



## ***Bringing Hope, Changing Lives***

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**Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,**

***"Blessed be the LORD, Because He has heard the voice of my supplication. The LORD is my strength and my shield; My heart trusts in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart exults, And with my song I shall thank Him." Psalm 28:6-7***

Three days before my scheduled trip for Palau, Guam was alerted of an approaching Typhoon with expected maximum winds of over a 100mph. Our CEO, Nob Kalau also scheduled to go to Palau could not make it. The typhoon that would be coming to Guam just passed through Pohnpei and damaged the roof of our Studio/PMF church. He had to stay and see to its repair. In Guam, we prayed, prepared and secured the PMA HQ. My sister Laureen would be house sitting and she assured me she would be fine. Typhoon Dolphin struck Guam as expected and left on its wake power and water outages, damaged homes, downed and uprooted trees and in some areas, flooding. At PMA HQ, power was restored in 7 hours, we did not experience any water outage, our backyard was trashed, but more important, my sister was safe and no damage to the building. We thank God that He heard our prayers and He was our Shield of protection.

**GUAM.** Praise God that my time in Palau went fast but was very fruitful. Spent time with our staff and met with Minister Obichang, as well as our PMF members and core leaders and long-time friends at the Palau Evangelical church. I had opportunities to share the Word of God at the PMF prayer meeting and one of the Ladies Bible study groups. It was also a time to say good-bye to the Balayos – who will be completing their service with PMA after 20 years. They will be missed. Assignments for the transition period were made while we prayerfully await for their replacement.

It was a blessing to have my sister Laureen visit me for a month. I enjoyed our time together. She was a great help to me -- reorganizing Sunday school materials, PMA stuff (spring cleaning), and preparing crafts for Sunday school! I thank God for her.

**PHILIPPINES.** PMF Katakian celebrated 29 years of God's goodness, blessings and faithfulness. The theme of the anniversary was "I Will Build My Church" from Matthew 16:18 – a cause for celebration as the "gates of hell cannot prevail against His church – the believers!"

**BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, NAUJAN, OR. MINDORO, PHILIPPINES.** "We had the opportunity to present Bahay Kalinga services at a Barangay Captains' meeting (Village leaders town hall meeting). We were given enough time to answer all their questions. We pray that through this advocacy more children would be referred to us." Jeny F. Gutierrez and Joann Suizo

**PALAU.** Last Sunday of May, the PMF church bade farewell to Pastor Bambit Balayo, wife Joy, and children: Romeena, Berneace and Jaeden (all born and raised in Palau), as they completed their service with PMA after 20 years. Pastor Bambit will begin serving in a Christian school, his father founded. We pray for wisdom, strength and grace, as the family will face new challenges. Prisca Klassen shares of the event: "It was a beautiful affair. Lots of tears, lots of praise and lots of awesome stories. They did a good job here and left a great legacy. Big footsteps to step into! It was a blessing to hear all this and be part of it."

**YAP, MICRONESIA.** The mad rush to bring relief to Ulithi has subsided. We are still flying over twice as much as before, but it's no longer necessary to fly as frequently as we did in April. We are able to catch up and clean up a little after the chaos that was left in the wake of the urgent response. The people in Ulithi are still mostly based in their typhoon shelters as they wait for IOM (International Organization for Migration) and USAID to bring in the promised materials for them to rebuild. But this is still somewhere on the horizon with no date set for its arrival. We still have supplies in our hangar from a second 40 ft. container sent by the Ayuda Foundation, friends in Guam and Matson Shipping. These items we are holding until they are requested by the people out there. We just received a new shipment of fuel, so we are set for the next few months.

On the church front, we are gearing up for the usual summer youth retreat and VBS. Petrus and Queen, Heidi, and Bruce and Noeleen are busy as they prepare for their different roles in these events. It looks like the staff will be a bit short handed, which means a heavier load for the few who remain. Please pray that they have the strength to persevere through it all and that the lives of the young people are changed for Christ. From: Amos Collins

**POHNPEI, MICRONESIA.** The end of May was filled with graduations: Kindergarten, 8th grade, 12th grade, college. Every school had some kind of a graduation celebration to mark the accomplishment of finishing a part of education. We had a special graduation acknowledgement on Sunday, rejoicing with the students and their families. You know, all of mankind will be graduating one day. And that graduation will not depend on your grades in school, but it will all be riding on one deciding question....What did you do with Jesus Christ?

If you can answer, "*I received Jesus as the Lord of my life, the forgiver of my sins, and only because of His payment for me can God accept me. I have lived my life with Him as my Master, obediently doing what His Word tells me to do by His strength and grace.*" You will enter into the most magnificent place. Celebrations here on earth are just a taste of the joy we will experience when we stand before God and hear Him say, "Well done faithful servant, enter into the joy of the Lord." By: Sylvia Kalau

**In this life, we will always face storms – literal and otherwise. It is with great assurance that we can face this without fear because of God's promised presence. Thank you dear Partners – your standing with us also gives us great encouragement knowing that you pray for us continue to believe in us and what we do as you partner and support us. God bless you more!**

**In Him we live and move and have our being,**

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