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Serving Jesus Christ in the Islands of Micronesia and the Philippines



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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
- Support Missionaries for PMA/PMF Churches
- 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

*"Let them give glory to the Lord and
proclaim His praise in the islands."*

Isaiah 42:12



Nob Kalau

In Isaiah 42:12, the Lord calls us to action with a simple command,

***"Let them give glory unto the LORD,
and declare His praise in the islands."***

This invitation is not just for a select few; it encompasses all of creation, that includes you and me, and speaks to the very heart of following Jesus.

The glory of God reflects His holiness, majesty, power, and sovereignty. Each day, as we wake-up and get going with our routines and responsibilities, we are presented with countless opportunities to give God glory. It

could be through a kind word to a coworker, a loving act toward a family member, a prayer for an enemy. When our actions are guided by the love and teachings of Jesus, we reflect His glory into the world around us. In this sense, glory can be thought of as a mirror; the more we reflect God's character, the more others see Him in us.

Declaring His praise in the good times comes more naturally. But in times of trial, it may be difficult to find reasons to declare His praise. However, it is often during the hard challenges of life that our praises have the most significant impact. When we choose to praise God despite our circumstances, we demonstrate a real and visible faith that can inspire and encourage others. Our praise is a testimony of God's faithfulness—a light shining brightly in the darkness.

As Isaiah 42:12 reminds us to glorify Him in the island world, we are thankful for you our praying and supporting partners, who together with us are glorifying The Lord to the peoples who live in the remote islands of the sea.

In this Island Echoe you can read about PMA pilots who were able to display God's glory as they assisted Samaritans Purse with transportation in the aftermath of typhoon Sinlaku. Medevacs of critical patients were possible because you pray for us and God equips us. PMA's orphanage is acknowledged and awarded for excellence in care. Land received in Yap was according to God's perfect timing. VBS proclaimed the Gospel and blessed eager children through our 11 churches, and thankfulness that PMA has once again been accredited by the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA) As you, dear friends, continue to pray and give, you are declaring His glory and are vessels of His praise in the islands of the Pacific. Thank you for being apart of the PMA family!

"The LORD reigns! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!"
Psalm 97:1

His Love Endures Forever

by Melinda R. Espinosa, CFO/Administrator

"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures forever."

Psalm 136:1

Every day, I ask God to protect our PMA mission staff and our loved ones from harm and danger, and to deliver all of us from evil. This is not a mantra or a routine phrase — it is a serious prayer, because in reality, we face many dangers, challenges, temptations, and snares every single day.

Yet we must remember this unchanging truth: **no matter what happens, and no matter what the Lord allows in our lives, His love endures forever.** Friends and Mission staff may come and go, but *His love endures forever*. He may or may not heal physical afflictions, disease, or sickness, but *His love endures forever*. Riches may come and go, but *His love endures forever*. We may feel strong today and weak tomorrow, but still — *His love endures forever*.

What deep peace fills our hearts when we rest in God's unfailing, enduring love.

Someone once said that *"the only constant in life is change."* We have seen this truth in our own PMA Guam Headquarters. Two of our staff members have moved on to new workplaces, and yet our faithful God has provided us with qualified and capable replacements. We are also grateful for the addition of our new Marketing Officer, who will help raise awareness of PMA's ministry here on Guam. The work continues, and God continues to provide.

Our Guam HQ Team: Virg Penafiel (Grants), Wai Yi Ma (Radio Support), Melinda Espinosa (CFO), Elisa Baluyut (Accounting Manager)



We are also thankful that PMA has once again been accredited by the **Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA)** — an accreditation we have received every year since 1987. This long-standing recognition is a testament to PMA's commitment to financial accountability and operating with integrity.



Through the various testimonies of our missionaries, we can all say ***"God's love endures forever!"*** Whether we experience the mundane or the highs of answers to prayers, His love is unchanging. We are so thankful to you, our dear Partners ~ for your faithful prayers and financial support. We are near the midpoint of this year - many of our goals have been accomplished by God's grace - and many still to be achieved. With God sustaining and providing, and your empowering support, we believe that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us! Thank you and God bless!



