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Forever God is Faithful!

 **PMA**  
Bringing Hope, Changing Lives



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## On our Cover

Joy-filled PMA pastors and staff having completed their Hebrew training.

Dave Kendrick with King Air Aircraft.

Children celebrating their accomplishment at the PMA Learning Center

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# Summary of Ministry Needs

Come join us in  
“Bringing Hope and Changing Lives”

- Missionary Pastors/Missionaries/Youth Workers for PMF island churches in Micronesia
- Captain for Medical/Relief vessel  
Sea Haven, Micronesia
- Mechanic for Medical/Relief vessel  
Sea Haven, Micronesia
- Missionary Pilots/Mechanics for Micronesia/  
Philippines
- Media Production Personnel (graphic design/  
videographer), manage media platforms: Guam,  
Micronesia
- Accountants for PMA flight office Palau/Yap  
Micronesia
- Technical Missionaries: Agriculture, Water  
Projects, Livelihood Programs, Philippines.  
Construction, maintenance and repair/  
construction projects Micronesia.

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## Infrastructure Needs

**Bahay Kalinga Orphanage, Philippines.** Praise God that the gate, fences, building 1 and 2 renovation are now completed. Next phase is to repair and repaint kitchen, dining area, and main building: rooms for children, care givers, bathroom/toilet.

**PMF Church Patnanungan.** Building of new typhoonproof church, construction of clinic with guest rooms. Repair/painting of multipurpose training center.

**PMF Yap multipurpose center**  
Church & training facility.

**PMF Palau multipurpose center/church**  
Church & training facility.

**PMF Pohnpei multipurpose center**  
Church & training facility.



**Nob Kalau**

Dear Friends,

*“If a man dies, will he live again,”* asked Job? Job 14:14 God says absolutely “YES”! Everyone who has ever lived on this earth, both believer and unbeliever, who has passed from this life will one day experience a physical resurrection.

For the believer, who has had a spiritual resurrection, will receive a new body fit for the new heaven and the new earth.

*“The Lord Jesus Christ... who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.”* Phil. 3:20-21

*“I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies.”* John 11:25

For the unbeliever, who has rejected Christ and His salvation, will also receive a new body fit for eternity in the lake of fire. We must expend our lives so that these lost ones may come face to face with Jesus, believe in Him and pass from death into life.

Therefore the mission of every Pacific Mission Fellowship Church in the remote islands of Micronesia and the Philippines is: To Know Christ and To Make Him Known. This is our focus, our work and our calling. How do we accomplish that? To Love all people, Build the body of Christ, Disciple the faithful!

In the islands we see a generation of young people who are lost in the vast sea of western influence that is flooding our islands over social media and the invasion of false religions. This generation needs clear teaching of the Word, the very power of God unto salvation. This generation needs a purpose and a hope to live for. PMA needs missionaries to help us fulfill our Lord’s Great Commission of making disciples. Join us as we invite you to pray for your missionaries and the ministries of PMA. We absolutely can’t accomplish anything without the guidance and strength from the Lord. We really depend upon your prayers! We echo with Job this Amazing Hope:

*As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives  
And at the last He will take His stand on the earth  
Even after my skin is destroyed  
Yet from my flesh I will see God  
Whom I myself shall behold  
And whom my eyes will see and not another.*

Job 19:25-27

# Guam Highlights - God is Good!

by Melinda R. Espinosa, CFO/Administrator

*“Because of the LORD’s great love, we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”*

Lamentations 3:22-23

*Maemae, Ertino, Neimy and Morfy Roten faithfully attended Kids Klub since they were 7 years old!*



Much has happened these past months. Monday, May 23, 2023, Guam was on typhoon watch for the approaching Super Typhoon Mawar whose powerful winds devastated Guam with the eye of the typhoon passing just north of the island, with the eyewall – the most powerful part of the storm – pelted the island with hurricane-force winds of 150 mph and heavy rain. These affected the island’s power and water supply. Many buildings were destroyed, streets and villages were flooded. Here at PMA HQ, we experienced God’s protection all through the storm! We only had few damages: the gutter on the roof of our Kids Klub Venue at the back of our building, the radio and wifi antennas. We had no power for 5 days and water was restored in 3 days. But it was not so for the rest of the island. So many experienced at least a month of no power and water. And we still are experiencing load shedding until all the generators and equipment are fully restored and working. We are very thankful though that there was no loss of life!

