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experienced by PMA
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Summary of Ministry Needs

Personnel Needs:

- Missionary Pastors
- Administrative and Ministry Assistants
- Youth Workers
- Facility/Equipment Maintenance Personnel
- Boat Captain
- Boat Engineer
- Pilot/Mechanics

Infrastructure Needs:

- Repair of Boys and Girls Dormitory
Patnanungan, Philippines
- Repair of Multi-Purpose Centers
Patnanungan and Kilogan, Philippines
- Construction of Learning Center
Patnanungan, Philippines
- Engine Overhaul for Queen Air N45MA
at a cost of approx. \$55,000 for each of the 2 engines

Recently Completed Projects in the Philippines:

- Jomalig Multi-Purpose Center
- Repair and Improvement of our Hangar.

"Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed."

2 Corinthians 9:6-8



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Letter from the President

by Nob Kalau



PMA President Nob Kalau

To our Faithful Mission Friends,

Look back on 2012, for a moment. If your year was like mine, you can see some pretty significant peaks and valleys. Praise God for them! Praise God that at the year's end, you can stand before Him in faith and humility and say, "No matter what is behind me, I finish this year strong in Christ. I press on to know the Lord" (Hosea 6:3). Or like Paul in Philippians 3:13, "but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." I press on - that's endurance, that's perseverance!

As we look ahead to 2013. We don't know what the year will bring, but we can be sure of this: God is faithful. His mercies will be new every morning of every day of 2013.

This issue of Island Echoes allows us to see how God has carried us through the fiscal year just ended, how He allowed a vision to be fulfilled in Palau and Pohnpei, how volunteer missionaries experienced PMA's vision, how missionary pastors and workers live and fulfill God's calling in tiny remote islands in the Philippines, how a simple flannel graph visual aid enhances a Bible study, and how a young lady experienced God's leading and His ever-presence.

These are just a few of the stories of what God has done and is doing in our lives. We are thankful we can share these with you - as you partner with us in all that we do. Thank you and may the Lord bless you even more!

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful." Heb. 10:23

That every island may hear,

Nob Kalau

God's Unfailing Love and His Wonderful Deeds

by Melinda R. Espinosa, CFO/Administrator

We celebrate God's faithfulness for the last fiscal year and through the 37 years He allowed us to serve in Micronesia and 29 years in the Philippines. Psalm 127:1 says: "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain that build it." Indeed, we can say that the Lord has built this Mission. He gave a vision to one man 38 years ago, and with God's grace and like-minded men and women, who believed, committed and lived the vision - PMA is what it is today.

In the Philippines, our pastors and mission staff have to periodically cross the ever-turbulent Pacific Ocean to visit other island stations, or travel to the mainland to get needed supplies, or attend to a number of needs. Our two-man medical team headed by Dr. John Escote travel by land and sea weekly, bringing medical and other supplies needed by our team and the island ministries. Our pilots and Sea Haven crew have also been under God's umbrella of protection. And what about typhoons that often visit our little islands? - God has been so good, protecting our people, infrastructure and equipment. Yes, under the shelter of His mighty wings, we have found refuge and a strong tower!

We thank God for His enablement. For health and strength of each one, for allowing us to serve Him with joy through the routine and mundane, through the good and tough times. For being our wisdom, giving us the ability to serve, minister, encourage and empower those who are lost, confused, hopeless, and in need not only spiritually, but physically and emotionally as well. For our Pacific Mission Fellowship churches who continue to persevere in reaching the island people with the Gospel, teaching, training, and discipling so that they too can be part of kingdom building.

Praise God for His provision. For those who are unwavering in their prayer, intercession, and partnership with us: supporting our missionaries, ministries and projects. Again, we thank PMA Germany and PMA Switzerland for their devoted partnership to the work and ministry of PMA. Without any of their vital support, we would not be able to pursue and attain the goals set before us by the Lord.

Dr. John Escote performing cataract operation at our Naujan Bahay Kalinga Clinic.



The urgency to reach the island people for Christ: "Bringing Hope and Changing Lives - Loving all People, Building the Body of Christ, and Discipling the Faithful" - remain as we continue to plant and grow churches in the islands.