Gladys Sazon, HQ Accounting Support Officer

Created To Do Good Works

by Melinda R. Espinosa, CFO/Administrator

*“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”*

Ephesians 2:10

The Regional Alternative Child Care Office (RACCO) recently shared a joyful update on their Facebook page: **Pacific Missionary Aviation (PMA Phils. Inc.) has been awarded a Certificate of Recognition.** The recognition was presented on April 30, 2026, at our PMA Philippines – Bahay Kalinga Orphanage in Naujan, Oriental Mindoro.

During a simple but meaningful ceremony, RACCO Officer **Ms. Cyrene P. Lubrico** formally handed the certificate to **Pastor Jonee Marty Lumigis**, PMA’s Officer in Charge, together with **Ms. Analou Y. Caspe**, our Center Head.

In her message, Ms. Lubrico expressed heartfelt appreciation for the Orphanage’s dedication to providing quality care for children and their families. She encouraged us to continue upholding high standards and nurturing a safe, loving environment for every child entrusted to us.

Pastor Lumigis responded with gratitude, thanking NACC–RACCO MIMAROPA for their steady guidance and support in helping us remain faithful to the standards of care and protection of these precious little lives.

We are humbled to share that **PMA Phils. Inc. is now the second Child Caring Agency (CCA) in the region to receive this Certificate of Recognition from the National Authority for Child Care (NACC)**, valid for three years. This milestone is a reminder of God’s grace and the shared commitment of everyone who serves with compassion at Bahay Kalinga (House of Love).



VBS 2026: Ready, Set On Fire!

Compiled/Translated by Melinda R. Espinosa, Editor

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you;
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea
and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

Acts 1:8

We praise the Lord for His goodness and faithfulness as PMF churches across the outer-islands of Quezon, Philippines, joyfully conducted their Daily Vacation Bible School (DVBS). In ten churches and a village outreach, we witnessed children learning God’s Word, families being encouraged, and churches strengthened in unity and service.

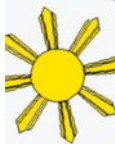


Across all our locations, the theme “Ready, Set on Fire” truly came alive as approximately **600 children** experienced God’s love through songs, lessons, crafts, games, and fellowship. We witnessed the Lord ignite young hearts with joy, curiosity, and faith.

We are deeply grateful for our **30 volunteer DVBS teachers** who were trained, equipped, and wholeheartedly committed to teaching throughout the DVBS weeks. Their enthusiasm, faithfulness, and love for the children made this season of ministry fruitful and unforgettable.

Here are some of the testimonies:

Pastor Ed, PMF Calutcot shared: That morning in Calutcot, laughter echoed through the streets as the children marched proudly in their little parade before VBS. Their faces were bright with excitement — not just because of the songs they would sing or the pictures they would draw, but because they were discovering God’s Word in ways that felt fun and alive. Between the games, the music, and the food they eagerly shared, you could see how deeply they were enjoying every moment.



Pastor Narciso Mandreza, PMA/PMF – Jomalig: During our DVBS in PMF Jomalig, I was truly happy and deeply grateful because, for the first time, we had **three mothers** who stayed and fully supported their children throughout the entire activity. Their presence was such a blessing that the church leaders agreed to give them a **Certificate of Appreciation** as a simple way of honoring their commitment. All three mothers said the same thing — that DVBS was joyful, meaningful, and something they were glad to be part of. They even returned on Sunday for the Service, which encouraged our hearts even more. **Praise the Lord for His goodness!**

Pastor Regel and wife Honeylee – PMF Busdak: We thank the Lord because we have truly experienced His goodness here in PMF Busdak during our DVBS. A large number of children came on the first day, and persevered in completing the program, and others continue to attend our Sunday worship services. This is a great encouragement to us. As a newly appointed pastor, this was also a learning experience for us since it was our first time handling a ministry like this.



Children from PMF Busdak Church catching fire for Jesus!

Teacher Mercy, over-all in charge of DVBS training: I praise the Lord for His goodness during our DVBS in **PMF Kilogan** and **Amaga**. In Kilogan, God strengthened our volunteers as they taught the children—whether inside the water refilling building, under the trees, or in the small, thatched hut. Even in the heat, the children remained eager to hear God's Word.

