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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

"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

2 Corinthians 9:8

Equipping Leaders



Nob Kalau

One of my critical roles as CEO for PMA is to equip leaders around me. To guide, teach and empower them to be the absolute best in their field so they can stay focused, support and grow the PMA family and ministries.

Eph. 4:12-13 gives me this mandate. *“Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do His work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be*

mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.” Not just to equip the pastors and elders in Pacific Mission Fellowship Churches (A ministry of PMA) but every leader and potential leader serving with PMA today.

It is a joy to see everyone’s growth as God is transforming us into a unified team, a more effective team, for His glory. The goal is to see everyone getting into the game to carry out PMA’s vision: “Bringing Hope, Changing Lives.” and mission: “To Know Christ and to Make Him Known.” As the leaders within PMA take on greater responsibility and accountability, I ask that you pray for all of us that we will continue to support and grow together as a mission.

This quarter of our Island Echo you can read about how one of our churches in the Philippines got involved in a 2-week feeding program for underweight children. How our team at the Orphanage welcomed a neglected baby and after 6 months of love and care was able to return little Theo back to his rehabilitated Mother. How our PMF church in Palau celebrated its 30th birthday of God’s faithfulness and welcomed long awaited Pastor Del Rosario and wife Haydee to serve at PMF Palau. A medivac from Yap to Woleai that saved an 18- year-old girl’s life and weathered large thunderstorms to safely bring her to hospital. You will also read about power outages, typhoons and preparation for drought in the Pacific due to El Niño. We are thankful for our missionary teams crossing paths as they transit through Guam. And thankful to you our dear partners who faithfully support and pray for us.

“He is the One we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.”

Colossians 1:28

Blessed Be The Tie That Binds

by Melinda R. Espinosa, CFO/Administrator

*"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
for brethren to dwell together in unity."*

Psalm 133:1

It is always a special privilege to welcome our PMA missionaries and their families when they pass through Guam. Because each of us serves on distant islands, separated by miles of ocean and the demands of ministry, we rarely have the chance to gather, rest, and simply enjoy one another's company.

Yet in recent months, Guam has become a beautiful crossroad. Missionaries have come through for furloughs, vacation time, medical needs, training, and special charters. Even in the midst of busy schedules, each visit has felt like a



Collins Family stopped by Guam after furlough. Great catching up with them.



God given moment — a time to reconnect, encourage one another, share stories from the field, and strengthen the bonds that hold our PMA family together.

These brief but meaningful gatherings remind us of the sweetness of Christian fellowship. They echo the truth of Psalm 133:1, showing us that unity is not only good and pleasant — it is a gift from the Lord. And as we serve across the islands, often far apart, He graciously weaves moments like these to refresh our hearts and remind us that we are one family in His mission.

We were also privileged to be visited by two representatives of Samaritan's Purse: Jeremy Akin and Jeremy Barr. They visited Yap and Palau and Guam accompanied by our CEO, Nob Kalau, doing due diligence as Samaritan's Purse will be partnering and providing support for our Yap Project which is also in partnership with the Yap Evangelical Church. Their time with us was a tremendous encouragement and a valuable help as we continue to conceptualize and develop the budget for the Yap Project. Their insights, humility, and willingness to listen meant a great deal to our team and to the community. We thank God for them.



Amos and Mark - Mark flying in to Guam was God's perfect timing for the Collins family to fly and return to Yap with him.



New Beginning for Theo

by Richelle Venturina, Social Worker

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

Isaiah 43: 18-19

Theo (name changed to protect the child's privacy) was five months old when he was admitted to PMA Bahay Kalinga (PMABK) in December 2025, for temporary shelter and protection. He arrived healthy, chubby, cheerful, and easily comforted — often smiling quietly when held by the Center Head and Caregivers.

He was placed under PMA BK's care due to concerns of neglect and unresolved custody issues. Over the next six months, PMA BK and partner agencies worked together to assess his situation and support his biological mother. Case conferences were conducted, and the PMA BK Social Worker facilitated regular video calls to help maintain and strengthen the mother-child bond. Throughout this period, Theo's mother remained consistently involved and showed genuine concern for his well being and development.



After thorough assessment and interventions, it was determined that reunification was in Theo's best interest. At 10 months old, after approximately six months at PMA BK, Theo was officially discharged on July 2026, and joyfully returned to the loving care of his biological mother.