Despite the high cost of fuel and maintenance, the Lord saw to it that the aviation services would continue unhampered. 36% of flights were non revenue - providing medical and food transport, sea search, medical evacuation, transport of patients, attendants, pastors and mission staff. The revenue generating services provided quick, efficient and dependable transport to the outer-islands and helped support the PMF church. The end of the year saw us preparing for the fruition of another dream - that of the aviation services and ministry in Palau. God leads and we follow.

Our medical ship, the Sea Haven brought necessary help and supplies to the outer-islands of Chuuk and Yap at the beginning of the period and for the rest of the period concentrated assistance to Pohnpei high schools, elementary schools and the hospital. We are thankful for the faithful partnership of Ayuda Foundation, Pacific Island Movers and Matson Navigation.

"The Cross Radio" keeps on beaming the message of the Gospel, and life building messages, not only in Micronesia and the outer-islands - but beyond its borders - even to Asia, U.S.A. and Europe. We thank God that despite power outages, He has protected our equipment. We pray for a generator that can provide power to all our media ministry: Good News Press, Studio (and the PMF church which meets in the Studio auditorium) and the Radio.

We continue to provide primary health and eye care, cataract and other surgeries in remote islands of the Philippines. For this fiscal period, our team treated 4,952 patients and performed 178 cataract and 81 other surgeries.

Praise God for allowing children to have access to essential care and education through our Bahay Kalinga Orphanage (we have served a total of 168 children to-date), feeding programs through 5 of our PMF churches in Polillo Islands, Philippines and the Learning Center - graduating 199 students since it started.

These are just a myriad of services that reflect the love of Christ in action. This is the love that is easily understood by one in need and one who would otherwise be living in daily quiet desperation. We thank God for using PMA as a channel of His blessing. We can give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love and wonderful deeds to men. (Psalm 107:31). To God be the Glory!



Praise God for children who come to Kids Klub. Melinda finds joy in teaching them and watch them grow in Jesus. Melanie (with glasses) assisted her for a time.

Financial Statement of Activities for the Fiscal Year 2012

Support and Revenue:

General Contributions	\$	481,319	
PMA Germany and Switzerland Contributions	\$	241,052	
Revenue from User Charges	\$	426,610	
Unrealized gain on Marketable securities & other Investments	\$	2,715	
Investment/Marketable Securities Income/Gain/Loss	\$	(29,907)	
Satisfaction of Program Restrictions	\$	17,809	
Total Support & Revenue	\$	1,139,598	

Expenses:

Program Activities:		%	
Medical Relief (Aviation and Sea Haven)	\$	538,185	39
Evangelism and Church Growth	\$	269,143	20
Media	\$	138,851	10
Studio and Radio	\$	99,844	7
Philippines	\$	171,677	12
Total Program Activities	\$	1,217,700	88
Support Activities:			
Management & Administration	\$	63,297	5
Fundraising	\$	93,431	7
Total Support Activities	\$	156,728	12
Total Expenses	\$	1,374,428	100
Decrease in Unrestricted Assets	\$	(234,830)	
Changes in Temporarily restricted assets:			
Contributions	\$	15,525	
Net Assets released from restrictions	\$	(17,809)	
Increase (decrease) in temporarily restricted assets	\$	(2,284)	
Decrease in Net Assets	\$	(237,114)	
Net Assets at the beginning of the year	\$	1,669,391	
Net Assets at the end of the year	\$	1,432,277	

Visit with a Vision

by Markus and Prisca Klassen, Mission Volunteers

It has been a few weeks since we left Micronesia and we already miss it! Not only do we miss the wonderful tropical weather, but also the warmth of the people living there. Two months in Micronesia was a huge blessing and had a great impact in our lives. We enjoyed working with the PMA team and were amazed that we were able to see a big part of the work of PMA and especially meet and greet the people that run it and even the founder himself!

Amos and Heidi Collins, long-term missionaries on Yap, took great care of us. Their hospitality, generosity and openness made us feel very much at home and welcomed. They taught us many valuable lessons and were really honest about their lives as missionaries. We thank God for all their efforts and for showing us around!

