



JANUARY 2015

Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

Preparing for the Sunday school lessons for January, I decided to teach on the book of Joshua, especially starting from the part where God had chosen Joshua to take up the leadership after Moses. Those were big steps to follow – but God assured Joshua that as He was with Moses, He too would be with him. January 8 marks the first anniversary of Pastor Ed Kalau’s home going – I remember this day as if it was just yesterday. I am sure, Nob Kalau must have felt the weight on his shoulders – yet, I know too, that placing his faith in Almighty God, he was assured that the Lord would be with him every step of the way. Praise God, we at PMA can continue to press on and follow through with the vision and mission God had given Ed Kalau – as we stay on course, as we follow where He leads us, He has promised, *“Lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”* Matt. 28:20b

GUAM. Had a wonderful time with Pastor Inok and Erpina once again, as we celebrated the Lord’s supper. He and Erpina shared their praises to the Lord for Christmas and New Year’s eve worship services they had with their families and relatives. Their New year’s eve service lasted until 5 AM the following day – sharing testimonies of God’s faithfulness, singing Chuukese hymns, teaching the Word of God and praying together. Pray for Pastor Inok and Erpina, as they continue to minister to their families and relatives here on Guam – that God’s Word will penetrate the people’s hearts and minds leading to salvation and spiritual growth.

PATNANUNGAN, PHILIPPINES. Mercy Sulad shares: “Thank God for another year given to PMF Patnanungan, celebrating 28 years of God’s goodness and faithfulness! Over a hundred people joined in the worship celebration (including parents of our children who attend PMA’s Learning Center). Many shared their testimonies. It was a blessed time for each one!”

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, NAUJAN, MINDORO. After Christmas, together with PMA Phil. Staff: Fred, Edna, Julio and I visited our Orphanage in Mindoro. Of interest to me was not only to visit our BK children and staff, but also see the progress of the BK renovation. Praise God, Phase 1 and 2 are complete and the 3rd and last phase would be completed before the end of this month. We are very thankful for God’s provision for this Project! The children were

very excited to have visitors – especially as they saw that we had treats for each one. Continue to pray for our staff – for encouragement in doing good and doing things well, and for our children to be placed in godly, loving homes.

PALAU. Stephan Schulz, missionary pilot recently wrote to us: “We are very happy to announce that our son Joshua Owen Schulz has arrived this afternoon. He weighs 3410g (7lb 8oz) and is 50cm (20 in). So far this has been the best C-section experience and we hope the recovery will be as good as well. We consider ourselves blessed to be in good care and are very thankful. Thank you for your prayers and support.” The 4th C-section was performed in Manila Philippines. Please pray for recovery of Tanja and Joshua – for good health for both mom and baby. Pray too for the process of various documents (especially Joshua’s passport) so that they can return to Palau soon.

YAP, MICRONESIA. Christmas is the busiest time for us in Yap. Students are going home for the holidays and families are coming in from other countries to be with family. This year was no different. What stands out to me though was the months leading up to Christmas, and how our schedule changed so dramatically. More people booking, then cancelling, because the ship decided to go, then re-booking because the ship broke down again. Then in the middle of that we had three back to back funerals. As I flew my last flight on the 23rd to Ulithi, I remember being frazzled and my muscles were weary after having dropped off load after load of food and passengers to the Islands. Then a close friend of ours, JR Rulmal came up and said, "Amos, can you come over here for a second?" He brought me over to the side of the building where almost all of the people were gathered, and they began to sing a song and adorn me with flowers. After the first song, the Chief came up and shook my hand, followed by everyone else, all thanking me for the service we had given. After that they went into a second song as I just stood there honored. It was such a special experience that I will never forget. Suddenly the weariness was gone.” ~ Amos Collins (Note: We thank God for the opportunity to serve the island people and pray that we will not grow weary in well-doing.)

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA, It has become a tradition at PMF Pohnpei...beginning the New Year with prayer, communion, testimony and song. We so look forward to the New Year’s Eve service and this year proved again to be extra meaningful and special! The evening begins with a potluck dinner. Then at 8:30pm we move over to the church. Some parents are prepared with pillows/blankets for their little ones who can’t stay awake till midnight. Families have practiced and prepared their songs of praise unto the Lord. Some share their testimony of what God has done in the past year. Others take the time to confess their shortcomings and make a new commitment to put Christ first in 2015. We pray as individuals and we pray as families. We share the Lord’s Supper together. In acapella fashion, hymns are sung between the testimonies until a few minutes before midnight. Then the service ends and we hug one another in the New Year. There are indeed many unknowns and challenges ahead in 2015... God wants to lead and guide us through each one...let’s choose to put first things first in the New Year. By Sylvia Kalau

What will happen in 2015 may be unknown to us, but as someone once said – we know who holds our future. He promised that He will be with us wherever we go – that is why we can be strong and courageous! May the Lord be your strength and encourage you every step of 2015! Thank you for standing with us as we serve Him with all our strength, mind and heart! God bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

Melinda R. Espinosa, CFO/Administrator