It marked a hopeful new beginning — a chance for little Theo to continue growing, thriving, and creating beautiful memories with his family.



Theo's smiling face radiates joy in being reunited with his birth mom.

A Story Of Hope, Care, And Nourishment

The Two-Week Feeding Program of PMA-PMF Patnanungan CDC

by Fretzel Bantugan, Project Director

"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

Matthew 5:16

The PMA-PMF Patnanungan Church's Child Development Center (CDC) has always believed that caring for children means caring not only for their education and spiritual growth but also for their health and physical well-being. With this commitment, the Church and CDC conducted a **two-weeks Feeding Program for 12 children who were identified as underweight, from a group of 100 children we minister to.**

For these children, having a nutritious meal is not always something they can take for granted. The Church saw this need as an opportunity to put its faith into action by reaching out to them and their families.

The 12 beneficiaries came to the Child Development Center to receive nutritious meals prepared especially for them. Each feeding session went beyond simply giving food. It became a time when the children could eat together, interact with one another, and experience the love and care of the people serving them. The CDC staff and volunteers worked together to prepare and serve the meals. As the children gathered around for their meals, the atmosphere was filled with smiles, conversations, and excitement. Even the simple act of sharing a meal created opportunities to build relationships with the children.

For the volunteers and CDC staff, the interaction was deeply encouraging. Their smiles reminded everyone that small acts of kindness can make a meaningful difference in a child's life. The feeding program also provided an opportunity to remind the children about the importance of eating nutritious food. They were encouraged to develop healthy eating habits and to appreciate the food prepared for them. At the same time, parents and guardians were encouraged to become more aware of the

*Fretzel leads prayer before the meal -
thanking God who is the Giver of
all good gifts.*





nutritional needs of their children and the importance of providing healthy meals at home whenever possible. The program created a welcoming environment where they felt cared for, valued, and remembered. Beyond the food on their plates, the children received attention, encouragement, and genuine concern from the CDC staff, volunteers, and members of the church.

The successful completion of the program was made possible through the cooperation of the PMA-PMF Patnanungan Church, Child Development Center staff, volunteers, parents, and other individuals. Their collective effort demonstrated the power of a community working together for the welfare of its youngest members. The activity reminded everyone that ministry is not limited to words—it is also shown through caring, sharing, serving, and responding to the needs of others.

The two-week feeding program may have lasted only a short time, but its message was lasting: **every child deserves to be nourished, cared for, and given the opportunity to grow healthy and strong.** Through this initiative, PMA-PMF Patnanungan Church and its Child Development Center reaffirmed their commitment to support children and families in the community, not only to meet their physical need, but also encourage and grow them in their walk with our Lord Jesus Christ.

As the program came to an end, the grateful smiles of the children and the dedication of the volunteers served as a reminder that when people come together with compassion and a willing heart, even a simple meal can become a powerful expression of God's love. **The feeding program was not simply about providing food — it was about providing hope, showing love, and helping children grow one meal, one smile, and one caring moment at a time.**



30 Years And A New Senior Pastor!

by Brock Welge, Palau Station Manager

"I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live."

Psalm 116:1-2

In July, PMF Palau celebrated their 30-year anniversary. We praise God that He has sustained the PMF Church in Palau and allowed the church to bring the Gospel to Palau for the past 30 years. During the anniversary celebration after the Sunday service, we watched slides that reminded us of what God has brought the PMF Palau Congregation through. By His grace we are continuing to be blessed and bless those around us with the love we have in Jesus Christ.



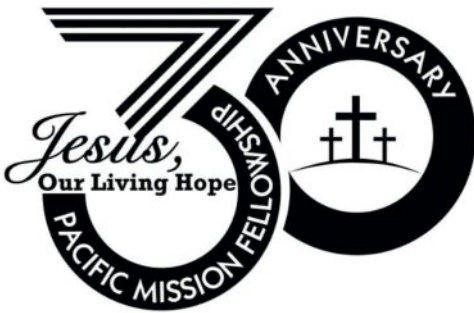
Welcome to Palau, Pastor Bong!

