collins with the patients flown in from Woleai. How thankful we are that we can be of great help.

A welcome sight in the island of Woleai - PMA's "big bird" has come to bring food and supplies and take back passengers and those who need medical attention.



Yap only has one ambulance, and would not be able to accommodate all these patients. At times like these, or when the ambulance is broken down, our fallback plan is to use our PMF Church van. It is large and has the space to carry a stretcher patient. So we called Pius, who is one of our church drivers, and he came and assisted the patient in getting to the hospital.

Medical evacuations don't happen every week, and sometimes not even every month, while other times you might get 4 people all in one trip. Whatever the case, PMA continues to be on call for these emergencies, and offers this service free of charge to those who are suffering.

As we fly the aircraft, we are thankful that our Lord, who truly is our Pilot, directs, protects and gives us grace to land the aircraft safely. God's grace is sufficient to fully bless us and sufficient to make us stronger amidst difficulties and in this case to overcome challenges to land our aircraft safely. Thank You Lord!



At the end of every trip, we are thankful for God's protection and for enabling PMA to bring hope and help those in need. A rainbow after a flight reminds us that apart from Him we are not able to do anything!

Waiting on the Lord

by Monena Borromeo-Newton, PMA Palau

*“For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven.”*

Ecclesiastes 3:1

“To wait” is to be aware through all the senses of what is occurring around you and discerning the right time to do the next thing.

Mid-March this year, PMA Palau welcomed Justin Vaughan and his wife Addison together with their two little girls Annabelle and Alice. Justin is serving with PMA as a pilot/mechanic intern for one year, on loan from Mission Aviation Training Academy (MATA). Addison helps Rachel Welge in teaching the children’s Bible study in the outer-island of Angaur and assists in facilitating Women’s Bible Study at the PMF Church. What a blessing it is to see how God is using them to advance the Gospel.

Another answered prayer in Palau is the arrival of Rolly and Angelyn De Liña. They started their application with PMA in 2019 and finished all the requirements in 2021. By the time they were ready to go, the COVID pandemic hit Palau hard. The flights from Philippines to Palau were limited and Palau government requirements had changed. We kept on praying for the right timing for them to be in Palau. We know that God prepared them not just physically, mentally, and emotionally, but also spiritually for the challenges they would face as new missionaries. We admire the patience God gave them as they waited for all the roadblocks to be removed. It is truly a miracle of God that they are in Palau right now. Rolly will serve as aircraft mechanic and Angelyn will be the finance admin assistant for the next three years. Please continue to pray for them as they transition serving in Palau.

By the end of June, intern Melody Coleman who is serving as a pilot/mechanic will be finishing her one-year term with PMA. She’ll then return to the States and seek the Lord’s will for the next season in her life. We are grateful how God brought her to PMA and Palau, for the valuable work she has done as a pilot/mechanic, for using her to share the good news of Jesus Christ and the friendships made that would last through eternity.

“But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.” Isaiah 40:31

Through all this waiting, we are reminded that God is in control. He is a loving God who knows and is interested in every aspect of our lives. He knows what’s best. He knows and chooses the best time for us to go or to wait. For us in the islands, it is exciting to experience God’s faithfulness as He answers prayers in His time. Thank you for all your prayers!



Palau Team welcoming Rolly and Angel (holding up their welcome signs) as they finally arrive in Palau.

The Vaughn family: Justin, Addison and children Annabelle and Alice - a welcome addition to Team Palau.



We thank God for Melody Coleman who has served with us in Palau so faithfully. Well done, Melody and God bless you more!



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