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Summary of Ministry Needs

Personnel Needs:

Missionary pastors

Administrative and ministry assistants

Youth workers for island churches

Boat captain for medical ship M/V Sea Haven

Boat mechanic for medical ship M/V Sea Haven

Missionary pilots/mechanics for Micronesia/Philippines

Computer personnel for radio, media and print ministry

Short term: Canon copier technician needed for

maintenance and repair at Good News Press

Infrastructure Needs:

Hangar for Palau: Please continue to pray for God's provision for the property where the hangar will be built. Pray for the approval of a lease agreement and the provision for hangar materials of \$300,000.

Medical Ship M/V Sea Haven: We thank God the Sea Haven arrived safely in Guam and is now on dry dock. We would need \$200,000 to complete project plus funding for fuel. Please pray for God's provision.

"Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

Ephesians 3:20-21



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Dear Mission Friends,

Warm greetings from Guam!

On August 10, Sea Haven crew of 5 men left Pohnpei to begin our voyage to Guam for dry docking.

Traveling 1,100 miles west across the Pacific, weaving in and out of reefs and islands, can bring many challenges: typhoons, storms, very rough seas, small channels, long hours, mechanical problems, to name a few. Stopping at 4 islands to drop-off the equivalent of five 20-foot containers of donated school supplies and furniture, clothing, food, and medications... the weather didn't always cooperate. There were 2 typhoons in the region. I am so thankful to know that when we board Sea Haven, we are not alone, our Captain is with us, in the boat.

Traveling aboard Sea Haven reminds me of a story in Luke's Gospel when Jesus borrowed Peter's boat to preach. After He had finished speaking, He said to Peter, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch" (Luke 5:4). Peter replied, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net" (verse 5).

I think in all honesty, Peter was respectfully saying to Jesus, "Look, Jesus, you are the man when it comes to theology, when it comes to telling us about God, you are the authority. We respect you. But what do you know about fishing? You don't know the waters like us. We are seasoned fishermen. This is what we do. But at your word, we will do it."

The result was they had so many fish that it caused their little boat to start to sink under the weight of them. Then Peter fell down before Jesus and said, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" (verse 8). Jesus said, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men" (verse 10).

This all happened because Jesus was onboard in Peter's boat. Jesus was challenging the crew to look beyond themselves to see the purposes of God for their lives. He wanted them to understand in real-time that there is nothing too hard or too challenging for the Captain. He knows it all. Trust Him, invite Him on your journey. He wants to be your Captain guiding you through life.

In this issue you will read about God's amazing timing and guidance in relocating our orphanage, how an island pastor evangelizes with his family and team, a 16-year-old's first time adventure at sea, an aviation couple experiencing God's divine leading step-by-step, missionary volunteers putting their God-given talents to good use.

All these experiences remind us again and again, that we are not alone, our Captain is with us, guiding us, showing us what to do. Reminding us: Launch out, Don't be afraid, catch men!

Nob Kalau, President/CEO

Hard Work, Great Experience!

by Jonah Jones, Volunteer Crew, M/V Sea Haven

My name is Jonah Jones, I am 16-years-old and live on the island of Guam. My father is on the board of Pacific Mission Aviation. I first heard of the possibility of traveling to Pohnpei, and working on the Sea Haven a week prior to my adventure which began on August 3rd. I flew to Pohnpei, stopping first in Chuuk. Little did I know that what I would experience would be vastly different from a developed island like Guam.

I lived with Sylvia and Norbert Kalau, in Kolonia, Pohnpei for the first week. The days began rising at 6 AM to a hearty and healthy breakfast thanks to Sylvia. Working till sundown for the duration of the week, we unloaded various school supplies and furniture that were donated to PMA to be delivered to the outer Chuuk Islands' schools and churches. The loading of multiple 40-foot containers, full of supplies, onto the boat was a hard and complex job due to our determination to fit as much as we possibly could on to every available corner of the boat and its 20-foot containers.

With all preparations completed, we set sail on Monday afternoon, August 10th. After 4 days on the ocean, and experiencing sea sickness, we reached our first island destination - Puluwat. I knew we were going to remote islands, but I was surprised to see how isolated and rugged Puluwat is. Two large men approaching the boat just wearing loincloths, startled me quite a bit. We exchanged greetings and had our first meal in calm waters with them, the close proximity making me slightly uncomfortable.

