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Dear PMA Friends,

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*"AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US."
Matthew 1:23*

Immanuel: God is with us—God came to us. What an amazing thought. What an incredible plan! It is really the center of the Christian faith and life. All other religious ideologies essentially tell you that you must do something: Do this, and maybe you will make it to heaven, do this and you can find inner peace...Practice this, and you will find your higher power... Read this, and you will discover the new truth. But Christianity says it is all done—done for you at the Cross, paid for by the precious blood of God Himself, Jesus Christ.

Being a Christian is not merely following a set of dos and don'ts; it is having Christ himself live in you and through you, giving you the strength to be the man or woman He has called you to be. Jesus said, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20

The message of Christmas is God with us. And we can proclaim that amazing truth throughout the whole year. It's important to remember, especially during those times when we are going through great difficulty and challenge. The psalmist said, "If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me." Psalm 139:9–10

It is especially reassuring and encouraging for us at PMA to know that God is with us on tiny islands sprinkled across the vast Pacific Ocean. God is with our caregivers at the Orphanage as they love the babies and little children day in and day out. God is with our pastors in the Philippines who live in remote villages on isolated islands and preach from makeshift bamboo pulpits. God is with our pilots as they fly over ocean, ocean, ocean delivering passengers, flying cargo, searching for missing boats and people, bringing patients to the hospital, dropping much needed medicine via a parachute on an island with no runway. God is with us we sail with Sea Haven over formidable reefs to get to outer islands. God is with us as we carry out medical clinics for remote villages. God is with us as we build friendships, lead Bible studies, send out the good news via radio, work in the office, live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. God is with us... and in this fact, we rest and continue to serve.

I just returned from the Philippines and a short retreat with our Filipino pastors and co-workers. What a great group of men and women. As they serve in the isolated islands of the Philippines, how important for them to know that God is with them. The Bible never teaches that we will have problem-free lives as followers of Christ. But the Bible does teach that we will never be alone. That is the message that this sin-sick world is longing to hear: Immanuel—God is with us.

Thank you for being a part of the PMA Family,

Nob Kalau, President/CEO

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GUAM. Saturday after Thanksgiving celebration, a core group of PMF, headed by Pastor Inok and Erpina, visited our brethren who lived in a “ranch”. The place was the home of three Chuukese families and we were there to share blessings from the Lord, not only in kind, but especially God’s Word and prayers. What a great time of sharing and fellowship we had. In the end, we were the ones who were blessed! ~ **Melinda R. Espinosa**

PHILIPPINES. Pastor Marty continues to visit the island every month – staying there for 3 weeks. His base is Patnanungan where he conducts training and teaching sessions with our Pastors/workers. In February, they completed Class 101 – where they reviewed/studied PMA’s doctrinal statements of Faith, PMA’s Core Values, PMA’s Philosophy in Leadership, and what makes PMF a church Family (Salvation, Statement, Strategy and Structure). 10 Pastors and workers completed the course. The Pastors/workers have been teaching this course to their congregation. By the end of this year, they will have completed the “Essentials for Christian Living” which consists of 10 modules. Praise God! ~ **Melinda R. Espinosa**

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, MINDORO OR., PHILIPPINES. “We are pleased to inform you that Maritess has been accepted by a family in Denmark! We thank God for the successful match. Please pray as we prepare our little girl for this wonderful change in her life.”
By: **Jeny Flores-Gutierrez**

REPUBLIC OF PALAU. “We had a baptism and a Thanksgiving day celebration all on the same Sunday. It was a blessing to be a part of the public profession of following Jesus, and to enjoy a wonderful fellowship meal as a body of Christ.” **Pastor Mike Hammond**

YAP, MICRONESIA. “When it rains it pours. PMA’s capabilities were really stretched to the limit a couple weeks ago. We are experiencing higher than normal flights to the islands due to reconstruction after the typhoon in 2015. Then we had just deployed a plane to Palau to support a maritime surveillance operation with the government of Palau. Shortly after it got back, the Coast guard called us to assist in a Sea Search for a capsized fishing vessel 200 miles south of Palau, (400 miles away from Yap). At the same time back in Yap, we got a call to bring in a patient who had been paralyzed in an accident, and needed to be transported to Yap hospital. And in the background we had inspections due on certain planes which meant some planes could not be flown for as long as the others. It was a blessing that we had two pilots and was able to meet all the needs we were called upon to do.” ~ **Amos Collins**

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. “With all the activity of the season, there is one thing that should take priority above all the others: Worship. Christmas is a time to adore the newborn King, who came to earth to be with us so that we could go to Heaven to be with Him. Here in Pohnpei we gather the youth together each night to practice beautiful worship music for Christmas. 5 band members have learned the music, 40 teenagers are eager to sing, eager to commit to each night’s practice, eager to bless others this Christmas season.” By: **Sylvia Kalau**

We thank God for this year. We have attempted great things for God, and expected great things from Him, and He has never failed us! Thank you dear friends for your faithful partnership! Have a wonderful Christmas celebrating Jesus, and may the coming year be full of His blessings as we abide in Him! God bless you more!

*In Him we live and move and have our being,
Melinda R. Espinosa, CFO/Administrator*