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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

I never come to Christmas without thinking of the people in our islands who are lonely, diseased and troubled at this time of year. Christmas is a reminder from our Lord Himself that we are never alone. The Prophet Isaiah said, **and they will call Him Immanuel which means “God with us”** Matthew 1:23. Our God revealed in the life, death and resurrection of His only begotten son, Jesus, a reconciling love that rescues us from separation and loneliness.

This was the message of the first Christmas night, and it has not changed for 2000 years: **“You shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”** Matthew 1:21 The Christmas message says that God’s grace is greater than our sin. It says that the sin question was answered at the cross. Christmas says that the cross went as deep as our needs. The cross was the cure—offered, paid for and administered by a loving God in His beloved Son.

The message of Christmas is God with us. And we can proclaim this amazing truth throughout the whole year. It’s important to remember, especially during those times when we are going through great difficulty and challenge. The Psalmist said, **“If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me”**. Psalm 139:9–10

It is especially reassuring and encouraging for us at PMA to know that God is with us on tiny islands sprinkled across the boundless seas. God is with our Care givers at the Orphanage as they love the babies and little children day in and day out. God is with our Pastors in the Philippines who live in remote villages on isolated islands and preach the life-saving message of the Gospel. God is with our pilots as they fly over the vast Pacific Ocean delivering passengers, flying cargo, searching for missing boats and people, bringing patients to the hospital, dropping much needed medicine via a parachute on an island with no runway. God is with us as we carry out medical clinics for remote villages. God is with us as we build friendships, lead Bible studies, send out the Good News via radio, work in the office, live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. God is with us... and in this fact, we rest and continue to serve.

This Christmas, accept Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. Give Him the gift that He wants—your heart, your soul, your life.

Celebrating “God with us” at 6.9 Degrees above the Equator,

Nob Kalau

President/CEO

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GUAM/PHILIPPINES. We thank God that He spared Guam from Tropical Storm Man-Yi. We had strong winds and rain, but not enough to cause damage. The Philippines, however, was greatly affected by Super Typhoon Pepito. This is after experiencing 5 typhoons in 23 days! Our mission stations scattered in the Polillo islands experienced its strong winds and heavy rains. Roofs, ceilings were damaged, a tree fell unto one of our church buildings. Our PMF Church buildings became emergency shelters for the village communities: PMF Apad housed 40 families; PMF Guinaygayán – 28 families; PMF Busdak – 6 families; and our PMF Patnanungan Academy, 4 families. We are so thankful we can be of help to the community we serve and show the love of Jesus to them. Please pray for the clean-up and restoration/rebuilding.

PMA BAHAY KALINGA, NAUJAN, OR. MINDORO, PHILIPPINES. Our Center Head, **Micah Oda**, reported recently: “Our PMA Social Worker, **Ann Caspe**, has successfully presented the case of one of our children for matching. Thanks be to God, the child has been matched with the adoptive parents. Please pray for the child and would-be parents, for smooth transition and for bonding of child and parents and most especially that they would raise up this child in the wisdom, knowledge and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

REPUBLIC OF PALAU. We started this month by celebrating **Brock Welge**’s Birthday. We praise God for His faithfulness to Brock and his family. Brock went to the U.S. for his Fly Right training to fly the King Air. We thank God that he successfully passed this. We did a MEDEVAC for one of our regular passengers who had a broken hip in Angaur. She arrived at the airport safely, transferred her to an ambulance and was driven straight to the hospital. The men of the PMF church conducted a retreat, and they started to rebuild the summer house in Angaur where the Saturday Bible study is held. We also did a sea search with the Marine Law enforcement, 170 miles northwest of Palau for a Chinese fishing vessel who was illegally in Palau waters. They said that they went there to avoid the strong typhoon. Truly only God can enable us to do all these things and make everything possible according to His will and His time. **By: Rolly de Lina, Jr.**

YAP, MICRONESIA. We Praise the Lord that our Pastor Petrus who went to Manila for medical referral has been discharged and God willing flying back to Yap first week of December. He was able to have surgery for his thyroid, surgery to remove a cyst from his arm, and also had 4 spots removed from his colon. In three weeks, he got all these surgeries done and his whole trip and treatments were covered by his insurance! Thank You Lord! - **Amos Collins**

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. Here at PMF Pohnpei we celebrate Christmas with all ages participating on our annual Christmas program. Our children ages 2-11 will grace the stage with songs and memorized lines. Our youth will prepare a special Christmas song and greeting. The young adults will share as well. A simple Christmas from the heart with all ages participating. All these prepare us for the message of God sending His One and Only Son, the true heart of Christmas. **From: Sylvia Kalau**

As the year draws to an end, I cannot help but remember Lamentations 3:22, 23; “Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.” God is so good and faithful – this is PMA’s experience through the years! Part of this is you dear partners and friends, for being God’s faithful channels of grace and provision. As we look forward to celebrate the birth of our King Jesus, let us remember He is the Reason for the Season! God bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being,



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