We saw photos of the early days where when the congregation met in the Koror Evangelical Church, then moved into the Kalau Gym Youth Center that was constructed in Meyuns, Koror, which we have had built many good memories in. We were there until the COVID Pandemic when the gym was loaned to the Belau Hospital for pandemic use. That led to us holding services and weekly studies in the VIP Conference Room which transitioned to the Old Red Rooster



Restaurant on T-Dock up to the time they needed to renovate, and now we are currently holding services and weekly ministries at the WCTC Malakal Event Space. Over the years, the church has been led by dedicated servants of Christ, starting with Pastor Del Rosario, Pastor Bambit, Pastor Mike, and for the past seven years the PMF Palau Elders, Brother Ken, Brother Lito, Brother EJ, and Brother Aries. We Praise God for His provision of both a meeting place and the shepherds to lead the congregation.

It is with great joy, after many years of praying and waiting on the LORD, this August, we were able to welcome our newest shepherd, Pastor Alfred Gregory Del Rosario, or more commonly known as Pastor Bong. We have been working on the application process and the visa paperwork since the beginning of 2026, so it is a great blessing that Pastor Bong and his wife, sister Haydee finally arrived in Palau. This is also extra special since his dad was our first pastor at PMF-Palau. Now 30 years later, the Lord has brought Pastor Bong to Palau to be our Senior Pastor and continue to shepherd and lead the PMF congregation here. Thank you everyone who has prayed and thanks to our Great God who has heard and answered our prayers! Please keep Pastor and wife in your prayers as they make the adjustments to Palau, as well as our PMF church as we continue to look for a new permanent location and meeting place. We know God is able and He is Faithful!



In Rough Seas, The Airplane Is A Life-Saving Tool

by Amos Collins, Chief Pilot

"Whoever dwells in the secret place of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart."

Psalm 91:1-4

Our friend Ces, who is like a family member, just returned today on the State ship. She had gone to her island of Satawal for a family funeral and was there for the last two months while our family was on furlough. Satawal is the furthest island in Yap State and is 500 miles away. About 4-6 times a year, the ship stops at all the inhabited islands on the way there and then again on the way back, carrying students, workers, families and food between the islands. The weather has been very bad lately, and the ship endured very rough seas the whole journey. Ces said she had never been so scared, and thought the ship was going to capsize a couple of times.

When the ship left Woleai, it had on board a young 18-year-old girl who was vomiting blood. She was going downhill so fast that the ship had to turn around and bring her back to Woleai. The medic then called PMA to medevac her. Our secretary, Grace Adgil, got the call at about 5:30 PM on Monday. There was not enough daylight to make the flight that evening, but we could leave first thing in the morning.

Our German volunteer, Jonas Schuh, came in with me at 5:00 AM to help fuel up the plane and install the stretcher. As we were preparing the plane, two nurses arrived from the local hospital and told us that now there were going to be two stretcher patients to pick up. The second one was an older lady who had been sick for some time, and they wanted to add her to the medevac flight back to Yap.



We took off while it was still dark and had to divert around a large thunderstorm that was moving towards Yap. I had taken extra fuel, because I knew I would have to deal with that storm on the return. The weather in Woleai was beautiful, and after the nurses got their patients hooked up to IVs, we loaded them both in the plane and departed for Yap. The Woleai medic thanked me about 3 different times in the process of loading, and I could see the relief on his face as he sent his patients off with us.

Bear with me here, but I just have to take a moment to geek out about the capabilities of these King Air aircraft. Here we were, flying home with thunderstorms raging all around Yap, yet I had very little anxiety because I had radar on board telling me the worst weather to avoid. I also had a Stormscope, which displayed images of lightning bolts all over my screen so I could choose a path around the worst areas. Furthermore, I had a team on the ground giving me on-demand updates on the rain or the clear areas. We hit a few bumps but were able to land in relatively light rain. I taxied into the hangar, and right then the heavens opened, releasing torrential rain for almost an hour. I was thankful then to be on the ground, as that would not have been a good time to land. Two ambulances were waiting, ready to take the patients to the hospital. Both patients are now stable and are recovering. We are thankful for this news, and for God's protection throughout the flight.

Later, Ces related to me the conversation on the ship as the passengers endured the rough seas..."When can we get a runway built on our island too, so that our sick can be swiftly brought to the hospital by PMA?" Please pray with us, for the Lord's provision. He is able!



