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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

“Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.” Galatians 6:9

A blessed New Year to one and all! New Year brings a sense of anticipation and enthusiasm as we think of all possibilities as the days unfold. Some of us have made resolutions and plans. However, we have to remember that resolutions and plans become just thoughts and ideas when we do not act on them. Doing good needs perseverance. That is why Paul encourages us “Not to grow weary”. It is not the big, spurts of good deeds, or well-meaning plans that are important, or would result in success – but it is the day-to-day, moment-by-moment decisions, focused actions we make... never giving up in allowing the Lord to transform our lives by obeying His Word. As His Word conforms us to His image, this enables us to follow His will and His way as we serve and honor Him daily in our lives.

GUAM. What a blessed time Christmas is, and yet it also brings about so much to do as the year is about to end. Reports to donors, Christmas newsletters and the annual calendars/gifts to prepare, and in the midst of this, I was practicing with the children for a worship dance and song numbers for the Christmas program. As I checked out the “things to do”, it was a blessing that Julie Ann, my assistant, was able to come back to work (after her maternity leave) and help me during this time. I also thank God for Joaline Smith who took over my Sunday school class when I left for the Philippines shortly before Christmas. It was a great time of reunion and catching up with family and friends, and most especially opportunities to share God’s Word and His love with them. Am so thankful for hearts that were open and pray that seeds planted will grow and produce fruits of righteousness.

JOMALIG, PHILIPPINES. We thank God for answered prayers! He has provided funding so that we can have a boat built for mission work. We will no longer have problems waiting for transportation to take us to other mission stations, to participate in inter-island church activities, and for our medical team to be transported where needed. By the end of December the building of this boat was completed and this month, it will be dedicated to the Lord’s service. The name of the boat? M/V Evangel. May the Lord use this as a blessing to the islands!

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, NAUJAN, ORIENTAL MINDORO, PHILIPPINES. December brought strong winds and heavy rains due to typhoon Nona, leaving Oriental Mindoro devastated. Roofs of houses were blown away, other houses crumpled like paper, water rose in many areas, leaving villages flooded. Power was cut off and authorities said that it would take 2 – 3 months to restore this. Meanwhile, at Bahay Kalinga, our children were secure and well taken care of by our social worker, and care givers. The compound suffered minor damages. Days before the storm, we were visited by some teachers who brought food and supplies as their Christmas gift to our children – God’s way of providing during the storm when supplies were not

easily accessible. Two days after New Year, power was restored in Naujan. Our appliances, computer were tested and with some cleaning and the purchase of a new AVR – they all worked! Once again, we have seen and experienced God’s provision and protection. Thank you Lord!

PALAU. This Christmas we were richly blessed as all of us from the PMA staff participated in the PMF Christmas program. With the help of volunteers, Tanja Schulz organized a Christmas play. It was funny and touching at the same time, watching the children act out the special Christmas message about the birth of our beloved Savior. CJ Misajon did a great job of sharing a simple, but profound sermon, sharing the Gospel with the congregation. And once again he blessed us with his wonderful voice by leading the worship team in singing Christmas songs. Both Missionary families, the Klassens and the Schulzes, were able to share their testimonies as well as providing more insight into the work of PMA by highlighting the multi-faceted ministry PMA carries out all around the Pacific Islands. We all feel inspired and encouraged to jump into this promising New Year. ~ Prisca Klassen

YAP, MICRONESIA. Christmas and New Year are always a busy time for our flight operations. This year, the schedule filled early and we just kept adding flights to meet the demand. For the most part, it was families returning to the islands, students going home for the holidays and returning construction workers who were rebuilding from the typhoon. It was shaping up to be just like the seasons past. But now, with the addition of our new pilot Simon Haemmerling, and also a second plane that we brought online last month, we were able to meet the demands and complete all the flights with time to spare. It is good to have the extra help and the added versatility of a second plane. –Amos Collins

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. This Sunday we will have an Elder installation service. Four of our PMF men have proven faithful and above reproach. After years of discipleship and mentoring, it’s rewarding to see humble men who have matured in God’s Word ready to serve in the church. We will follow the installation service with a baptism at the ocean for new believers that want to follow and obey God’s holy ordinance. It is such a great joy to see the church grow and bear fruit for God’s Kingdom. *“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”* Luke 10:2

The Word of God says that apart from Him we can do nothing (John 15:5). Yes, perseverance in doing good needs the strength, determination and commitment that can only come from the Lord. As Zachariah 4:6 says, “Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,” saith the Lord of hosts.” The secret of not growing weary in well doing is RESTING on Him. Let us therefore run the 2016 race with perseverance knowing that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Author and Finisher of our faith, will be with us to guide, lead and protect us always!

Thank you dear Partners – your prayers, support and encouragement also gives us the passion not to grow weary in Bringing Hope and allowing God to Change Lives for eternity! God bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

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