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Summary of Ministry Needs

Current Positions Needed

- Two Missionary Pilot/Mechanics for twin engine turbine aircraft
- Two Missionary A&P Mechanics Turbine engine experience
- One Missionary Construction Foreman Lead on new building projects
- Three Missionary Construction/Maintenance Personnel Maintenance of buildings and grounds
- One Missionary Pastor to serve in Yap
- Missionary IT Manager Based in Guam Maintain website, cybersecurity, and other IT needs across PMA's bases

Infrastructure Needs

Projects in Micronesia

- Multipurpose Center / Church - Yap
- Medical Evacuation Aircraft (King Air)

Projects in Philippines

- Multipurpose Center / Church Patnanungan

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."

2 Corinthians 9:8



Nob Kalau

As believers in Christ, we want to bless others with our abilities, gifts and talents. But it's not just a desire that we have. God commands us to be a blessing to others because we have been so greatly blessed.

God told Abraham in Genesis 12:2, *"I will bless you... and you will be a blessing"*. We are blessed not just so that we can feel good or be more comfortable. We are blessed so that we can bring blessing to others.

In Luke 18:29-30 Jesus says: *"I assure you that everyone who has given up house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the*

sake of the Kingdom of God, will be repaid many times over in this life, and will have eternal life in the world to come." God guarantees that if we will concentrate on blessing and serving others, He will be the one to take care of all our needs. He will be the one to bless us for what we have done in His name, many times over.

"Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back—given back with bonus and blessing" Luke 6:38.

The more you bless other people and the more you help others, the more God blesses your life. You can never outgive God!

Jesus said in Luke 12:48: *"Much is required from the person to whom much is given; much more is required from the person to whom much more is given"*.

This verse is what God used in my wife Syliva's life to call her into missions. She recognized that the gifts and talents God had given her were to be used to follow God's will and leading. The loving family and Christian home she grew up in, was a blessing with a purpose. With great blessing comes great responsibility!

In this issue of the Island Echo you will read about the generosity and partnership of Samaritan's Purse. You will hear from two young men preparing their lives for missions. You will read about the challenges our Director of Aviation faced and His confidence in our all-powerful God. How our Orphanage staff in the Philippines work tirelessly to place orphans according to their needs. And how our year added up in the area of financial accountability.

Proverbs 11:25: *"Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered."*

Proverbs 19:17: *"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done."*

Never be afraid to share God's blessings. The more generous you are with sharing what God has given you, the more you'll see God blessing you in return.

Declare His Glory among the Nations

by Melinda R. Espinosa, CFO/Administrator

“Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.”

Psalm 96:3-4

As we closed our fiscal year (July 2024 – June 2025), we continue to witness the unmistakable hand of God at work in and through PMA.

On April 24, 2025, we joyfully marked 50 years of faithful service to the islands of Micronesia, a milestone that speaks not of human achievement, but of divine provision and grace.

We celebrate the goodness and faithfulness of the Lord, knowing that apart from Him, we could not have endured nor persevered. To Him alone belongs all glory and honor for what He has done. He has met every need, sustained every step, and called forth mission staff in Guam, Pohnpei, Yap, Palau, and the Philippines — each one committed to serving and following the Lord through seasons of joy and challenge alike. May this 50th year stand as a testimony to His faithfulness and a beacon of hope for generations to come.

Financial Overview (FY 2024 – 2025) Even in the practical areas of stewardship, we have seen God’s steady hand guiding us. U.S. support donations for Guam, Palau, and Micronesia experienced healthy growth, reflecting the continued trust and generosity of our partners. Support for the Philippines decreased, largely because last year included a one-time project that is not part of this year’s regular giving. User charges for printing and aviation were lower. For aviation, this was influenced by reduced aircraft availability (one King Air was down for repairs as well as the Britten Norman Islander) during part of the year. Tithes and offerings from our PMF churches in Pohnpei, Yap and Palau showed a modest increase, demonstrating the faithfulness of our church communities. These support our church ministries in the islands. Program expenses (which include Aviation, Church Growth and Evangelism, Good News Press, Radio, Sea Haven ministry and support to PMA Philippines) rose, consistent with expanded ministry. Support Activities (Administration and Fund Raising) decreased, reflecting careful stewardship and improved administrative efficiencies.