It was a great privilege to be able to see the tiny little islands where landing strips seemed so small. And of course it was a highlight to experience and get to know the islanders who live extraordinary lives in such remote and traditional places. It was very freeing for us to get back to basics and we enjoyed the simplicity of the Micronesian lifestyle. Now, back in Europe, we truly miss the island way of life!

Our work included maintenance on the airplanes, fixing things around the hangar, preparing for flights, support with the office work, babysitting for missionary children, getting involved in the PMF church and even building and setting up a temporary hangar for a new aviation base in Palau.

A flight to Palau was an unexpected surprise and broadened our view of the work of PMA. So many things are happening in the different islands and the mission work is expanding and opening up. This makes PMA a very dynamic and progressive mission.



A mission that is listening, learning and acting in time. We are very thankful for this opportunity to see missions up close and real and hope for a soon reunion with all the amazing people of the islands and PMA!

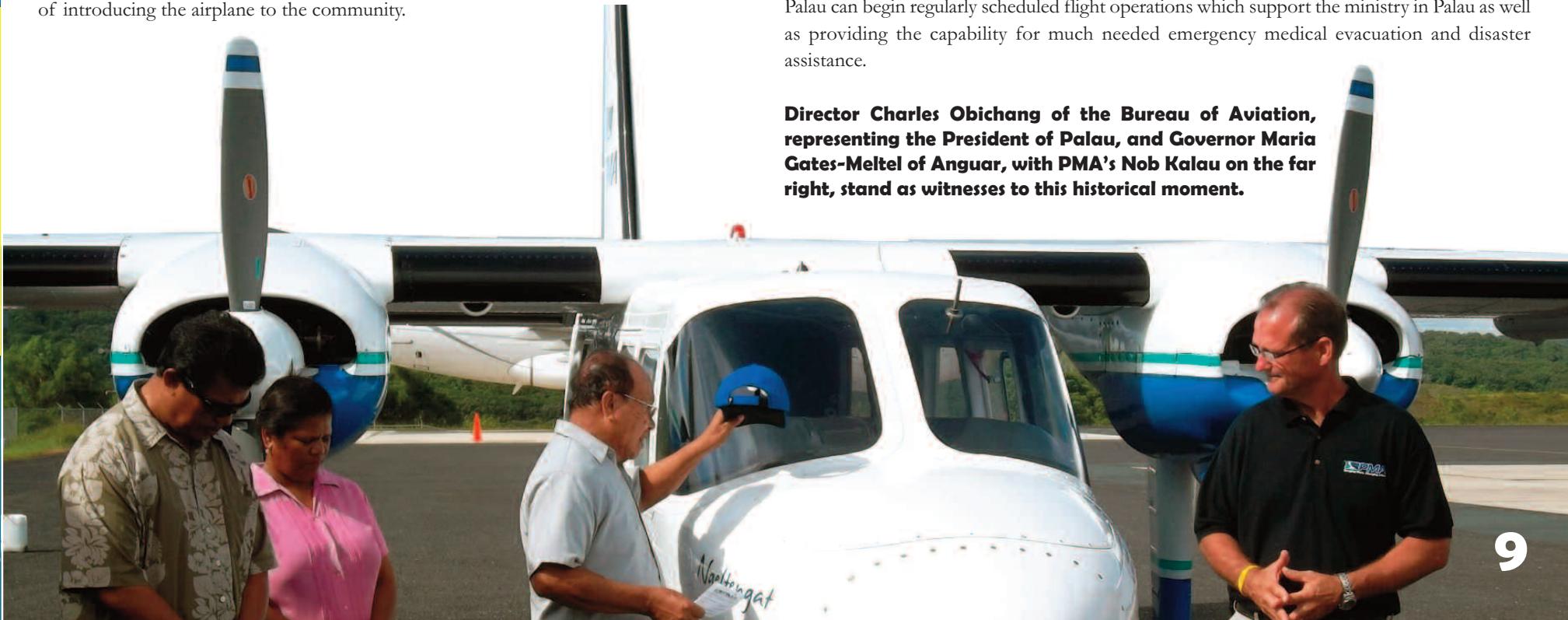
Marcus and Prisca were a great blessing to us - "diving" into whatever work or project that needed to be accomplished.