Someone once said, “God’s delays are not His denials.” Having served with PMA for 36 years now, my long-time prayer was for faithful staff at the HQ Office and ultimately when the time came, I would be able to place the responsibility with called, capable, and committed Christian staff to take over the administration of the HQ Office. This verse from Psalm 27:14 has been my encouragement: “Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord.” The Lord has finally answered all our prayers in the persons of Gladys Sazon and Alexander Kalau. Both of them are qualified CPAs and have the desire to serve the Lord in PMA with their talent, knowledge and experience. Please pray as we work together, going through our accounting, internal audit systems and procedures/ policies as well as all reporting required so we can have comprehensive, timely and accurate reports for our partners and supporters, PMA Boards (Guam and Europe) and government entities.



*Praise God for His faithfulness – The Roten siblings following the Lord in water baptism – a public testimony of their faith.*



Toward the end of July, four siblings followed the Lord in water baptism. What a great joy for me to teach and mentor them in their walk with the Lord! They all started off at 7 years of age attending Kids Klub. The four of them have been faithful in studying the Word of God. The eldest, Morfy, is now 16-years-old, a junior in high school; Maemae is 15-years-old in 10th grade; Ertino is 14, in 8th grade; and Neimy is 11 in 6th grade! Perseverance has paid off! During Covid restrictions, I visited their home on a weekly basis and we had our Bible study at the steps of their apartment. No one gave up. Then when we could meet again, we were back at the PMA venue with our masks on. Thanking God for His assurance in Philippians 1:6: “Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Thank you Lord and to You be the glory forever!



*PMA HQ Staff, L-R:  
Melinda, Alex and Gladys.  
Thanking God for a good team, dedicated to serve Him.*

# Rejoicing in our Children's Accomplishments

by Ann Caspe, Bahay Kalinga (BK) Social Worker

As the academic year ends in the Philippines, we are thankful that our school children have been responsible and committed to their studies. We thank our partners who support BK Orphanage and enable us to also provide for the children's educational needs.

Jasmine was 6 years old when she was referred and admitted in PMA Bahay Kalinga on December 20, 2019, for further case management. At a very young age, she manifested a sense of responsibility. She could help the caregivers in doing simple household chores. Jasmine could get along with the other children and was cheerful and kind. She was eager to learn new things and determined to study. With the support of our caregivers, she was able to get over her childhood trauma of abuse. We pray that by God's mercy she will be healed completely. During school days, she wakes up early in the morning. She studies very well and even tutors her classmates and the children in BK. Her hard work has paid off when she received an award during her school's 2023 recognition day: "Eager Beaver Award & With High Honors".

Jared was also 6-years -old when he and his sibling were admitted in PMA-Bahay Kalinga on January 10, 2023. for temporary shelter. He appeared to be active and cheerful. He was sent to preschool and with the help of the caregivers, social worker and the other children in BK, he managed to cope and completed his kindergarten class on July 11, 2023. We are proud and thankful for Jared.

Carina was 7-years-old when she and her three siblings were admitted in PMA-BK for temporary shelter on December 21, 2020. All four siblings were signed up for school. Carina emerged as a peace loving mediator when other children in BK were arguing. She could also do simple household chores without being told. She manifested a sense of responsibility. Like the other children in BK, Carina - was eager to study and she received an award at the end of the school year. On July 11, 2023, school recognition day, she received the "Most Diligent Award". Congratulations to Carina! And to God be the glory!



*BK children  
with their caregivers*

*Carina and Jasmine proudly displaying the medal and ribbons for a good work done!*



*Proud Jared, completing his school year!*



Please note:

Children's names have been changed.

# God Fulfills His Promise

by Pastor Marty Jonee Lumigis, OIC PMA Philippines

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Two significant events come to mind:

First is all about the Hebrew class that we had. Our teacher/trainer was Amor Lumawan, a former PMA missionary who served in Guam and Palau, and also my classmate in Bible school. She now serves with Wycliffe Bible translators, part of a team translating the Bible to “Subanon”, a tribal language of indigenous people living in the south of the Philippines. Amor studied Hebrew in Israel and offered to teach a basic Hebrew class for the PMF pastors in the islands. She shared with me about her burden to help equip island pastors after she dreamed of a place and realized that it was Patnanungan Bay where she had served during her internship. 11 of us pastors attended the 10-day basic Hebrew class. At first, all of us were having difficulty on the said subject because of its nature, but our teacher was patient to help us understand and learn the Hebrew language. She didn't only teach us the language itself but also some Hebrew songs, Bible stories, culture and even introduced and explained some of the historical places known in the Bible. The difficulties were overcome as we continued and were required to speak Hebrew in class. It became more interesting as we integrated learning the language with the Word of God. The hardships paid off when 9 of us faithfully completed the course. It was insightful for each one of us as we understood the Word of God written in its original form and also the privilege of seeing a glimpse of Israel and their culture from the testimony of our teacher.