When our team moved to Amaga, the Lord again showed His power. He touched the hearts of members and even former Sunday schoolers abroad, who generously provided snacks and prizes for the children. Water was scarce, yet our teachers served joyfully, never losing their desire to minister. Through every challenge, God made a way. **To the PMA family, pastors, and all DVBS teachers—thank you for praying and serving together. All glory belongs to God.**

Pastor Bryan Bantugan, PMA PMF Patnanungan. From May 4 to 8, our church came alive with the energy of children eager to learn, laugh, and encounter God. This year's Daily Vacation Bible School, themed

"Ready, Set on Fire", filled our church, dining hall, and classrooms with songs, prayers, and joyful noise as children discovered more about God's love and what it means to follow Him. Throughout the five days, the children explored lessons on good character, friendship, prayer, and faith. Whether they were singing, dancing, crafting, playing games, or sharing stories, each moment carried purpose. You could see it in their smiles, their questions, and the way they encouraged one another — small sparks growing brighter each day.

This DVBS was a beautiful picture of the body of Christ working together. We are grateful for: Our church leaders, whose prayers and support covered the entire week; Our dedicated teachers and volunteers, who poured out their time, creativity, and energy; Parents, who entrusted their children to us; Above all, the Lord, who gave strength, wisdom, protection, and joy from beginning to end

Across the Mini Flames, Turbo Believers, and Revved Up groups, we witnessed a daily average of 65 children learning, participating, and forming new friendships.

As we close this year's DVBS, our prayer is simple: **May the truth planted in the hearts of the children and parents continue to grow, guiding them closer to the Lord in their daily lives.**



Back To Back Medical Evacuations From Palau

by Brock Welge, Palau Station Manager

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”

Romans 8:28

We recently had two medical evacuations from Palau. The first was to Manila on March 21st. A lady who was visiting Palau had suffered a heart attack, and needed a flight to Manila, so she could be transferred to St. Luke’s Hospital, and get treatment for her condition. After setting the time and arranging the details, like custom clearances, passports, landing and entry permits and ambulance transfers, Mark Abbott and I set off with the patient, who was on the stretcher accompanied by her husband and a local doctor. We had a smooth trip across the ocean and arrived in Manila with no trouble. We were happy to see Fred and Edna, long time PMA Missionaries in Manila, where they helped us off-load the patient and assist in re-fueling for the return flight.

Successful Medevac to Manila, thank God!



Then on April 7th, at 10:30 am, we were notified that the military in Peleliu needed a medical evacuation for a service member who had severe stomach pain and could not receive treatment here in Palau. We are working on an MOU with the military to be able to provide medical evacuations to Guam and have done many drills with them. This time the call was not a drill, it was the real thing. After discussing the need with Mark and Amos, we decided that Amos would come to Palau with the aircraft and we would plan to depart as soon as we re-configured the aircraft with the Life Port equipment. We arrived in Guam at 8:15 pm and helped transfer the patient into the ambulance, which brought him to the Hospital to get the needed treatments.

A timely military medevac to Guam, saved a life!



Looking back at both of these medical transports, I see the Lord working behind the scenes, lining up the details, the timing and the aircraft availability. During both of these medevacs, we were limited on aircraft availability due to upcoming inspections, planned major modifications, and major engine work. Through it all the Lord was able to show us the way that it all could work, while still accomplishing all of our maintenance requirements. When you get the call for these flights, they seem to always sneak up on you, but it's never a surprise for God, as He knows all things, and is working in and through all things for the good of His people.



Partners In Serving

by Amos Collins, Chief Pilot

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others,
as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*

1 Peter 4:10

One modern-day advantage that we have is the ability to track storms. This allows us to watch the track and strength of typhoons that are building and tracking towards us. On April 14 thru 16, the Category 5 Super Typhoon Sinlaku sat over Saipan and churned up trees, powerlines, homes and structures. While this was happening, the people of Samaritan's Purse were already planning their response from their home base in Greensboro, NC. By Friday, April 17th, they were assembling their Disaster Assessment Response Team (DART) and buying tickets to get them to Guam. PMA also received a call requesting transportation from Guam to Saipan, since there would be no commercial flights available to get there in the immediate aftermath. Guam is about 450 miles away from where our planes are based in Yap, plus it's entering U.S. Territory, so there is a lot involved in the preparation. We also only had one flying King Air, since the other one was down for Hot Section inspection. But we were eager to be part of the response and agreed to be there ahead of their team and ready to fly them to the disaster area, first chance they had.