Immediately after, we began unloading supplies by small outboard boats that traveled back and forth to the beach. The islanders were very friendly, and helped greatly in numbers and effort with the offloading. I became familiar with the names and personalities of our friends and enjoyed their fun and joyful company greatly.

After a day and half of working, Sunday rolled around and we set to land for an early Sunday service. I have never been to a church with so little yet so much heart and love for God and an overflowing love for all He has done for them. Although the message was in Chuukese, I could feel the passion and meaning when the preacher spoke, and when the worship songs were sung by the congregation.

For the next two days we were delayed by a storm in the area and used that time to play tourist and fish as much as we could. Both nights we hauled in, cleaned and packaged an unbelievable amount of fish from the local nets. Part of this catch would be our lunch and dinner for the duration of the trip.

Leaving the island of Puluwat and its calm waters and joyous people was disheartening, but there were still a few, but important islands to be visited in the coming days as we made our way north to Guam.

The next two days were spent traveling and unloading more supplies to Tamatam (15 mi. from Puluwat), and Pulap. Traveling overnight, we anchored at our last and final island, Onoun, originally named Ulul. During this time a merciless stomach flu got me, forcing me to rest and wait it out. Due to this, I personally only know that supplies were delivered safely because when I recovered the boat was empty and we were making final preparations for the 3-day-trip to Guam.

The last day on Onoun was splendid, we were shown the local high school, the runway, and other various sights. When touring the high school and viewing the rundown rooms, the scarceness of books, and the condition of the learning environment, I thought "how blessed I am to have all the books, pencils and resources American students have at their disposal, and yet these people have so little, they still get by and still become able readers and writers".

Early morning of August 22nd, we set sail for our final destination. The trip took 2 days, arriving in Guam at 9:30 AM Monday morning. Due to new regulations from the U.S. Coast Guard, we didn't enter the harbor until 4 PM. Finally, around 6 PM we were able to exit and step onto dry, stable ground! This was probably the best thing ever after being on a boat that had constantly been moving for the last 2 weeks.

I finally slept in a stable bed that night and mentally went over all that I had been through the past three weeks. What I will remember most about this trip is the hard work and the great reward I felt doing what we did, and how the people I saw on all those islands, even though they had so little, were probably the most content looking, joyful people I've ever seen. Just being with and around the Kalaus was just life changing for my spiritual attitude and maturity. I cannot thank the crew and the PMA organization enough for what I've been able to experience.



**Standing, L - R: Jonah Jones, Edwin Romolow, Nob Kalau
Sitting, L - R: Alex Kalau, Tedor Fred.**

It was a happy occasion for everyone to welcome the ship M/V Sea Haven and crew after a long, and somewhat rough voyage.



God Will Make A Way

by Melinda R. Espinosa, CFO/Administrator

In August of 2014, our 25-year land lease for Bahay Kalinga (BK) orphanage building expired. We asked the Mayor of Naujan to extend the lease for another 25 years – this request was denied with the information that the municipal government would be using the land and so we needed to vacate the place. Since we did not have any place to go, we requested that we be given a lease extension of up to the end of the year. We thank God that we were given permission to stay for that length of time.

The Lord gave PMA foresight to purchase a piece of property across from the orphanage where we had erected a building for PMA mission staff, and a multi-purpose center. We began renovating and building in August, and this time the vision expanded. The complex would not only be a home for BK, but would also have a clinic and operating room for our medical outreach in the area.

Phase I entailed the renovation of the two-story staff housing to meet the requirements of the Department of Social Welfare for it to be acceptable as a children's home, equipped with safety features. Phase II was the renovation of the multi-purpose center and rebuilding of an outside dining and kitchen area with a protected passageway from the main house.

Our Bahay Kalinga Staff have been a life line to 201 children we have served so far, and continue to show love and bring hope to all who are brought to BK. They pose in front of the BK main house.



Dr. John Escote, PMA Medical Director, examines one of our BK children. We are thankful for the eye clinic and operating room that is part of the BK complex which enables us to serve the community.

This also included the fencing enclosure of the orphanage complex for the safety and protection of the children. A play area was included in the plan, which is situated under a fruitful mango tree. The multi-purpose (MP) center was renovated to be the receiving area for BK guests, and a room for visiting mission staff (i.e. especially our medical team). We were also able to include a sterile operating room for eye and minor surgeries with a separate entrance that does not interfere with the orphanage compound. Phase III which started on December 8th, 2014 was the screening area/clinic where our Doctor John and assistant, Geneziel, meet with all the patients.