The second significant event in the month of May was the church dedication of Pacific Mission Fellowship (PMF) Busdak. Construction began late December of 2022 and completed the second week of May 2023. The weather delayed the target date of completion, but we thank the Lord for providing everything needed for the project. We dedicated the building to the Lord on May 21, 2023. Pastor Mario Caunca and his wife Nemia, together with the congregation prepared the church, the program and festivities. PMF brethren from Catmon, Kilogan, Guinaygayan and Poblacion Patnanungan were among the attendees including those who belonged to the community of Busdak. We started by singing praise and worship songs led by Pastor Mario, a few testimonies of thanksgiving from PMF Busdak church leaders, greetings from the Vice Mayor of Patnanungan and then I was privileged to share a dedication message from the Word of God found in 1 Kings 8:54-63. It is all about the fourfold prayer model of King Solomon: To thank God, to ask God's direction, to make the Church known among the nations, and to pray that the Church will be committed in serving the Lord. We also gathered around the church and offered a prayer of dedication and thanksgiving and of course the celebration ended with a fellowship dinner. The people of the community who are not church members were thankful and everyone could see their smiles and excitement to witness the celebration. Our Lord indeed is a God of comfort who puts a smile on our faces despite the challenges during this church project.



He is the God to be praised for the victories that He brings every time we call upon Him.

These significant events in May remind us that God is a God of fulfillment. Lamentations 2:17a: *“The Lord has done what He planned, He has fulfilled His Word, which He decreed long ago...”*

*Teacher Amore with PMA/PMF  
Pastors who completed the  
Hebrew Class.*

*Joyful PMF Busdak church  
family posing in front of their  
new church building.*



## New Songbooks for Pohnpei

by Sabine Musselwhite, PMA Missionary Pohnpei

One branch of our ministry in the PMA printshop “Good News Press” is selling Bibles in the native vernacular. These Bibles were printed off -island and PMA ordered and purchased several cases for resale to the islanders in Pohnpei. More and more often when customers visited PMA’s printing shop, they would also ask for hymn books that unfortunately, were not available. The last batch of Bibles was printed in Korea many years ago but the Korean printshop would not accept orders of less than three thousand books in order to make the project economically interesting.

Since our PMA printer, Ray Ray, is also a senior pastor in one of the Pohnpeian Evangelical Churches, he knew about many people who had asked for hymnals and were wondering if we could do something with the songbook in our printshop. From our conversations, the idea for this new project was born. We wanted to offer a songbook without notes but having bright, large print because reading eyeglasses are also an issue for many Pohnpeians.

I started laying out the 393 songs one by one, one song per page in font size 16. After I had completed all songs in the file, I convened with, Ersihda, our printer’s sister, in many afternoon sessions, proofreading through every individual song. She checked the spelling and the wording and I formatted the layout. The technical aspect was one challenge, yet a very pleasant side effect was that Ersihda and I, who had not known each other before, grew into a really nice, first working, then personal friendship. In between creative pauses we talked about our families, our personal preferences and our world views. I could tell how Ersi, who had not had much experience with foreigners, slowly began warming up to me and lost her shyness. When we were finished with the compilation, she invited me to a local church celebration and introduced me to some of her friends. I praise God for this wonderful opportunity to be able to serve the Pohnpeian community, spread God’s Word, and make a new local friend at the same time. The songbook is now undergoing a last spell check and our target is to print and have these available before Christmas. Since it will be compiled and finished at our printshop, we can deliver according to orders and finish around 50 units at a time.

Thus, we do not have to invest a lot of money beforehand, as if we had ordered 3000 units off-island. This way our small printshop has gained yet another way of serving the local body of Christ. To God be the glory!

*Sabine and Ersihda bonded together as they worked on the Pohnpei Songbooks together. Praise God for friendship in the Lord!*



# Hello and Good-bye

by Rachel Welge, PMA Missionary, Palau

Hello and Goodbye, over and over! Palau has been a hub of people coming and going these last few months. We have had the opportunity to “welcome” many and say “see you later” to others.

In May, we had the blessing of hosting our first short term missions team from Missionary Maintenance Services (MMS) in Ohio, USA. They came out to help us work on some big avionics upgrades for the aircraft in Palau. Their plan was to be here for 5 weeks, but because of Typhoon Mawar in Guam, their flight was delayed by an additional 2 weeks, allowing them to finish one aircraft and start on another. Praise God for connecting us with MMS and all the work the first team accomplished!

Then we welcomed a “new” returning full-time pilot to PMA, Paul Ciaramitaro, who will be flying the King Airs. Paul served in the PMA internship program back in 2018 and arrived in Palau before heading to his home base in Yap.

After saying goodbye to the 1st MMS team and sending them home, our second MMS team arrived in Palau to continue the avionics projects. While the 2nd MMS team was working hard accomplishing great things on our aircraft, we sent Stephen and Monet Newton off to their new assignment, re-starting PMA Aviation in the Philippines! They had been in Palau ever since we arrived in 2019 and we will miss them very much.