PMA - Palau Aviation Ministry Begins

by Karen Esson, PMA Missionary, Palau

October 19, 2012, saw the much anticipated dedication of Pacific Missionary Aviation's BN2A-26 aircraft for God's service in Palau. The dedication was held at Palau International Airport under the roof of the new "temporary" hanger and provided attendees with an opportunity to examine the facilities as well as the aircraft. PMA's twin engine British Norman Islander which had been based in Manila, Philippines, for the past years had arrived three days earlier, flown by a crew comprised of PMA Pilot Shan Esson and Fred Ranada, PMA Mechanic along with Captain J. Bihasa, a registered Philippine pilot whose presence was required by Philippine authorities in order to depart the country.

After leaving Manila, the crew overnighed in Davao in the Southern Philippines and then departed for the longest and most dangerous leg of the trip, seven hours over open ocean. As this part of the trip exceeded the fuel range of the aircraft, special fuel ferry tanks were installed in the aircraft in order to have sufficient fuel capacity to reach Palau. Prior to landing at Palau International, the aircraft circled the downtown Koror business area several times. As aircraft are rarely seen in the skies of Koror during daylight hours, this drew much attention and proved to be a very effective way of introducing the airplane to the community.



For a three week period prior to the aircraft's arrival, a volunteer and missionary construction team led by Nob Kalau built a hanger/maintenance facility. The structure, utilizing two 20 foot containers, a number of I-beams to span the distance between containers and an aluminum roof to cover the entire facility is creative, efficient and cost effective. Palau based Pastors Bambit Balayo and Marty Lumigis, along with Yap based PMA pilot Amos Collins, PMA's CEO, Nob Kalau and Swiss volunteers Markus and Prisca Klassen, worked long hours to prepare a flight operations office and maintenance facility for the aircraft.

The dedication ceremony was attended by local and national aviation authorities, government representatives from the Palau President's office and by the ambassadors from Taiwan and the United States. PMA founder, Edmund Kalau, spoke to the assembled crowd along with PMA president Nob Kalau. As part of the ceremony, the nose of the aircraft was undraped to reveal the new aircraft name "Ngeltengat" which means "Blessing" in the Palauan language. Pastor Hubert Charles of Koror Evangelical Church led a prayer of dedication for the aircraft and asked God's blessing and protection for the aircraft operations.

Super Typhoon Bopha in early December, 2012, provided the first opportunity for the aircraft to serve the Palauan people. Immediately after the typhoon had passed, Captain Esson flew representatives from the United States Navy and Disaster Relief Aid, along with the Governor of Anguar for the first aerial assessment of damage to the outlying island of Anguar. The aircraft was able to land in Anguar and deliver much needed food, fuel and water along with chain saws to help in the storm cleanup operations.

Please pray that necessary government approvals will be obtained early in 2013 so that PMA Palau can begin regularly scheduled flight operations which support the ministry in Palau as well as providing the capability for much needed emergency medical evacuation and disaster assistance.

Director Charles Obichang of the Bureau of Aviation, representing the President of Palau, and Governor Maria Gates-Meltel of Anguar, with PMA's Nob Kalau on the far right, stand as witnesses to this historical moment.

Testimonies from the Polillo Islands, Philippines

Editor's note: The Polillo group of islands is located in the northeast of Quezon Province. Polillo, Patnanungan and Jomalig are the three big islands facing the Pacific Ocean. Except for the big island of Polillo, all the islands are not yet fully developed. Hence, PMA planted PMF churches in these under-developed places: Patnanungan Bayan, Kilogan and Amaga, outlying islands of Jomalig, Katakian, Guinaygayan and Calutcot. These islands are always on the typhoon path. Traveling to and from these islands by boat is very hazardous. We are very thankful for God's protection and the commitment of our pastors and workers.

Pastor Jorie Bonggoyan, PMF - Katakian Island:

"We have been able to conduct our monthly Pastors/Workers Fellowship, as well as the monthly Discipleship Training. These are a great encouragement to each of our PMF Pastors and their wives and has strengthened our relationships with one another.