By November 14th, 2014, we began the transfer to the new location. Our BK staff started planting flowering plants and vegetables around the complex, and decorating each room so that our children would find it pleasant and peaceful. By December 5th, 2014 – a hand-over certificate was accepted by the mayor! He was surprised that we were transferring earlier than the due date – it was a good testimony of God's faithfulness and timely answer to prayer!

A year before the orphanage lease was to expire, we had prayed and asked God to extend the lease. When the mayor's office said "no", we knew that God had a different plan, and that it would be the best plan! We needed to trust Him! And trust we did. He provided for the renovation through a friend affiliated with Rotary Germany; and through PMA Germany and Switzerland. We now have everything we need for our Naujan, Mindoro Outreach under one roof. God indeed knows what He is doing, as we trust Him, He leads, guides and provides!



***“Those who go down to the sea
in ships, who do business on
great waters; they have seen
the works of the LORD, and His
wonders in the deep.”***

Psalm 107:23

Woleai Mission Trip Summer 2015

by Heidi Collins and Pastor Petrus Haleyalgiy, PMA Yap

Planning a trip to the outer islands of Yap is not as simple and straightforward as one may think! Often the ship's departure date is not confirmed until mere days before setting out, and so tentative plans must solidify suddenly. There is always a mad rush to get all the packing done, prepare food for the journey and arrange "babysitting" for the gardens and animals back home. Then, one must arrive on the ship early enough to carve out some space on the deck for one's mat and baggage, and if all the space is taken already, one will have a very cramped and uncomfortable journey. As you can see, flexibility and a positive attitude are essential to travelling to the outer islands.



The PMF Yap Team of Pastor Petrus, wife Queen, their children, Seleima and Mellan, thank God for His protection, provision and enabling to share His Word, not only to children, but young people and adults as well.

This summer, a team from the PMF church travelled to the island of Woleai to continue the ministry they started there last year. Led by Pastor Petrus Haleyalgiy and his wife Quentina, their four beautiful children, plus enthusiastic volunteers Mellan, Starlene, and Seleima, they spent four days travelling the State ship's regular route from remote atoll to atoll before finally reaching Woleai. The seas were calm and the sailing was pleasantly smooth.

Upon arrival, Petrus followed the custom of respect by first obtaining permission from the chief of Falalop Atoll to do ministry on that particular island. Next, the team went from house to house, sharing with the parents what their plans were for the coming week and inviting the children to the Vacation Bible School (VBS) program which was to be held at the local elementary school. For three days, the kids came to the school and learned about this year's theme, "The Fruit of the Spirit", enjoying games, action songs and crafts on the topic, and also learning the meaning of Galatians 5:22 *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."* After the kids went home, Queen and Mellan would again go and visit people in their homes to talk to them about the Gospel. They noticed that there was more interest and more questions coming from the people this year compared to last year, so that was encouraging for them. After a quick meal, the team then met with the group of believers which had formed during last year's mission trip, enjoying fellowship, Bible study and prayer time together.

Finally, in the evenings, the PMF team would show Christian movies outside on a projector, explaining the movies' message. The movies were understandably a big hit on a remote island with limited electricity or entertainment, and this also helped attract new people to attend the Bible studies.

The bulk of the ministry was done on Falalop atoll, the largest in the Woleai group. However, Petrus, Queen and Mellan also travelled to the tiny atolls of Falalus and Tegailap to meet with the believers there. The trip to Falalus was quite scary due to rough seas and strong winds, so Petrus and Queen decided to leave their children in Falalop for safety reasons. At times during the boat's violent passage through the waves, Queen and Mellan said they shouted in fear. However, a peace overtook them, reassuring them that the Lord was there with them. On Falalus and Tegailap Atolls, they met with the small church groups and encouraged them in the Word. The believers shared how when they first accepted Jesus, they noticed right away the amazing change in their lives, but also recognized they needed more teaching to help them grow in their walk with the Lord. Please pray for ongoing discipleship to take place, and especially for the leaders of these groups: for Peter in Falalop, Henry in Falalus, and Alphonso in Tegailap - that they would be servant leaders of their little flocks and also have an opportunity to be trained more extensively in the Word of God so they can more effectively reach their people.

After their 10 days of rewarding ministry, the PMF team caught the ship on its return to Yap. This time there was a storm in the area, and the ship rocked so badly throughout its voyage that many passengers suffered from terrible seasickness. However, our intrepid team arrived safely and with big smiles in Yap, and we are thankful for their even bigger hearts and their willingness to endure hardship for the sake of the Great Commission!