Mark Abbot (PMA Director of Operations) and I left on Saturday afternoon to Guam and on Sunday morning the DART Team who had arrived the night before, were flown out to Saipan in two groups. We had finished both flights and had put the plane to sleep, when we got a call from Samaritan's Purse again.

"Could you launch again and move a team from Saipan to Tinian so they can assess the hospital in Tinian?" I said, "Well, this is what we came up for, let's do it."

Team Samaritan's Purse and PMA working together for the glory of God!





Mark had done the morning flights and was ready for lunch, so I told him to go get lunch and I would prepare the schedule and all the paperwork and notify all the parties involved that we would be making a few more flights than planned. We ended up going together getting the team to Tinian, then waiting for them to finish their assessment and returning to Saipan.

A special treat was that the Samaritan's Purse Boeing 767 had arrived in Saipan and we were able to park right next to them and go say hello and tour the plane. We got some nice photos of the baby sister plane (#N875SP) next to the big 767 (#N367SP).

The next morning was Monday and we had flight commitments in Yap and Palau all week long. We did one more flight for Samaritan's Purse to bring a fresh team to Saipan, and then we left Guam around noon and returned to Yap in time to still do a flight to Ulithi.

Samaritan's Purse has done so much for PMA in the last 5 years. And we were super excited to be able to help them in the early phase of their assessment. We also have friends who are based in Saipan who fly regular weekly flights between Guam and Saipan. We coordinated with them to continue helping Samaritan's Purse with their needs and are confident that they will be taken care of.



Beautiful In His Time

by Nob Kalau, CEO

For the past five to six years, I have been searching for a piece of land on the island of Yap where PMA could establish a ministry base. Each time I traveled to Yap, I would carve out time to venture into the jungle, walking through thick brush and narrow footpaths, looking at every parcel that was said to be available.

Yet each potential property came with its own obstacle. Some lots were too small or too narrow to meet our needs. Others were tucked too far off the beaten path, without access to electricity or water. Some were steep and difficult to reach, while others were priced far beyond what stewardship would allow. And in many cases, even when the land itself seemed promising, the family members who owned it could not all agree to sell.

When the elders of Yap Evangelical Church (YEC) heard that I was looking for land for ministry, they approached PMA and said: *“Why not make use of our property? Our buildings are not being used and they are falling into disrepair.”* Perfect! The YEC property is in the center of town, beautifully located on the hillside and near the waterfront. Right away, I could see great potential for various ministries together with YEC. Finally the pieces of the puzzle came together. This was the perfect land that God wanted for YEC and PMA to do the work of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

One of the elders, Gidion, said, *“If we develop and establish this relationship between YEC and PMF Church, PMA, it will be like coming back around full circle.”* What Gidion meant by this was, PMA’s founder, Edmund Kalau, along with his wife Elizabeth and their 2 children at the time, Esther and Nob (that’s me), arrived in Yap in April of 1959 as the first evangelical missionaries to Yap.

YEC / PMA Mission Property



*Pastor Edmund and Elisabeth Kalau
with children Esther and Norbert
as they began their mission work
in Yap, Micronesia*



The hillside land was at that time given by Salome, a new Yapese Christian who wanted to serve the Lord. The Kalau with the help of the new Yapese Christians, over the next years, built a church, 3 homes, printing shop, workshop, library, youth center, and outdoor basketball court. Now 60 plus years later, the new generation of the Kalau family has the privilege of rebuilding the hillside for ministry together with the Yap Evangelical Church. What an amazing, faithful God we serve! Honestly, I have to admit that I was getting somewhat frustrated searching for land each time I traveled to Yap and returning home to Pohnpei with nothing suitable and no answer. But God's timing is perfect and He wants us to remember that *"The mind of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps."* Proverbs 16:9

On April 29, 2026, YEC and PMF/PMA signed an MOU to co-own the land and have agreed for PMA to begin developing Phase I on the property for ministry.

Franklin Graham of Samaritan's Purse visited PMA Yap and heard about our plans to build a training center to prepare the next generation of Yapese leaders, pastors and missionaries. While in Yap he pledged that Samaritan's Purse would help in the development and funding for the building project. Where God guides, He provides!

***We may get weary in the wait, but be encouraged,
"He has made everything beautiful in its time."
Ecc. 3:11***



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