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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

“O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. O give thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy endures forever. Oh give thanks to the Lord of lords! For His mercy endures forever!” Psalm 136:1-3

As I was reading Psalm 136 –I noted the Psalmist repeating “His mercy endures forever!” after every statement. It is a great reminder to all of us that day in and day out – God’s mercy never changes and that He is good! No matter what our circumstances, no matter what we have done or not done – it is a celebration of who God is! Again, a reminder, it is not about us – it is all about God! He created us, provided for all our needs, and most of all made a way for us to be redeemed and brought back into His family through the finished work of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His love endures forever!

GUAM. My home church in the Philippines celebrated its 42nd anniversary. Those of us who were part of the church decided to come home and celebrate. What a wonderful homecoming it was! To be able to meet and bond with each one after many years of being apart. We missed some who already went on to be with the Lord and those who could not make it. The Worship was joyful, the message was encouraging, the food was abundant, pictures were taken, but the greatest time was when we just shared, laughed, cried, prayed and reminisced. For me, it was a foretaste of heaven – where those in Christ will one day be together – this time no more parting, and all together worshiping and praising the Lord and Savior who we love!

PHILIPPINES. During my short Philippine visit, I met with all our island mission pastors and staff who travelled from the islands by sea to Real, Quezon. I travelled with Dr. John and Geneziel by land. We all met bright and early Saturday morning and thank God for a great time of sharing, listening to testimonies, planning, yes, laughing too, and praying. I praise God for each one’s commitment and desire to see the island people come to a saving knowledge of the Lord. Please pray for each one, that they may not grow weary in well-doing. Pray also for the Lord to raise workers and pastors to serve in the islands. The harvest is indeed plentiful and the workers are few.

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE. NAUJAN, OR. MINDORO. “We are thankful that all the documents for JL to re-open his case for adoption and on-going communication with establishments who can serve his needs is accomplished. We pray that he will soon find a place that can enable him to grow and mature further. BK can only care for children up to 6 years old, and so we need to find a good place for JL for his continued nurturing.” Jeny Flores-Gutierrez

PALAU. Stephan Schulz wrote: “I received a request for a medivac from Angaur this morning. A lady suffered from an asthma attack. There was only a retired nurse on island, which helped with distant diagnosis from the Hospital ER. However, the patient started vomiting and they decided to activate the medivac. Praise God, it went well and all pieces of the puzzle came together (plane, weather, staff, airport, ambulance, hospital. - everything went according to plan). We pray for the wellbeing of the patient.”

On the PMF church front, Pastor Mike Hammond shares: “My family and I just completed a move to a new house here on the island. I was not feeling very well the week we moved, but some key members of the church helped out. They helped reinforce the lesson of "the most I can do". Jesus never did the "least he could do", He always did the most. Praise God for the church members' living this out!”

YAP. Witnessing baptisms has always been very encouraging to me and my walk with Jesus. How much more encouraging it was for our Pastor Peter Haleyalgiy, to baptize his father Pius. He was one of eight members of our little congregation baptized beginning of September. It made me happy to see that three of the eight were members of our youth. Please pray for each one that they would grow in their Christian walk.

The Collins arrived on the 14th of September here on Yap. They were gone for furlough for three months visiting with friends and family in the States and the Philippines. I want to thank the Lord for watching over us, our activities in and around the hangar and for keeping us safe on our flights.

Even though this occurred towards the very end of August. I don't want to miss mentioning this: We are all very happy that Queen (Petrus' wife) gave birth to a healthy baby boy on Sep. 28th.

POHNPEI. September 19, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia. The Medical Ship, M/V Sea Haven departed for the Chuuk Outer-islands. They visited 14 islands starting off with Weno, the Halls, The Namonuitos, and the Western Islands. They carried with them: medicines, school furniture: desks, chairs, cabinets, white boards, book cases; books, school supplies, pallets of drinking water, and construction materials to re-build the dispensaries destroyed by the last typhoon. The Lord faithfully answered prayers – they experienced good weather with intermittent rain, smooth sailing, healthy crew, wonderful time with the people in each island and most of all God's wonderful blessing in being able to share the goodness of the Lord. October 3 and over 1,402 nautical miles later, the Sea Haven finally arrived back at her home port, Pohnpei! We thank God for His traveling mercies!

As we go through each day, we cannot help but exclaim: “God is good and His mercy endures forever!” No matter what kind of day it is ~ we can always be assured that the Lord Jesus Christ gives us the strength, grace and wisdom to face it with hope and victory!

We thank God for you dear Partners – you are one of the reasons why we can testify – the Lord is good! God bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

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