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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

“Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” Psalm 91:1,2

Little known island of Guam all of a sudden was in the forefront of world news because of a North Korean nuclear threat. Since our island is on Condition #4 whole year round – this was another time to be more vigilant and alert. Our governor gave a message to keep calm and to trust America’s strength. We do believe in America’s military might, however, in the end, more than ever, we all understood the reality that Only God is our strength and strong tower ~ Only He could truly save and defend us. My prayer was for hearts to turn to the Lord and that more people would place their trust in Him. The threat has passed, but our desire to reach people for Christ that they may know true peace and security is ever present. Will you please pray with us?

GUAM. I just returned from a visit to our island stations: Yap and Palau for the annual internal audit and review of operations. It was also time to review policies and procedures so that all of us would be on the same page. In Yap, it was good to meet with the PMF ladies and led them in a Bible Study on “Living a Life of Purpose”. A highlight was visiting the island of Ulithi and meeting and sharing with our PMF outreach group where 4 ladies made a decision to follow the Lord. In Palau, my highlight was being able to meet our missionary wives/ and our mission admin assistant on a one on one basis. Great time of sharing, encouragement and prayer. Praise God for a blessed and fruitful time!

POBLACION PATNANUNGAN, PHILIPPINES. “Praise God for being called to take part and share in our community’s SIPAG program – a program to assist in the government’s program in ridding the community of drugs and drug addicts. Surrendered drug users were all part of this program so that our community would be a safe place. We were also called to share in ‘Moral Recovery’ for police officers and personnel in the community. Both these programs are held every first and second Monday of each month. We are thankful for this opportunity to share God’s Word and we know that His Word “will not return to God empty, but will accomplish what He desires and achieve the purpose for which He sent it.” ~ **Bryan Bantucan**

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, MINDORO OR., PHILIPPINES. “We praise God for the successful matching of our 1 year and two month old baby girl with a family in Denmark! We anticipate their arrival and pray that the meeting would be one of instant bonding of love. We also have another child that we had to refer to another facility to meet his special needs. We have visited him since and pray that he will be at home there. Thank You Lord for being able to meet the needs of our children at BK.” ~ **Jeny Flores-Gutierrez.**

REPUBLIC OF PALAU. “The beginning of school has started, and everyone is gearing up for another school year. The PMF church here on Palau is excited to teach the people about God's Word throughout the week. We are striving to be a place where they can come to get encouraged and uplifted during this time of the year. New people have been joining us each week, and we are excited in sharing Jesus to them.” ~ **Mike and Nadia Hammond**

“Lots of changes have been going on here in Palau. We (the Ferguson Family) flew from Yap to Palau on 22 July and hit the ground running. It was a bittersweet departure but we're excited for what lies ahead for us here in Palau. It took about a week to get our paper work completed before our container arrived. With the help of our team here we unpacked the container in roughly two hours – all our boxes are unpacked! We are settling into our new home and getting to know the other missionaries and church members. At the airport, I (Lance) had a few familiarization flights in the Cessna 206 with the help of Markus Klassen and have been flying quite often since. Construction preparations have begun on PMA's new hangar and the heavy equipment should start moving ground soon. CJ, PMA Palau's A&P mechanic, continues to be a big help in maintaining our aircraft here and Jenica continues to be a good help with the finance and administration work.” ~ **Lance Ferguson**

YAP, MICRONESIA. “Following the PMF Church's Bible Training Workshop this summer, a regular Bible study group was established on the islands of Falalop and Mogmog (part of the Ulithi atoll). Every two weeks, Pastor Petrus flies with PMA to Ulithi and meets with all the new believers to teach and encourage them. His wife Queentina has also been accompanying him in order to disciple the women. Last week, we witnessed 11 Ulithians take the step of baptism to show their commitment to following Jesus Christ. Pastor Petrus baptized these new believers in the clear blue waters of the Pacific as friends and family members watched with hearts full of joy. Afterwards, these new believers praised God in song by the water's edge. We all then trekked back across the island to Peter's (the main Bible study leader) cooking house and enjoyed a delicious meal and great fellowship together. There were many children and youth in attendance, and their enthusiasm and smiles were a beautiful sight. Next week there are more new believers in Ulithi waiting to be baptized, praise God! Please continue to pray for this fledgling group to be strengthened in their faith and be a light to their neighbors.” From **Heidi Collins**

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. “Last night Sylvia and I were asked to lead the Youth meeting. Every Friday night we have 30- 50 teens who eagerly come to participate in youth meetings. I chose to speak on “The Importance of Your Decisions” because life is a series of decisions, the truth is that good decisions and bad decisions can permanently affect our journey in life. The guide book (Bible) given us is the exact manual we need to make right decisions. Today's youth, even in the islands, are faced with hard choices, but God is there to direct our path, according to Prov. 3:5,6 we are not alone. Staying connected to the church and wise parents and counselors is so needful today in a world where “Everyone is doing that which is right in their own eyes...” another clearly wrong decision.” ~ **Nob Kalau**

Yes, we live in times where we are threatened from all directions with deceptions, lies, threats from the Enemy of our souls. Pray that our PMF churches and members, our missionaries and staff would be light and salt – reflecting and pointing to Jesus who is our Only Hope who can accomplish transformation in lives! Thank you dear Partners for your active part in the work. God bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

Melinda R. Espinosa, CFO/Administrator