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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

“You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.” Genesis 50:20

This was Joseph’s statement to his brothers when he presented himself to them as they did not recognize him – from the 17 year old boy they had sold to slavery, and twenty years later - to the person standing before them who was now second only to Pharaoh. How they must have been so afraid – what would Joseph do to them? But Joseph, with a heart of love, assured them that he had already forgiven them. Reminds me of our Lord Jesus Christ – on the cross, saying *“Father forgive them for they know not what they do!”* The Pharisees, scribes, the Roman authority, the people, meant His Crucifixion for evil, but God meant it for good. Jesus through His own volition, suffered, enduring the cross in order to pay for all the sins of the world, your sins and mine, and by His resurrection triumphed over death, sin and Satan! Praise God, the Perfect Lamb of God, indeed, took away the sins of the world!

GUAM. We are very thankful for mission staff and friends who have come through Guam in February and early March: Amos Collins, Nob and Sylvia Kalau, Eddie and Inoki Romolow and German friends headed by our PMA Germany General Manager, Michael Lange. Because we rarely see each other, it is always a joy to spend time with them in prayer and fellowship. What a great encouragement they are to all of us!

JOMALIG, PHILIPPINES. “Praise God, M/V Evangel is now operational! With this boat, it is no longer a problem to visit PMA’s island stations in the Polillo. Dr. John’s visit for medical outreaches has been enhanced because of this. This also makes it easier for most of us to attend the monthly Fellowship and Discipleship studies at Patnanungan, led by Dr. John. Our sessions give me enlightenment, encouragement and help me in my ministry. We are so thankful for faithful sponsors who have made this possible!” ~ Pastor Jun Mandreza

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, NAUJAN, MINDORO. “Good news! We have received the documentation for the adoption of JN and we are looking forward to the smooth progress of her adoption process. We also praise God that we have also found foster parents for one of our older children. He will soon be transferring to his new home and family. Please pray for the smooth transition of the children and their adoptive/foster parents. Pray that they will continue to grow in the faith, love and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” ~ Jeny Flores-Gutierrez

PALAU. “Toward the end of February, men from the PMF Church held a men’s retreat weekend in Angaur. It was a time of fellowship but also hard work as they renovated the Evangelical church building there. On Sunday morning they held a worship service led by Kastol, our Agent on the island, and elder Ken. It was nice to see the men working side by side and enjoying each other’s company while serving our fellow brothers on Angaur. We hope it’s one of the many outreaches to follow where we can minister to the people of Angaur. ~ Markus and Prisca Klassen

YAP, MICRONESIA. Several months ago, we had made plans to get the equipment to record Petrus as he preached on Sundays, and then send the audio out to the small groups that meet in the outer islands. We purchased a small voice recorder and a few MP3 players. Up to this point, we have 10 recordings of Petrus’ sermons in the outer island language and we put them all together as 10 different tracks on the MP3 players. This month we were finally able to implement our plan, and sent those players out to Woleai where there are small groups meeting together on Sundays. Our plan is to continue to send them new sermons on small Micro SD cards to keep them fed with messages from the Word. Pray that these messages will encourage the believers out there and also be a good teaching tool. ~ Amos Collins

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. We just returned from the US. Our youngest, Alexander, graduated from college. As career missionaries, we heard many different opinions about what was best for educating kids of full-time missionaries. Were we giving our kids the best education if we stayed and served in a 3rd world country? We were committed to missions, but also committed to the schooling of our kids. For many years we did homeschooling, on land and on the mission boat, Sea Haven. Our 3 kids went where we went, did what we did. Missions for us have always been a family commitment. Was it easy? No. But I have to say that God always supplied our needs and took care of our family. And now as we have had the joy of seeing our tribe graduate from College and do just fine with their education, we can whole heartedly witness to the fact that God is faithful and can be trusted with every area of life. You can never out give God! “But my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” Phil. 4:19 ~ Sylvia Kalau

As we remember the Passion of Jesus, and celebrating His glorious and victorious Resurrection, let us be forever grateful for the Cross! As hymn writer, Isaac Watts wrote, “Alas, and did my Savior bleed, and did my Savior die? Would He devote that sacred head, for such a worm as I? Was it for crimes that I had done, He groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity, grace unknown and love beyond degree! At the Cross, at the Cross, where I first saw the light, and the burdens of my heart rolled away. It was there by faith, I received my sight and now I am happy all the day!” Yes, burdens are lifted at Calvary, and we should be thankful for God’s love and amazing grace!

Pray for us that we will not grow weary in sharing this wonderful message of God’s unfailing love and salvation to those we serve in the islands. Pray that His Word, preached and taught faithfully will result in salvation and growth to those who receive it by faith and obedience.

Thank you dear Partners for your faithful prayers, partnership and support of all that we do. God bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

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