Through the generosity and partnership of the U.S. Department of the Interior, PMA recorded grant receipts for this period — each dollar as a reminder that the Lord equips those He calls. The TAP 22 marking the completion of the full award, stands as a testimony that what God begins, He also brings to completion. Likewise, funds received under TAP 23 reflects His ongoing provision for the tools and equipment needed to strengthen our aviation ministry — resources that ultimately serve people, save lives, and open doors for the Gospel. In August 2024, we were entrusted with a new grant, MAP 24, for the Yap Maintenance Bay. Though the project has not yet begun, the award itself is

a sign of God preparing the way ahead of us, laying foundations before we even take the first step.

Since PMA first began requesting grants, the Lord has allowed us to be approved for a total of \$1,581,875. This is more than funding — it is favor. It is affirmation. It is God’s quiet but steady whisper: “I am with you in this work.” As we steward these resources, we do so with grateful hearts, knowing that every provision is ultimately for the people we serve and for the glory of the One who sustains this ministry.

We also acknowledge the practical provisions of God in guiding us through recent reporting and payment changes with the IRS and Guam Revenue and Tax. By His grace, we have been able to respond positively and comply with their new policies and procedures.

PMA once again received its Certificate of Good Legal Standing from Guam Revenue and Tax — an annual affirmation of accountability and compliance. We continue to maintain our long-standing accreditation with the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA), having passed every review since first being accredited in 1987.

Beyond the fiscal year, in September 2025, the PMA Switzerland Board approved its dissolution and integration into SMG Switzerland. All required documentation was completed, and PMA was successfully accredited with SMG.

Across our islands, every flight hour tells a story — not just of aircraft in motion, but of lives reached, needs met, and God’s sustaining grace over our aviation ministry. During this period, Yap recorded 473 flight hours, compared to 566 hours last year, while Palau flew 454.6 hours, holding steady against last year’s 457.3 hours. A significant portion of Yap’s operations — 329.6 hours, or 70%, were dedicated to non-revenue flights, representing a ministry cost of \$137,074. These are the hours that rarely make headlines but carry the deepest impact: medical evacuations, community support, emergency responses, and flights that place compassion above cost. In Palau, 91.3 non-revenue hours, or 20%, amounting to \$23,718, likewise reflect our commitment to serve even when no revenue is attached — because the value of a life, a family, or a community cannot be measured in dollars. Though these non-revenue hours come with financial weight, they also reveal something profound: God continues to sustain the work He has called us to do. Every hour flown without revenue is an hour invested in people, in hope, and in the mission, Christ has given us. And every cost absorbed is matched by His provision — through user charges for passenger and cargo flights, sometimes through partners, always through His faithfulness.

As we look at these figures, we do so not with concern, but with gratitude. They remind us that PMA’s aviation ministry is more than an operation, it is a lifeline. It is a testimony. It is a vessel through which God’s love reaches some of the most remote corners of Micronesia.

Our churches in Palau, Federated States of Micronesia and the Philippines continue to grow both spiritually and numerically. Our Palau church celebrated 28 years of service in the islands. Each church in the FSM and Palau continue to disciple the faithful as more and more indigenous people and members are serving as elders, adult, youth and Sunday school leaders and teachers.

In the Philippines, Ministry highlights include: Ongoing community outreach to children and youth, including weekly feeding programs after Sunday school. Vacation Bible School conducted by nine PMF churches, reaching 458 children. Youth fellowship, discipleship training, and evangelism preparation for Sunday school teachers. Continued partnership with Compassion International, serving 200 children and discipling families in Patnanungan, Guinaygayan, Jomalig, and Apad. Weekly Bible studies with the Philippine National Police, led by pastors from PMF Patnanungan, Jomalig, and Calutcot.

