



MAY 2015

Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

*“Truly He is my Rock and my Salvation; He is my Fortress, I will never be shaken.”
Psalm 62:2*

As Jesus was into His final days on earth, He shared with His disciples what to expect. There would be challenges and trials ahead – persecution and troubles – but He also promised the coming of the “Comforter”, the Holy Spirit – that would live within them to strengthen and encourage them as He convicts the world concerning sin, righteousness and judgement. The Lord wanted His disciples to know that despite His being gone, despite what they may encounter – they can have peace and take heart, because He had overcome the world! As we live in these difficult times, we can be confident that we can face every circumstance with faith and courage because He is our Rock and Salvation – our Deliverer and we can never be shaken! Praise the Lord!

YAP, MICRONESIA. On Tuesday night March 31, Super Typhoon Maysak ripped through Ulithi atoll and destroyed everything in its path. All the people sheltered in the few cement structures and watched as the tin roofs were ripped from their homes, boats doing cartwheels past their view, and trees falling in every direction. We arrived on the scene on Thursday morning when the winds had subsided enough to fly. The first flight in was a charter for the disaster response team from IOM, and we also completely loaded the plane with relief supplies such as water, food, and tarps that PMA had bought from donations given for the relief effort. We did two flights that day to get immediate relief items out there to the atoll.

What happened in the days and weeks to follow, was the most encouraging acts of a community coming together to bring aid to the people of Ulithi. In Guam, I received news from our headquarters that donations were coming in, not only for relief supplies, but also to cover our fuel to get all the relief out there. In Yap, individuals, churches, and businesses brought cases and cases of water, canned foods, ramen, and sacks of rice as well as tarps, and tools for cleanup. The word spread quickly that if anyone wanted to send relief supplies, PMA would fly it out and so the parking lot was full every day, the check-in area was full of people dropping off their donations and the hangar was full of cargo. And with the donations coming in to cover our fuel, we were committed to flying as much as necessary to get all those supplies out. In just the month of April we flew 60 hours, and carried over 50,000 lbs. of relief supplies to the islands of Ulithi.

Of course, you cannot just fly every day and not take care of the equipment, and sure enough, with all the hours being flown on a daily basis, we soon reached the time for the 100 HR inspection to be due. It came up right in our second week of flying and so we blocked off two days to perform the inspection and fortunately, we did not have any major issues that prevented us from continuing our flights. Praise God for the safety in all our flights, for keeping the airplane running smoothly, and for all the generous people who have donated to the relief efforts! By: Amos Collins

GUAM. Praise the Lord for the compassion of so many people on Guam, U.S., Canada, and Europe who immediately responded to the needs of the Yap outer-island people. Ayuda Foundation and Guam media (Radio, TV & print) – spread the word around – Matson responded by sending a container for Yap (and shipping afterwards), and volunteers came to load. What a blessing it was for me personally as I experienced the generosity and giving hearts of each one. As I write this, a tropical storm is on its way to Yap and the outer-islands. We pray that it will not be as destructive as Maysak, but will bring the islands much needed rain for water and to desalinate the island’s soil for re-planting.

PHILIPPINES. What a great, blessed visit we had in the Philippines as our Team consisting of Pastor Nob, Dr. John, Geneziel and myself joined our Pastors and workers for a 3-day conference, where Pastor Nob spoke on Day 1: “Disciple Making”, Day 2: Practical ministry challenges and how to gain victory over each one, and, Day 3: Reviewed PMA’s Doctrinal statement. It was great being with our mission staff. We visited each island of ministry afterwards and were encouraged by the PMF members who were on hand to greet us, see and experience ongoing work and be blessed by the indefatigable commitment of each one.

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, NAUJAN, OR. MINDORO, PHILIPPINES. Our Philippine trip included a visit to our Bahay Kalinga Orphanage and Surgi-Center Complex. The children and our staff were all happy to see us. We were happy to hear that 4 of our children were dedicated to the Lord, with a birthday celebration of two of our children! Thank you Lord for using PMA to bless and care for children who have no one else.

PALAU. “Next to firstborn celebrations, funerals are an important event in the Palauan culture. Not only is it important for them to be buried back on the island where they came from, but it is also a gathering of relatives where relationships and social positions within a clan are being reconfirmed. Even though we have not transported a deceased person yet, we are often the support for travels of family and relatives who attend the funeral. Recently, a well honored chief from a big clan passed away. We flew in people from all over the world from the international airport to the outer island of Angaur for them to pay their last respects. Many of them would not have been able to attend, if PMA was not providing dependable service, as the seas were too rough to travel by boat. For this funeral we transported over 40 people back and forth, unbelievable amounts of food dishes and a cake bigger than our cargo compartment (don’t ask me how we made it fit). The people were very thankful and PMA was shining a light of dependable, safe service.” By Stephan Schulz

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. This last month I had the honor of visiting our churches in the Polillo Islands of the Philippines and holding a three- day pastors teaching and encouragement conference. How humbled and challenged I was to see how dedicated our PMF pastors are at shepherding their flocks and being resourceful with the little material possessions that they have. Pastor Jose in Amaga, whose village currently experiences a time of drought, walks one hour to a well and one hour back just to get drinking water for his family. Pastor Freddy with his family of six lives on the back side of the church with a living space the size of most of your bathrooms. Their churches are made of local materials and their hearts for the people they serve are literally an open door policy. What impressed me most however was their eagerness to learn God’s Word and apply it to their teaching and reaching out in their village communities. They are truly the unsung heroes of the faith who continue in humility to be faithful to God, his Word and His people. As Pastor Jose kept repeating whenever he faced difficulties in the ministry: “Never give up, never surrender.” ~ Nob Kalau

We thank God for the strength and enablement – not to give up and never surrender, because of our Lord Jesus Christ. He truly is our Solid Rock – and on this firm foundation, no matter what we are confronted with in our journey this side of glory, we will not be moved, and we will not retreat, we will press on until every island will hear the freeing message of the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Thank you dear ones for your faithful partnership! Your encouraging support and prayers have been an inspiration to all of us. May the Lord richly bless you!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

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