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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners.

*“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!”
Psalm 133:1*

We just arrived from a two-week visit to our mission stations in the Philippines. We travelled by land then by sea to our Patnanungan Station – our base for this visit. Every day – for three days, we visited two of our island outreach stations: Jomalig and SM Village, Calutcot and Catmon, Amaga and Kilogan, traveling on an average of two hours (one way) over the Pacific Ocean on our “banca” – the “Evangel”. And then trudging toward our stations under the heat of the sun, over dusty roads, and when the tide was low – had to wade through soft black sand – not knowing how deep one would go or if we ever would be able to make another step. At the end of every visit, we would find our mission staff and some church members waiting for us with smiles on their faces and refreshing coconuts for us to drink. Mostly, a table laden with food would also be a part of the welcome. Then there is the fellowship, laughter, prayer and a deep sense of God working in the hearts and minds of the people in the islands. After that we had a two-day Conference attended by our entire missionary Pastors, mission staff and PMF church leaders. Our President, Nob Kalau was our main speaker. He talked on: “Nuggets of Gold on Discipleship and Godly Character Traits”. Our main translator was Dr. John Escote. At the end of each day, Nob met with the men and Melinda with the ladies to discuss what we heard that day. The discussions were lively, insightful and for some moving, as the truth of God’s Word pierced their hearts. The culmination of our visit was the ordination of two of our Pastors: Pastors Mandreza and Tayangona. It was a solemn and blessed worship service. Pastor Nob shared the word and everyone understood the great responsibility of a shepherd of God’s people, and of anyone who desires to be a leader in the church. Praise God for a fruitful trip, for good weather and calm seas!

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, MINDORO, PHILIPPINES. We also visited BK Orphanage and had a wonderful time with the children and our staff. We missed two of our children who have already left, one with her adoptive parents and the other for his foster parents. We pray that they would settle well with their new families. We have three siblings with us whose mother left them, and whose father is in jail. They are so loving. They always led the other children with a group hug whenever I came to their play room – my heart would ache every time. The eldest said that she would not want to leave BK ever – the caregivers and staff, she said, loved and cared for all of them. Please pray that somehow they will be surrendered to us and that the Lord can find a permanent, loving home for them.

PALAU. It’s raining! We all feel refreshed and blessed by these showers from heaven. It’s a huge relief to have running water almost all day. It seems like the rain is representative of what is

happening, because simultaneously there are lots of real life blessings raining down on us as well. It's good to have CJ back on the team after his vacation. Also we have Sebastian here, who is a volunteer missionary serving in aviation from Austria. He has such a great heart. We're all in eager anticipation of the arrival of our new Pastor and his family and try to get everything ready for them, so they can have a smooth transition into their new home, here on Palau. Please pray for our team as we grow and learn to work together in unity. Thank you for being part of our team too!

YAP, MICRONESIA. The nation of Palau has been very proactive in creating a marine sanctuary in the waters surrounding their Islands. Part of protecting this sanctuary involves policing the waters for illegal fishing vessels who poach for sharks, sea cucumbers and all other fish. In April, PMA was contracted by the Australian Navy to provide a platform by which they could do aerial surveillance above the national patrol boat. We took the plane to Palau from Yap and flew 50 hours in one week. Most of the flights were over 250 Nautical Miles from Palau and even up to 340 NM. The missions were very successful and we spotted several illegal vessels. In the end, because of the limited crew on the patrol boat, they were only able to board and apprehend two vessels which they brought back to port. The Australian Navy was very pleased with the outcome as were those in the Palauan government. We thank God for open doors to again, demonstrate that PMA's dedication to serve in the islands. From: Amos Collins.

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. Mother's Day is a special day at PMF church. Our children from ages 2-6 memorize lines and are excited to speak into the microphone. Their songs which reflect Mother's love and appreciation for all she does are well received and there are only a few dry eyes left after the enthusiastic clapping and smiling. The older children, ages 7-12, were well prepared with a song about "Amazing Mother" put to the tune of "Amazing Grace". After their performance in the church, we dismissed the 140 children to Sunday school. The singing time began with new Father's Day songs... getting ready for June 19 only a few weeks away! It has been said, if you want to reach the heart of a parent, love and care for their children. He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; Malachi 4:6a. By: Sylvia Kalau

As we experienced the unity, joy and fellowship of our missionary pastors, our mission staff and PMF church leaders and their families, during our visit to our island stations in the Philippines, we all felt the reality of Psalm 133:1 – and truly it is a blessing! We still have so much to do in the islands, people to reach, projects to undertake and yet we believe that if God is for us, who can be against us? We also saw the challenges of the ever-expanding need to share the Word of God – and are faced with this: the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Could you please pray with us for the Lord to raise missionary pastors to serve faithfully in the islands – whose heart's desire is to be committed to the making disciples for His kingdom?

Thank you dear Partners for your faithful prayers and financial support of our mission and missionaries. You are as much a part of the kingdom work as those in the front lines. May the Lord bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

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