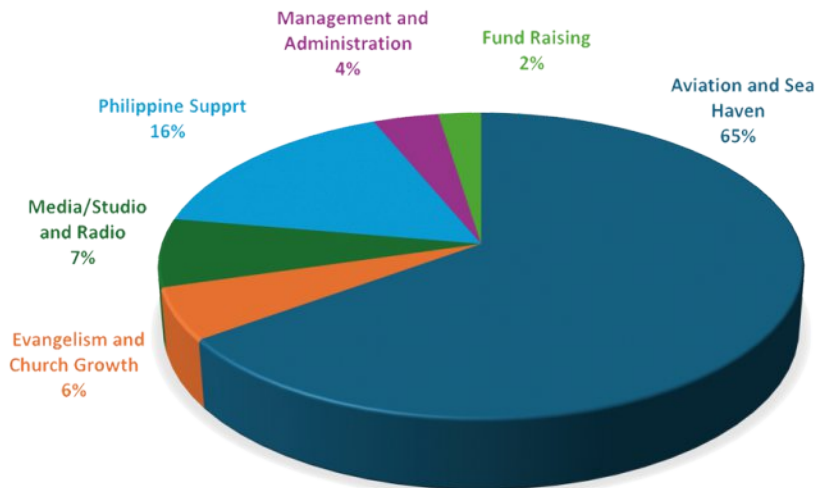
Bahay Kalinga Child Care Center is currently caring for 8 children, all of whom are in various stages of adoption processing. We are also monitoring one child in foster care, with monthly follow-ups to ensure continued safety and well-being. Among the children in our care, one has special needs and is being matched with a family outside the Philippines. As of June 30, 2025, Bahay Kalinga has provided loving, Christ-centered care to 444 children.

PMA Learning Center in Patnanungan has graduated 509 children, since we started with our ministry of reaching Pre-K and Kindergarten children. The children learn to read, write and do math, but more importantly are taught the Word of God. Parents are also part of what the Center and its teachers nurture — walking alongside families as they grow in love, responsibility, and faith.

We are deeply grateful to God for calling men, women, and families to serve through Pacific Mission Aviation. Their perseverance and dedication have shaped PMA's story — a story still unfolding under God's divine guidance and strengthened by the favor of local governments and island communities.

We thank God for you, our partners, supporters and prayer warriors, and our dear board members in Guam, the U.S., Germany and Switzerland, who faithfully uphold us in prayer and support. Your partnership allows this ministry to continue touching lives and bringing hope across the islands. To God be the glory!

How Funds were used:



Gratitude Message – God’s Plans

by Jaeden Lloyd D. Balayo

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
Jeremiah 29:11

My name is Jaeden Lloyd D. Balayo, and I wish to express my deepest gratitude to the entire PMA/PMF family for the opportunity, support, and love you have shown me throughout this journey.

In High School, I prayed for guidance in pursuing my dream of becoming an Aeronautical Engineer. God’s answer came through Amos Collins, whose message became a turning point in my life. Through his generosity and obedience to God’s prompting, my journey in aviation began to take flight.

I am profoundly thankful to Uncle Nob Kalau and Auntie Melinda Espinosa for approving and welcoming me into the team. I also extend heartfelt thanks to Brock Welge and Amos Collins for their mentorship. Your wisdom, patience, and hands-on guidance gave me both knowledge and confidence.



Returning to Palau, the land of my birth, for a 3-month-internship with PMA was a deeply emotional homecoming. Special thanks to June, Melody, and Wayne for guiding me with kindness, and to the Palau team — Paul, Mavrick, Angel, and Julius — for your camaraderie and encouragement.

To the Yap team — Elijah, Dave, Tommy, JR, Nathan, Grace, Charlotte, Juliana, Margarette, and Riley — thank you for your teamwork and inspiration. To Heidi and Rachel with your families, your hospitality made me feel at home. To my Aunt Leah, thank you for your endless love and care, and to Papa Totong and Mama Emily Misajon, your kindness and patience since childhood remains one of my greatest blessings.