Electricity... Water... El Niño!!!

by Nob Kalau, CEO

"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."

Lamentations 3:22-23

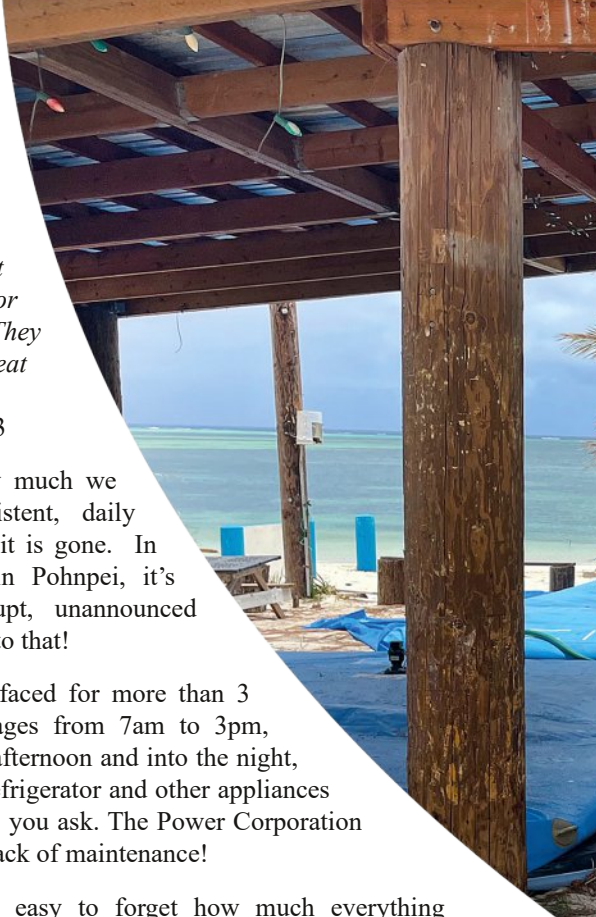
We don't really realize how much we take the service of consistent, daily electricity for granted, until it is gone. In everyday island life here in Pohnpei, it's normal to experience abrupt, unannounced power outages. We are used to that!

But the challenge we have faced for more than 3 months is daily power outages from 7am to 3pm, including brown-outs in the afternoon and into the night, the worst being when your refrigerator and other appliances get fried. "What happened?" you ask. The Power Corporation blew up 2 generators due to lack of maintenance!

Even here on Pohnpei, it's easy to forget how much everything depends on electricity until it's gone. Refrigerator, stove, fan, internet, lights, keeping an office running, charging your laptop, Sunday services, weekday ministries, a radio station, a printing shop ... all are dependent on electricity.

I'm so thankful to say ... that as of yesterday our power is back. We actually had power all day and all night! Now we can flip the switch with confidence, because it works again! It's a great feeling that you don't forget, after being without it for more than 3 months straight. We have learned patience, being creative and adjusting to keep moving forward. Our 32-year-old generator at the Good News Press kept chugging away with a daily routine of fueling and maintenance during the outage to keep at least the printing shop going.

Weather-wise, our islands have had a rough and challenging year. Approximately 21 tropical systems have been tracked in our region to date. Powerful systems like typhoon Sinlaku, which at its peak had destructive wind forces of 180 miles/per hour and super typhoon Bavi, having gusts up to 200 miles/hour, marked an intense start and mid-season peak for our Pacific region. Forecasts are expecting 20-27 tropical storms and 18 typhoons due to active El Niño conditions.





Now scientists are predicting that we are going to experience one of the worst droughts due to El Niño, for the Pacific, starting this September. So, we are preparing water tanks for our home, Sunday school, church and office. We may only be getting 30 minutes of public water in the morning and 30 minutes of water in the evening. Therefore, all of the bathrooms in our facilities have 30-gallon trash cans ready with little buckets for scooping water.

To help with the El Niño effects, PMA received a donation of an equipment for Reverse Osmosis. Provided by Samaritans Purse to Ayuda Foundation and Ayuda – donated to PMA.

Despite the challenges, the church attendance is good, the youth continue to meet with enthusiasm, the radio is on the air proclaiming the Gospel, and our printing shop is printing non-stop. God is in control so we continue to do our best and trust Him with the challenges of electricity, water, and the rest.



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