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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

“If you obey My commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed My Father’s commands and remain in His love... My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.” John 15:10, 12

We have a tendency to look at the word “command” as a set of rules that we need to live by to avoid punishment, or to receive favor. Though this is somewhat true, the real essence of the word “command” in the Bible is rooted in the word that means “to make a connection” or in a sense to be in close relation or to be intimate with someone. This is why Jesus said to His disciples to remain in Him before giving His command to love. It is remaining in His love that we can truly obey. Obedience is to live as Jesus lived.

GUAM. 8 year old Tadaoshi praised God for Wednesday and Sunday, he said, “These are my favorite days because I get to be in worship, Sunday school and Bible study and prayer!” What a blessing the children are and a great encouragement. Every Wednesday, he and his siblings accompany their grandma to Prayer meeting where we are now studying “The Disciple’s Cross”. We have completed two chapters: “Spending time with the Master” and “Living in the Word” and now, we are going through “Praying In Faith”. Please continue to pray for our small group with Pastor Inok and Erpina – for the Lord to continue to equip, build and encourage us to be Christ followers.

PHILIPPINES. With the addition of Guinaygayan as one of his outreach, brother Cesar Foster thanks God for His enablement to be able to preach, teach and encourage our brethren each Sunday. He thanks God for our brothers and sisters in Christ who continue to persevere in their faith despite adversities. The greatest challenge he has in going to Guinaygayan is when it is low tide – then he has to walk more miles. But this does not hinder him. Pray for brother Cesar and his wife Joy as they serve in Catmon. Pray for spiritual strength and endurance. Pray for wisdom concerning the schooling of their children as the better schools are in Patnanungan.

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, NAUJAN, OR. MINDORO, PHILIPPINES. “It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken adults”. The New Year started with new things to ponder. We are blessed to be the role models of our children in BK as we are privileged to care and teach each child the right way to live, the right way to do things, the right way to think as we teach them God’s Word. Please pray for us at BK so we can lovingly care and bring them up in the wisdom, love and knowledge of the Lord. Please pray for the smooth and orderly processing of adoption of 6 of our children. We are so thankful for so many who pray and support this ministry financially. God bless you!” ~ **Jeny Flores**

PALAU. “January was a month of preparing. We are starting some new ministries that are geared at sharing the Gospel more effectively, and more often. I am also training up some young men in the church to help the Elders with pulpit ministry for when my family and I go on vacation. We are learning, training, and building up others for kingdom purposes. I am excited to see what "fruit" comes out of our preparation.” By: **Pastor Mike Hammond**

YAP, MICRONESIA. “Last weekend, the youth group girls had a sleepover at our house. We used this time to get to know one another better and also to help prepare a flannel graph set for a new ministry in the Outer Islands of Yap. The girls and I spent Saturday morning cutting out hundreds of figures and pictures for the flannel graph set that the PMF church plans to send to the island of Elato. A couple who became Christians last summer wish to start an outreach to the kids of their island. By using these brightly-colored flannel graph pictures as a visual aid, we hope the Bible stories will come alive and be easier to retain and retell. I’m thankful for these girls’ eager and cheerful attitude as they helped to prepare this project, and for a fun time together. We pray that this children’s ministry will be successful in Elato, attracting not only the kids to Jesus Christ, but their parents too.” From: **Heidi Collins**

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. “Kosai is a member of our church whose main prayer request each week is for the salvation of her husband and married children. She faithfully comes to church and encourages her family to come as well. A few weeks ago her children requested the dedication of the 2 newest grandchildren to the Lord. Nob always meets with the parents for counseling sessions before the dedication and prays that this step of dedication will also ring true in the hearts of the parents. Her husband has not made a decision for Christ yet, but he was so thankful to PMF as he witnessed the dedication of his grandchildren. Step by step, prayer by prayer, God is answering the faithful prayers and witness of Kosai as she stands in the gap for her precious family. “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Matt. 19:14 ~ **Sylvia Kalau**

“So He said to me, 'This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty.’ (Zechariah 4:6) It is only by God’s enablement that we are able to love as Jesus loved us. As we abide in Him and He abides in us – the ability to love comes as a result of our close and intimate relationship with Him. Love indeed is a choice of the heart, an obedient heart. I always tell my Sunday school children this: in the middle of obedience is the word “die” --- we need to die to self so that Christ can live in us – and He is the One that enables us to obey. My prayer is that we all continue to remain in the Vine knowing that we are mere branches – with no life nor love on our own.

Dear Partners, thank you for the love you have shown so faithfully as you partner with us and our missionaries who serve the Lord in the field. May we grow in love and fullness of His joy as we share our lives with others, giving glory to God! God bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

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