These three months have been more than academics — they have been about discovering God’s purpose, experiencing His love through others, and witnessing the power of living on mission. I have seen how the PMA/PMF ministry transforms lives across Micronesia and beyond. My dream in aviation has been redefined — not just for myself, but for God’s glory. If it is His will, I would be honored to give back and serve in the mission that once reached out to me when I prayed in faith.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you, PMA/PMF family, for believing in me and reminding me that everything we do is for God’s glory. My story is a testimony that when we pray, God hears. When we step out in faith, He provides. And when we trust His plans, He leads us not only to pursue dreams but to live out His purpose. To God be all the glory!

Beyond the Milestones: Ron - the little Warrior

by Richelle Venturina, PMA Bahay Kalinga Social Worker

*“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born, I set you apart.”*

Jeremiah 1:5

On January 6, 2025, we had a family counseling session to discuss the future of baby Ron. His mother, Ann, faced significant challenges — clinical depression, intellectual disability, and level 3 autism spectrum disorder — all rooted in a history of abuse. Although the Municipal Social Welfare and Development provided livelihood assistance and support programs, the family acknowledged that they could not offer a safe and stable environment for baby Ron.



With everything Ron has had to endure physically, we're deeply grateful for the moments of rest and the sleep he's able to get. Each bit of recovery feels like a small grace in the midst of the struggle.

On January 27, 2025, one-month-old Ron was referred to PMA–Bahay Kalinga for temporary custody while his mother remained under close monitoring by a social worker.

Despite the interventions extended to the family, they expressed that Ron's future would be more secure if he were placed for adoption. Social workers ensured that all family members understood the responsibilities and lifelong implications of adoption through sessions conducted in their native language. In July, Ron's grandparents, his legal guardians, signed the necessary documents to support his legal process toward adoption.

As Ron grew, his condition became more complex. He was diagnosed with G6PD deficiency and seizure disorders. Although born full term, he later experienced eye-jerking episodes and was diagnosed with generalized epilepsy and cerebral palsy. Despite occupational and physical therapy, Ron continued to show poor growth

and delayed motor and social development. His fragile condition became more evident during a hospital admission on January 18, 2026.

Given his medical needs, BK's Center Head, Ann Caspe, and Social Worker, Richelle Venturina, determined that Ron required a facility equipped to provide

specialized, long-term care. On January 26, 2026, he was transferred to Chosen Children Village Foundation Inc., where he could receive the level of support essential for his survival and well-being. The decision, though painful, was made out of deep concern for his life and future. The social workers believed this was the most compassionate path — a chance for Ron to live, grow, and be cared for with dignity.

Ron's story stands as a testament to the truth that every child deserves to be healthy, safe, and loved. Even when circumstances separated him from his biological family, God faithfully provided a sanctuary where he received the care, protection, and affection he truly deserved.

*Surrounded by care, love and kindness —
Ron, with caregiver Janet Ylagan*



A Heart called by Grace

Short Story Inspired by the Life of John Dave M. Dellova, PMA Scholar

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last...”

John 15:16a

John grew up in a quiet barangay where life was simple and predictable. He never imagined that one ordinary youth gathering would change the direction of his entire life.

It began when a small church started holding meetings for young people in their community. Curious faces filled the place each week, and among them was John. At first, he came because it was fun — the music was lively, the room was full of friends, and the atmosphere felt warm. But what started as curiosity slowly became something deeper. As he continued attending, John noticed a stirring in his heart. The joy he felt was no longer just because of the crowd or the songs. He found himself longing to know the God they were singing about. He wanted to understand why this God felt so near, so personal, so real.

Through mission trips and church activities, John’s heart began to change. The more he heard the Gospel, the more he realized that Christ was not only calling him to salvation —

He was calling him to serve. The example of his pastor inspired him, but the true pull came from the message of the cross. The Gospel awakened a desire in him that he could not ignore.

