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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

“Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Oh give thanks to the God of Gods! For His mercy endures forever! Oh give thanks to the LORD of Lords! For His mercy endures forever;” Psalm 136: 1-3

We are reminded in Psalm 136 of the over-riding reason why we need to give thanks to the LORD always – *“His Mercy endures forever.”* We are told, *“Mercy is not receiving what we deserve”*, hence our response of gratitude. The mercy He shows us is a manifestation of His compassionate character and His being mindful that we are but dust (Psalm 103:14). However, we need to be reminded of the fact that He is compassionate to those who fear Him (Psalm 103:13). And so, as He bestows upon us His love, mercy and compassion, we need to be mindful of our response toward Him as we walk circumspectly in love and obedience.

GUAM. We are blessed to have two young men come through Guam, in December and February. One was Stefan Meier who arrived in December on his way to Pohnpei where he is serving with the media ministry until July 2016; and the other was Alex Hans who was on his way back to the U.S. mainland after serving with PMA Yap since September 2015. We thank God for them and pray that their experience with PMA would be one of learning and growing in all areas of their lives. And for the Lord to continue to use them as a blessing to others.

PMF CATMON, PHILIPPINES. “Praise God, my wife Joy delivered safely a healthy baby girl!” Shares Bro. Cesar. “Thank God, the church building is now complete! As I have been studying and preaching from the book of Ecclesiastes, the Lord all the more emphasized that life is precious and only becomes meaningful when we live our lives for Him and in His service. May the Lord give me and my family the strength, wisdom and perseverance to serve Him and be obedient to His will always!”

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, NAUJAN, OR. MINDORO, PHILIPPINES. “We are always amazed how God moves people for kingdom work. We received several donations from several people at the beginning of this year – starting it off abundantly! Gifts of rice, children’s grocery, vitamins, medicines, books, clothes, diapers and even a dish keeper were among those given. We also celebrated the birthday of one of our temporary shelter child – JV and Janet Ylagan, one of our care givers! God has once again shown us that He is our Great Provider!” From: Jeny Flores-Gutierrez

YAP, MICRONESIA. The last Saturday of January, we had a charter flight by IOM to go to Ulithi and see the progress of the reconstruction (after the onslaught of Typhoon Maysak), and also to plan for the drought that is expected this summer due to El Nino. Simon took the flight and was supposed to have only 4 hours ground time which turned into 6 hours.

Meanwhile back in Yap at around 1:30 PM a flatbed truck brought Kayla over, an 18 year old girl from the west side of Yap, and her skull was fractured. Immediately after she was assessed at the hospital, we were called to do a medevac to Palau, where they could do a CAT scan.

Grace and I contacted our Base in Palau and Stephan made phone calls to get us our landing permit, and to get approval from immigration for the patient to enter without a passport. Everything came together at about 5 PM. Simon returned, we refueled, the family came, the patient came, and we were taxiing out of Yap by 6:30 PM.

Stephan told me that an airliner was landing 30 minutes before us and then 30 minutes after us, so we needed to arrive there at 7:00 PM Palau time. It all worked out perfectly. Thank you Lord!

After we landed in Palau and the ambulance picked up Kayla, I went to clear paperwork with Immigration and Customs, and then when we were ready to leave, the airport didn't allow us to take-off because the other plane was delayed in arriving. So we had to wait an additional 30 minutes for it to land and get cleared. We departed Palau just after 10:00 PM (Yap Time) and landed in Yap at 11:45. Our whole crew was there waiting and we closed up just after midnight, tired but very thankful that we could be of service to someone once again. Praise the Lord! By: Amos Collins

PALAU. (Kayla's story continues) The following day, Sunday after worship service, we were able to visit and pray for Kayla and relatives. Only Tanya was able to visit Kayla who was in ICU. According to the relatives, she has no fractures, just a lot of bruises. The CT scan showed internal bleeding in the head, the opposite side where she got hit. The doctors are monitoring the internal pressure, if it does not rise they will let the body deal with it, otherwise they will have to do an operation to relieve the pressure. Markus and Prisca Klassen stopped by the hospital Thursday after the first visit. After talking to the relatives, they found that her condition is improving and she is able to eat. She speaks 2-3 words before getting sleepy again. Please continue to pray for Kayla and her family. Thank you! ~ Stephan Schulz

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. A two – fold blessing is what I can call this situation. Merme, an active member of PMF Pohnpei, serving with the Worship team and Sunday school, had to go to Guam as her daughter, Lymer was going to have a baby. So off she went to be on hand to help her daughter. Lymer gave birth to a healthy baby boy, although she had to undergo cesarean operation, both mom and baby are doing fine. Meanwhile, I had planned to attend Alex Kalau's (the youngest of Nob and Sylvia Kalau) graduation in U.S. mainland and visit relatives and friends while I was there. I would be gone for 3 Sundays – who would help team-teach the Sunday school while I was gone? God provided. Merme volunteered and she and Julie Ann had a great time teaching the children. Merme told me that she is blessed and learns much when she teaches. Thank you ladies and Praise God!

Praise God His Mercy endures forever! When I contemplate on this truth, I am humbled, blessed and overwhelmed by His great love for us. Because how else could He love us we who are sinners? As His words says: “He loves us with an everlasting love!” (Jeremiah 31:3). How else could He forgive us so many times? How else would we be given so many chances and opportunities to obey Him? To serve Him? How else would we be able to experience His compassion that is new every morning? The prophet Jeremiah says that *because of His mercy* we are not consumed (Lamentations 3:22). Praise the Lord and Thank you Jesus!

Thank you dear Partners – your faithfulness is a blessing and one we are very grateful for! God bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

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