Pastor Petrus summed up his impressions of this mission trip, stating that he could sense the Lord opening the doors in Woleai for His Word to move in and change lives!



Pastor Petrus shares the lesson on the Fruit of the Holy Spirit. Praise God for the children who attended and we pray His Word would bear eternal fruit in their lives.

Kids Trust God!

by Sylvia Kalau, PMA Missionary

Praise God for our successful Vacation Bible School in July. We are thankful for the 50 volunteers that served the 160 children who came. Once again, our capacity filled up within a week and we had to close registration because we couldn't handle any more children... we need a bigger church! Each day we rotated through 25 minutes of Bible, crafts, games, snacks, singing time and kids getting the chance to be on stage. The Bible point, TRUST GOD was emphasized each day: No matter who you are... how you feel... what people do... what happens... where you are... TRUST GOD! The kids got the message and parents told us that their children couldn't stop talking and singing about what they learned during their week of VBS. Our teen volunteers discovered that they too can serve as they took care of their tribe of kids for the week. How great it was to hear kids singing at the top of their lungs: "Anything is possible, Everything is possible with God!"



A Matter of Calling

by Edmund Kalau, Founder of PMA

"We are so happy that the Lord has called us to serve Him with you in Micronesia." These words were the responses of Joachim and Regine Hagg to my letter confirming to them that they have been accepted by PMA to continue the training of young people in music, especially brass instruments.

Then the Hagg's arrived. He, a mechanical engineer and accomplished in brass instruments; she, a university graduate with a degree in music, and an accomplished oboist.

Through their letters and through personal conversations with Jo and Regine, I soon found out how definite and how sure they were about their calling. How unmistakably the Lord had led them to serve in Micronesia.

The evidence was that Joachim had no problem in leaving a well-paying job as mechanical engineer. They had no problem in using a part of their savings for airfare from Germany to Micronesia; and while on Pohnpei, some of their living expenses were taken care of from their savings.

Lives of the students and their parents were deeply touched by their commitment to the Lord and to their service. They were a real encouragement to us all!

A definite and distinctive calling to serve makes the difference in our service to Him. It eliminates the problem of giving up, and giving all. The leaving, the separation, the sacrifices, the giving up, and the sharing of one's self take on a new face. It is not an obligation any more, but a privilege. It is not a burden, but a delight.

We thank you, Jo and Regine, and all the others before you, for demonstrating to us and to the people in Pohnpei, the touch of God's love in your lives.

Editor's Note: This article was written by Pastor Ed Kalau in 1987. What he says about one's calling to serve still rings true to this day. Without the Lord's calling, and without surrender and commitment to that call, one would easily give up when hardships, trials, and difficulties are encountered in the mission field.



Many of the young people who were trained during Jo and Regine's time are now married with families of their own, and active in their churches.



Stephan & Tanja Schulz

Missionary Pilot Family, Palau

Stephan and Tanja got to know each other in their home church in Germany, where they both served in the youth ministry.

Stephan realized how God combined his love for Jesus and his passion for planes into a vision to serve Him with flying. To save up for his flight training he worked for a German airline in maintenance as an avionics technician and later as a flight instructor in Canada. Meanwhile, Tanja's desire to serve God as a missionary took shape. She chose a degree in the medical field and earned a bachelors in occupational therapy.



Stephan and Tanja Schulz, with children Hannah, Haddasa, Iren and baby Jacob are adjusting well to their new home, the island life and culture.

They are amazed how God put them together and got married with the clear calling to serve as a couple and later on as a family in mission aviation. After 9 years of preparation and a few children later, they set foot on the mission field in Palau. They see God's guidance as He directed their attention to PMA when PMA had just developed the aviation ministry in Palau.

Pastor Nob Kalau dedicates Jacob Schulz to the Lord - the youngest family member. A happy occasion for the Schulz family!



Tanja sharing the Word of God during the young adults retreat.

Having the right requirements for this position and a heart to serve where most needed, they followed God's direction in 2014. Together with their children Hannah, Iren, Haddasa and Baby Jacob they are part of the PMF church in Palau. Stephan and Tanja lead a small group and Tanja is involved in children's ministry.

Their heart's desire is to invest in the day-to-day life encounters with other people and to be followers of Christ that are discipling others.

Stephan assisting a patient medivaced from Angaur.





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