Before graduating from senior high school, John quietly dreamed of studying in Bible School. But he kept the dream to himself. He didn’t think his family could afford it, and he didn’t know where to begin. So, he planned to find a job instead.

But God had already written a different story. Just before graduation, PMA’s OIC, Pastor Marty, reached out and asked if he wanted to study for the ministry. John’s heart leaped — excited, nervous, and unsure all at once. Saying yes meant leaving home, stepping into the unknown, and trusting God completely. Yet grace made the way.

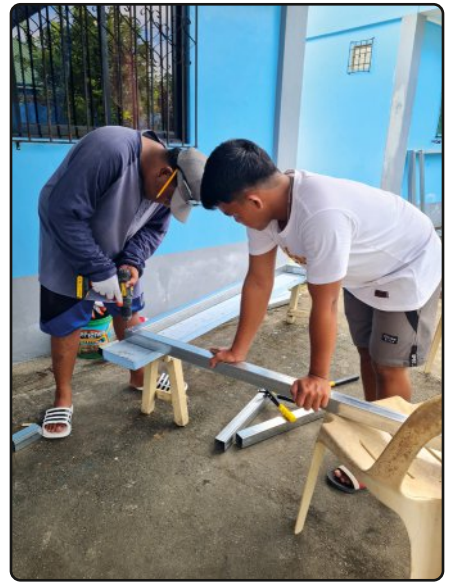


John entered Bible School, and there he discovered something life-changing, he was not the one finding God — God was the One revealing Himself to him. Through Scripture, John understood that salvation comes only through the Gospel, and that the Gospel has the power to transform even the hardest heart.

In that place of learning and surrender, God confirmed His calling. John knew he was meant to serve as a pastor — not because of any person, but because the Good News of Christ had captured his life.

Today, John continues his studies by the grace of God. He seeks not only knowledge, but a Christlike character — the kind of heart that reflects Jesus in both ministry and everyday life. He believes that true service begins not with ability, but with a life shaped by the One who called him.

And so, with quiet courage and unwavering faith, John is walking forward — a young man transformed by grace, answering the call of God on his life.



John assisting in Bahay Kalinga repairs and maintenance.



John sharing the Word of God with Bahay Kalinga mission staff.

Peace through Changes and Challenges

by Amos Collins, Chief Pilot

*“You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast,
because they trust in you.”*

Isaiah 26:3

When I first started training for mission aviation, I only knew about the small single engine aircraft that flew into the short bush strips in Africa, Papua New Guinea, and the Philippines, so that was the direction I was planning to follow. But God had a different plan for me. I was recruited by Pacific Mission Aviation, who fly twin engine aircraft over the Pacific Ocean. I followed God’s calling and joined PMA and learned that small Pacific islands can be just as remote as the jungles of Papua New Guinea.

For the first 15 years I was trained in the Beechcraft Queen Air. I had my share of flying around bad weather, landing on narrow, wet grass strips, dodging wildlife on the runways, and also being stranded on islands until I was able to fix the plane and fly home. But after so many years, all those challenges become “just another day at the office.”

Then in 2021, we were given the King Air planes by Samaritan’s Purse. It was a steep learning curve! Here was an aircraft that is quite a bit more sophisticated. It is capable of accomplishing much more, but is also capable of killing you faster if you don’t know what you are doing. Someone from Samaritan’s Purse once said that flying a King Air as a single pilot over ocean territory with so few navigational aids or alternative landing locations ranks pretty high up there on the scale of challenging flying.

When I say “single pilot”, I don’t mean that it gets easier when you are married. Rather that there are very few operations that fly King Airs with only one pilot. Most have two crew. And so, this adds to the high level of responsibility that our pilots have to carry every day we fly.