After sending the Newtons off, we bid farewell to the 2nd short term MMS team. They finished the avionics upgrades on the second Cessna aircraft and started on one of our Beechcraft Queen Air’s in addition to helping us build a treehouse for our kids’ Bible Study in Angaur.

Shortly after sending off the MMS Team, we were back at the airport to greet our new pilot/mechanic from Germany, missionary Jonathan Paulsen. He is getting oriented to island life and helping us here in Palau for a while until he starts his Queen Air flight training in Yap. We praise God that we can be a catalyst for people to serve the Lord and help share the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ here in Palau and to the ends of the Earth!

*The tree house finally complete - MMS team with PMA’s station Manager, Brock Welge and Mechanic Rolly de Lina.*



# Traveling Through Time with Jesus

by Heidi Collins, Yap Missionary and Pastor Petrus Haleyalgiy, PMF

*“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”*

Hebrews 13:8

This summer, our PMF church held a VBS (Vacation Bible School) outreach for the children living on Yap entitled “Time Travel”. The kids went backward and forwards in time to find out how Jesus is eternal! In their lessons, they learned how Jesus was present and involved in Creation, how he died on the cross for our sins, and how He will rule as King over everything when He returns.

Because our VBS attendance has grown in number over the years, we had to split the kids into two groups this summer to make it more manageable. First, the south side of the island came for VBS, then the north side, with a final combined service on Sunday. A total of 150 children attended; our biggest turnout yet! Pastor Petrus and wife Queentina led the team, with many youth and church members helping. The kids had so much fun doing action songs, crafts, memorizing verses, hearing the Bible explained, playing games and eating yummy snacks!

A week later, our pilot Paul Ciaramitaro flew Pastor Petrus with his team to the outer island of Fais to conduct another VBS program there. We had enough helpers from our PMF group there. Over 90 children attended, and it was a such a wonderful time for everyone there. We love these children, and it is so touching to see their eagerness to come and learn at VBS.

We thank God for the support we received from the community and their Chief. They allowed us to stay in the school which was our venue for the VBS. We had enough time for the children’s ministry and devotions with our Fais PMF Church, which was a great encouragement to them.

Please pray with us that they and their parents’ lives will be blessed and changed forever through the power and love of Jesus Christ. Pray that the VBS would be a great witness to the community and would continue to open doors for God’s Word in the islands.



*Here are all the children who learned that Jesus is in control over time!  
He is the same yesterday, today and forever!  
We can trust Him with our lives here and now and our eternal life forever!*



## Retiree Serving with PMA the Second Time Around

by Dave Kendrick, Missionary Pilot/ Mechanic

*“...but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”*

Joshua 24:15c

Friday evening, June 11, 2021, after viewing the PMA Facebook page, my wife Lora commented that Samaritan’s Purse had donated two King Air 200 turboprop airplanes to PMA and that another pilot was needed. Somewhat on a whim, I sent an email to Melinda at the Guam HQ, that I was available along with an updated resume – I had served with PMA on Pohnpei from 1983 to 1986.

To my surprise, the next morning PMA Chief Pilot Amos, having just arrived in the US, called from his rental car cell phone driving through Washington State. Although I knew who Amos was and he had heard of me, we had never met. He started the conversation saying that this would only work if I could just drop whatever I was doing and join him in about two weeks time for King Air training and be ready to help ferry the second airplane to Yap and start flying in Micronesia. He was quite surprised when I said yes! Amos did not know that I had been praying for nearly seven years for such an opportunity and that my retirement income allowed me to leave right away!

It was a hectic two weeks unplugging my life and preparing to join Amos. We flew across the U.S. to King Air Simulator training and check rides, then returned to the West Coast to prepare the plane for the ferry flight to Yap! Amos flew with the professional ferry pilot with additional fuel tanks to Guam where I had taken a commercial flight to. After a week of CoVid quarantine, Amos and I flew that last leg from Guam to Yap and again another week of quarantine! Finally, we were able to start King Air flights in the islands!

I ferried PMA’s Britten-Norman Islander airplane to Palau to checkout our station manager, Brock Welge, to fly it. However, the borders closed again and I stayed in Palau for two months! Finally, I returned to Yap with Brock and his family in that Islander plane as it was the only way to return to Yap! He spent several months performing King Air maintenance before flying his family back to and resuming his position in Palau. I started helping Amos with the King Air flights which were in great demand!

Much has changed since then and with new pilots heading to Micronesia, it was time for me to return to my home and family in California. It was an honor and privilege to serve with PMA a second time!



*Pilot Dave flying the King Air.*



*Dave with PMA's Chief Pilot,  
Amos Collins in Pohnpei.*



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