All of our pastors serve in little islands, separated by the vast Pacific Ocean - so these precious times are a great joy, enabling us to connect with each other, fellowship and pray for one another. As we study 'The Heart of Discipleship' - each of us is challenged and motivated to be devoted to our Lord Jesus and to be passionate in reaching others for Christ and discipling them to be able to reach, teach and disciple others as well."

Cesar Foster, PMF - Catmon:

"Through the discipleship classes under Pastor Jorie, I have learned so much, and I am able to share God's Word to my brothers and sisters in Christ. I pray that the Lord will give me strength and wisdom so that I can share His Word with authenticity. I desire to follow what James said to his brothers, 'What good is it my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him?' (James 2:14). By God's grace, I desire to continue sharing the Word of God to the people living in the mountain, near our village, and continue ministering at the church in Catmon."



This PMA/PMF run health store has become a life-line for the island people. Here is a well-stocked store of affordable, over-the-counter, non-prescription medicines and vitamins.

Pastor Eliezer Casumpa, PMF - Guinaygayan:

"He is the Almighty One, Praise God! For He has conquered the works of the devil here in our place. A 'faith healer' came to our place from Laguna and shared false teachings. By God's wisdom and grace, I was able to encourage and share God's Word to some of our members who were deceived by the false teachings of this healer. Home visitations were made to follow-up those affected. Praise God for the truth of His Word and that He can set people free from false and deceitful teachings. Please pray for us that we will stand firm in our faith through the Word of God."

Pastor Jun Mandreza, PMF – Jomalig

"But the Lord has become my fortress, and my God the Rock in whom I take refuge" (Psalm 94:22). "In times of problems and trials, we find joy in the Lord. Thank God for the wisdom and strength He continually gives us. The ocean has been very rough these past few months - the Lord continues to provide safety and strength. The livelihood project, our small health store, has been a blessing, and a great help to the people of our community. Be it in the late hours of the evening or early morning, there is always someone in need of medicine who wakes us up, especially in the case of emergency. We thank God that we are able to help not only with the spiritual needs of our community, but also with the physical needs as well."



Pastor Jun Mandreza, wife Arlene, and daughter Grace Chloe, find it a great joy and blessing to serve the people of Jomalig.

Boats like this are a means of transportation to and from the Polillo island group.



Ladies' Bible Study - Experiencing Him

by Heidi Collins, PMA Missionary, Yap

One of the things I love most about living in Yap is being part of the PMF Church. I would like to tell you more about our ladies' Bible study group, which has been meeting weekly to share insights learned from God's Word. I am so thankful to be part of this group of outer island women!

Queenina (Pastor Petrus' wife) and I work together to prepare and teach the ladies' Bible study. During our meetings, Queen translates the Bible studies into the Outer Island language so that everyone can understand. She's a great teammate and is dedicated to serving the people of this church. Recently, we finished up a series on Jesus' interaction with the women of the New Testament, looking at the widow of Nain, Mary and Martha, the woman caught in adultery, Mary the mother of Jesus, the woman at the well, to name a few. These studies provoked much discussion, because the women in these stories experienced many things our ladies' group could identify with: illness, busyness, widowhood, shame, loss, hurt. But most importantly, these women of the Bible found the joy and hope of a relationship with Jesus Christ.

A tool that has been very effective in our Bible studies is the humble flannel graph. Not just for kids' Sunday School, our PMF flannel graph set works overtime at the Ladies' Bible Study too! Several of our ladies don't read or write, and some speak no English, so having a flannel graph to illustrate the Bible stories really brings God's Word to life. The women have often shared how much they enjoy looking at the pictures while listening to the stories.

We are now starting a new series on the parables of Jesus. Please pray that each member of this group will mature spiritually as we plumb the depths of these parables, and that God will fill us with a desire to see His kingdom grow in Yap and the outer islands!

In the islands, a flannel graph is not only a visual aid to present the Word of God to children, but to adults as well. It brings color and life to the stories read and studied.



Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Island Echoes: June 1985

by Dave Heil, Former PMA Missionary

*"Tell me the story of Jesus, write on my heart every word;
Tell me the story most precious, sweeter than ever was heard." Fannie Crosby*

Telling the story of Jesus - that is what missions is all about. Telling and re-telling until at last that old, old story is written on the hearts of individuals. After all, the gospel is the "Good News" for all and news just isn't news until it is told.

In Micronesia, the story sometimes gets lost in the many languages that it has to cross over. The Good News Press is constantly translating and printing materials for use in the Sunday schools, churches and in tracts. Many times people are reading for the very first time the Word of God written in their own language. What a difference it makes to read of God's love in your own language and Good News Press is making that happen.

But perhaps the most exciting way of telling the story of Jesus may happen in Pohnpei! A new radio station! The young people throughout the island love to listen to music and it seems that most have their radios tuned in 24 hours a day. What a special ministry it would be if we could broadcast Christian music as well as Bible lessons, educational programs, etc. to the people of Pohnpei.

Please join us in prayer that every heart throughout the islands may have written upon it the story of Jesus. Praise God that He has given us many, many ways in telling His story. Praise God that He is opening new channels daily for the communication of His love!



Editor's note: 15 years later - the Lord made the dream come true. Where we were envisioning an AM radio station - God opened doors for us to have an FM radio broadcasting in Pohnpei and a Short Wave Radio - transmitting to the outer-islands of Micronesia and beyond its borders. When God answers a prayer - His timing is right, His provision is absolute and more than we can ask or imagine!

"The Cross" Radio Station located on the Island of Pohnpei.

Never Alone

by Jeny Flores, Social Worker, Bahay Kalinga Orphanage

I first heard about the Greatest Love of CHRIST, on my 18th birthday. I was so resistant to anything about God and didn't believe that He existed. I grew up in a non-Christian family, with each one following a different religion. I attended Mindanao State University for further education and a year later, I received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I thank God for my Bible study leader. Through her efforts, patience and encouragement my relationship and knowledge of the Lord grew. Before I met Christ, I was a pessimistic person, confused about God. Praise God, nothing is impossible to Him. During the rest of my college days and as I began working as a teacher, the Lord gave me opportunities to share His love and Word to others: my family, friends, classmates, students and anyone who would listen. I could not contain the love of Christ overflowing in me. After sharing, I made it a point to follow-up and bring them to our church. I enjoyed doing this. Yes, there would be times I was down and weary but God always revived me. Until now my family is my greatest challenge. I have shared the gospel with them, and pray that they will come to know Christ soon.

It was August 5, 2011, when the Lord spoke to me through Deuteronomy 30:16. One sentence seemed to jump out of the Bible: "...and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess." I wondered what this meant. From time to time God would remind me of this verse. A month later, my classmate Jessie called and asked if I wanted to practice my profession and serve at an orphanage. I graduated with a B.S. in Social Services and passed the government exam to practice social services. I had a job teaching at Mindanao State University and considered my roommates, students, and all the people that surrounded me as family. I was at home in my surroundings and in my comfort zone.

At first I declined Jessie's offer. I told him that I liked what I was doing. But God reminded me of His Word in Deuteronomy: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you, He will never leave you nor forsake you". So in October 2011, after accepting the challenge to serve at PMA's Bahay Kalinga Orphanage and undergoing all the protocol, off I went to Manila.

From my home in Zamboanga del Norte, I traveled by bus and then by ship to Manila- a 24 hour trip. From Manila, it was another phase of travel by land and sea again. A faith stretching experience for me, I would be in a place that I had never been before, with people that I didn't know, but I knew God was with me.

Serving the children at Bahay Kalinga is action-packed, tiring and very fulfilling. To be with children makes me smile every day. To see them happy and healthy is most rewarding. It is a great joy for me to prepare documentation for their adoption and I thank God that in some small way, I can be part of a better future for them. When I first came to the orphanage, I was afraid of so many things - but the Lord has been very faithful, giving me strength and wisdom everyday to accomplish my tasks. He gave me love for our children, co-workers and the work that I do. He provided me a second family at PMA and Bahay Kalinga. With Christ, I am never alone!

**Jeny with two of our Bahay Kalinga children.
What a joy it is for her to have the opportunity to serve
and care for children in need of family and love.**





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