Now in our 4th year of flying the King Airs, we have had our share of challenges to become proficient. I have had to shut down an engine on two different occasions and rely on the training to get me back on the ground safely. We still have tricky weather to fly through and some challenging airstrips to land on. But I must say that the biggest challenge for me has been flying in the terminal environment of places like Guam and Manila. For so many years, I flew in the islands with no other planes around, and hardly ever talking on the radio. Now if we have to go for training in Guam or fly a medevac to Manila, we have to fly these complex machines in the big city with a control tower talking a mile a minute. This past September, we did our fifth medevac to Manila. We talked to a controller with a strong Philippine accent, and he was zigzagging us and 8 other jets to set us up for a 30-mile-final. It was very fast paced, and we had to turn and descend as he fired off instructions, while configuring the plane for landing. It’s a totally different world from our normal day-to-day flying in the islands.

The King Air advantage empowers PMA to fly farther, respond faster, and carry out critical medevac missions with excellence.



In the early years, we overcame the challenges, until they became normal. Today, I feel like the challenges that I went through when first learning the King Airs are slowly becoming normal. I'm not shaking with adrenaline after landing in Manila anymore. This is a good thing. Now, I enjoy the challenge and feel as though I have grown as a pilot through it all.

I share this story because there were times leading up to this stage where I felt like the challenges in front of me were insurmountable. But through the encouragement of some and the prayers of many I was able to prevail. And now I smile in amazement at what our small mission organization is capable of doing. From flying into grass strips on remote islands, moving healthy or sick people, hauling supplies and pigs and chickens, or flying airdrops on islands with no runway, to then switch gears and fly 4 hours to Manila on an international medevac; it's such a wide spectrum. It has really stretched us, but we are also happy to have successfully met the needs of the people in this region.

The King Airs generously gifted to us by Samaritan's Purse have become a remarkable and much-needed addition to our air fleet.



Joy in Partnership

by Nob Kalau, CEO

*"Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love,
being in full accord and of one mind."*

Philippians 2:2

In 2020, PMA was gifted 2 King Air aircraft by Franklin Graham and Samaritan's Purse. What an amazing support the planes have been to our aviation ministry in the Federated States of Micronesia and Republic of Palau. In addition to the planes, Samaritan's Purse also provided training for our pilots, mechanics, numerous aircraft equipment upgrades, overhauls and spare parts. This amazing gift has transformed our aviation ministry and enabled us to better meet the needs of the people God has called us to serve.

In January of 2026, Franklin was on his way to an Evangelistic Festival in Asia and made a special detour stop in Yap to visit our aviation team. In a matter-of-fact manner, Franklin, who is a pilot as well, took a look at the gifted planes, was pleased with what he saw and heard, and asked us how Samaritan's Purse could help. Did we have a spare engine to avoid 8 months of down time we had last year? He encouraged us: "Come up with a list of the parts needed and we will help".

Franklin wanted to know how we can better reach the islands with the Gospel. "The time is short what more can we do?", he asked. I shared about the church, and the multi-purpose youth center PMA wants to build in Yap and just received land for, and again he said that they wanted to help build that. He saw pictures of the Sea Haven ministry which was used for evangelism, medical missions and relief to the remote outer islands without runways, since 1986 and was sold last year. And he asked how he could help.

We were deeply encouraged by the visit of Franklin Graham and the Samaritan's Purse team. Their presence uplifted not only our PMA Yap Aviation mission team, but the entire PMA family, reminding us of our shared calling to serve with faith, humility, and unwavering dedication.



I was invited to North Carolina to meet with Franklin Graham and the Samaritan's Purse leadership at the beginning of March. Thank you for praying and dreaming together about how we can better reach the islands with the Gospel of Jesus Christ that is the power of God unto salvation. It's exciting to see dreams turned into realities as God brings His children's pathways together with a fervent desire to serve Him and do our utmost to help fulfill the Great Commission.

Franklin Graham President of Samaritan's Purse and PMA President Norbert Kalau met to discuss a strategic partnership designed to expand humanitarian assistance, compassionate outreach, and the Gospel message throughout the Federated States of Microsnesia and neighboring regions.





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