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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

**“But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.” 1 Corinthians 15:57,58**

**PERSEVERANCE** – the dictionary defines this word as: **“to persist in anything undertaken; maintain a purpose in spite of difficulty, obstacles, or discouragement; continue steadfastly.”** What does it mean to persevere in the mission field? It means **not giving up** when there seems to be no change where one is trying to influence. When it seems that no matter what we do – there is no positive response to the Word of God and the love we show. It means **not losing hope** in praying for the salvation of those we share the Gospel. It also means **waiting for God’s perfect time** for answers to prayers – knowing He is a God who knows our needs and will for sure provide the answer His way, His time. The Lord Jesus has asked us to be His faithful servants – and as such – faithfulness means **persevering in the task that He has assigned us to do no matter what happens.** Perseverance really is **trusting the Lord that He does not make a mistake and we are to be His obedient servant.**

**GUAM.** We are thankful to God for two of our missionaries who came to Guam for their physical exams as well as other things that needed to be done. Amos Collins had his flight physical which he passed. Lance was on Guam to attend to his assignment as an Air Force reserve as well as get some Chiropractic treatment from one of our board members - Dr. Greg Miller. We thank God for their time in Guam. I thank God especially for Amos’ being able to do some needed repairs and maintenance at the PMA HQ.

**PHILIPPINES.** “Another month full of challenges and blessings! We were delayed in going to the islands because of bad weather, but finally arrived in Patnanungan safely. We have completed Class 101, which was attended by ten of our mission staff and PMF church leaders – it was a great time of refreshment and learning for everyone. Toward the end of the month, my wife Dadine was able to join me and together we conducted “True Love Waits” seminar for the youth. 30 plus youth attended and pledged to live a life of purity!” ~ Pastor Marty Jonee Lumigis

**BAYAY KALINGA ORPHANANGE, PHILIPPINES.** “ Praise God for a successful fire and earthquake drill conducted by our local Fire Department. The children all thought it was a game, but we were all thankful for the lessons in preparedness. Thank You LORD for the smooth presentation and progress of Tracey’s case for adoption. Pray for her to be matched with loving and godly parents.” By: Jeny Flores- Gutierrez

**PALAU.** “Last month I was given the opportunity to pray over the military transition ceremony that happens every six months. It was a good opportunity to pray to Jesus in front of a large crowd for blessings of those who serve. We also had a men's retreat that went very well. They helped the people of Angaur with some minor building maintenance, and they helped each other with some spiritual maintenance. God is really moving here in Palau!” By Pastor Mike Hammond

**YAP, MICRONESIA.** “We have experienced unusually bad weather the last month. On one occasion where we had two full flights to Ulithi and Fais, we had to delay till the late afternoon. When we found a break in the weather, we both launched and experienced good weather in the outer islands. But then upon our return, the weather closed in over Yap, and both Lance and I ended up making multiple attempts at trying to land even as darkness was coming. God answered our prayers and we thanked Him for His protection. On another occasion, we had multiple flights planned and the day started out well, but then deteriorated as the day went on. In the afternoon, we still had passengers who needed to catch a flight out of Yap that night, but we could not get to them due to the terrible weather. They called us on the radio and begged us to get them, but we could not. Then just before we reached the cutoff time (due to darkness) the weather took a turn for the better and we made another attempt. The weather was dissipating and I was able to fly at 1000 ft. the whole way and pick them up. They were very grateful! We praise God for His protection on all our flights.” ~ Amos Collins

**POHNPEI, MICRONESIA.** “A few weeks ago, I started a Bible study group for young professional ladies in their twenties. We study the Book of Esther. Queen Esther was put in her position “for such a time as this” (Esther 4:14). How can they find their place in a changing world? These young modern college graduates make their own living and yet need to find their way in a cultural situation that is dominated by the family. Parents and brothers set the standards and they are expected to obey quietly. On my patio we have the privacy to discuss and try to find biblical solutions that honor God.” ~ Sabine Musselwhite

**We thank God that those of us in the field are not giving up despite difficulties and challenges. The Lord Himself said, “These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.” Our Hope and our Strength is in the LORD Jesus Christ – He gives us courage to press on and His promise is: our labor is not in vain in Him! Praise God!**

**Thank you dear partners – your prayers and support are a big part in enabling us to persevere. As you faithfully give to the Lord and as you pray with us – the same promise is also yours: Your labor, your giving, your prayers are not in vain in the Lord! God bless you more!**

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

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