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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

*"I'll give God me this Christmas, it's the best gift I can give..."* Here at our PMF Church in Pohnpei, the small children are preparing for Christmas Day. Their songs are all centered around the gift that they want to give to the birthday Child.

In the evenings you can hear the youth practicing, singing at the top of their lungs: "Noel, Noel, come and see what God has done. Noel, Noel, the story of amazing love. The light of the World given for us. Noel."

I can remember when I was a little boy on Yap Island, being so excited about saving up my coins from fishing in the lagoon to buy my father a Christmas present. I could not wait until I could give him my gift. I wanted my daddy to love what I gave him because I loved my dad.

How much more we should love our heavenly Father. Does your life express your love to God? What will you give Him? If this Christmas you're going to tell God that you love Him, then the gift you are to give to Him is the gift of obedience. Study His Word, know what it says, and obey what He says. It's one thing to hear His Word; it's another thing to obey it. *"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."* John 14:15

Christmas cannot be celebrated apart from receiving God's gift of love, apart from giving that gift of love to others, and apart from loving God as we ought to love God in our obedience to Him.

Ending this year as your PMA missionaries, we are so very thankful to our God and to you our faithful partners and prayer warriors for blessing us and for enabling us to love the people of Micronesia and the Philippines. Acts of love through PMF churches, discipling men and women, orphanage, early childhood learning center, aviation ministry, medical outreaches, eye care, Sea Haven, Cross radio are all demonstrations of God's love for the people in the islands.

Have a wonderful Christmas celebrating our Lord Jesus Christ and may the coming year be filled with great love and obedience from each one of us.

And the song continues... *"Christ the Everlasting Lord, He shall reign forevermore. Noel, Noel, come and see what God has done!"*

That every island may hear!

Nob Kalau, President/CEO

## MISSION NEWS UPDATE

**GUAM.** I just got back from a trip where I visited a country in South East Asia, whose population is only 9% Christian, with its major religion - Islam. It was amazing that wherever we went, Christmas carols were being played – like “O come, O come, Immanuel” and others like it, telling the story of Jesus, His birth and His coming again! Christmas is a holiday in this country and everyone is free to worship in their own faith. I prayed that even through these carols, somehow, hearts will turn to the One True God – who gives life, love and hope to this dying world.

**PATNANUNGAN, PHILIPPINES.** We praise God as the PMF church celebrated 18 years in the island! Our newly appointed Pastoral Care and Development Pastor, Marty Lumigis shared the message that day: “The King that Cares” . It was followed by a sumptuous meal, and games for all, as well as a picnic at a nearby beach resort. What a great way to celebrate the faithfulness of God in the context of relationship!

**BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, NAUJAN, MINDORO, PHILIPPINES.** “We praise Him for another year He had given to Nympha, one of our caregivers. We also admitted a two weeks old child, Nate. Although, he is with us for temporary care, this may lead to adoption as his mom is undergoing long-term medical treatment. We are also very thankful to Capt. Al who donated books, clothes, yarn with sewing kits, rice and other children’s needs. We thank God for His provision!” ~ Jeny Flores-Gutierrez.

**PALAU.** Pastor Mike Hammond writes: “Thanksgiving was a wonderfully blessed time for the church in Palau. We were able to rent a place called Coco Beach, and had our service out there. We had our prayer team praying for good weather, and God came through! We had a great service, lunch, and fellowship. There was swimming, good conversation, and even karaoke. The main point of the message was that you cannot be joyful without first being thankful. Remember that Jesus is coming again to take those who believe in Him "home" to heaven. That fact should always put a smile on your face!”

**YAP, MICRONESIA.** “These past two weeks have been a time of intense prayer for Grace Adgil, our PMA secretary. She was hospitalized two weeks ago because her pregnancy became high-risk with high blood pressure and pre-eclampsia. The baby was not yet full-term, and the doctors here wanted to give it more time to develop. They were worried that if they gave her a C-section, she might bleed to death because of her high blood pressure. After two weeks of being in the hospital with swelling, vomiting and headaches, the doctors first tried to induce Grace’s labor, but that was unsuccessful. This morning, they resorted to giving her a C-section. So many people were praying for her and her baby, and we praise God for answering our prayers in the most wonderful way possible. He brought both Grace and her baby through this situation safely! Grace now has a 3lb baby girl who is currently in an incubator, but is healthy. Please continue to pray for the baby’s growth, and for Grace to heal and not have any other complications.” ~ Amos and Heidi Collins

**Another year of experiencing the grace, love, and faithfulness of our Lord! Dear Partners and prayer Warriors, you have been with us, every step of the way and we truly thank God for you! God bless you and have a wonderful Christmas celebrating Jesus and an abundant year ahead because it is in Him, we live and move and have our being!**

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