

Pacific Mission Aviation's
Quarterly Magazine

Issue 3-2016
October

ISLAND ECHOES

Serving Jesus Christ in the Islands of Micronesia and the Philippines



Reaching the Hearts of Children


Bringing Hope, Changing Lives

Issue

3-2016 (October)

On our Cover

VBS - a great way to reach
the hearts of children!

Editors

Melinda Espinosa
Sylvia Kalau
Sabine Musselwhite

Layout

Roland Weibel

Pacific Mission Aviation
P.O. Box 3209
Hagatna, Guam 96932
Phone: (671) 646-6464
Fax: (671) 649-6066
guamhq@pmapacific.org
<http://www.pmapacific.org>

Pacific Mission Aviation (PMA)
is incorporated as a non-profit
Christian mission organization
by the Government of Guam,
Territory of the United States.
All donations are tax-
deductible under section
501(c)(3). PMA is governed by
a Board of Trustees. Our
business office is located in
Guam and a field office in
Pohnpei.

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: The lease for the property in Palau where
our hangar is to be built has been approved! We praise God
for answers to prayer! We are now are planning and
preparing to build a hangar and would need more than
\$300,000. Please pray for the Lord's provision.

Outer-island airstrip in the Philippines: With the Pacific
Ocean almost always rough throughout the year, and going
to our island stations taking 5 hours of driving plus 4 to 7
hours of boat ride, there is a great need for aviation
services. It would only take 40 minutes to reach the island
stations by air. An efficient and effective way to reach the
islands for the Lord. Please pray for the Lord to provide
land for an airstrip centrally located for easy access to all
our island stations. We thank God for His provision for a
C-206.

*"You will be enriched in every way
to be generous in every way, which through us
will produce thanksgiving to God.
For the ministry of this service is not only supplying
the needs of the saints but is also overflowing
in many thanksgivings to God."*

2 Corinthians 9:11-12



Like PMA on facebook!
Visit our website:
<http://www.pmapacific.org>
and click on the facebook icon.



PMA President Nob Kalau

Dear Friends,

*"Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with
Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other."*
Romans 12:4-5

As you read the articles for this quarter, you will realize that the work of the mission
is not of one man or one woman. The Lord uses people, all part of His body, each
one doing what He has called them to do.

There are those whom He calls to serve full time in ministry, just as He called the
Hammonds who started to serve in Palau in May; and others who come to do short-
term services, such as volunteers who help us in various tasks and ministries. Then
there are those He calls to care for and love children who are abandoned due to
poverty and desperation. There are those who serve behind the scenes doing what
needs to be done day in and day out, faithfully and perseveringly. They are committed
to doing the best they can so that the work and ministry of PMA can continue. Each
one an essential part of the whole picture to do what it takes for PMA to bring hope
and change the lives of the people we serve.

And what about you, dear partners? You pray, you give, you empower us so we can
press on! Yes, we are all one body, each with a special function, many parts of Christ's
body, and we all belong together!

*"I always thank my God for you because of His grace given you in Christ Jesus. For
in Him you have been enriched in every way – with all kinds of speech and with all
knowledge."* 1 Corinthians 1:4-5

God bless you all!

Nob Kalau

Letters

by Melinda R. Espinosa, CFO/Administrator

“You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.” 2 Corinthians 3:3

As the recipient of many letters from supporters and partners via snail mail or email, I have come to “know” so many people. There are those who have been PMA’s faithful supporters from the beginning, and there are those who have come onboard because of PMA missionaries.

I receive letters informing me of the passing away of a loved one, joyful letters of marriage, updates on what is happening in their lives, prayer requests and those who simply give encouragement informing me that they pray for us and share uplifting Scripture and inspiring words.

Being a “behind-the-scenes” person, the letters and phone calls as well are great ways to relate to those who are actively involved with PMA’s ministries. They are from those who stand behind our missionaries and PMA’s work in the islands. I thank God that this is a great connection! God is linking us together serving to expand His kingdom in the islands.

More important, because of your partnership, prayer and support you enable us to share the Word of God. Using His love letter by telling everyone of His great love and amazing grace and His power to save all who believe!

Thank you dear partners! God bless you!

Melinda’s responsibility at PMA Guam HQ, not only encompasses finance and administration for the whole of PMA, but also communicating with partners and supporters of PMA - a role she loves.



In Memoriam: Klara Moser

Our PMA family: Guam, Micronesia and the Philippines, with its board of directors; together with PMA Switzerland, PMA Deutschland and PMA Canada, are saddened by the passing away of Klara Moser, PMA Switzerland’s chairman of the board. Our prayers are with the family that they may receive strength and comfort from our Lord. We also rejoice that she is now with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and can behold His face at last.

We especially celebrate her life exemplified by her faithful service to the Lord, perseverance in prayer and committed support of PMA and Swiss missionaries and volunteers, whose lives have touched and influenced many for eternity.

Jesus said to her, *“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies. And everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die.”* Do you believe this? John 11:25-26

Precious moments of Klara Moser with her grandchild, a blessed gift from God evidencing His loving kindness endures forever.



In Memoriam: Klara Moser
05/16/1947 - 09/28/2016

Settling In

by Michael Hammond, Missionary Pastor, PMF Palau

God continually gives us reminders that He is ever present. What God has been working on in my life is to be able to see the small blessings that He throws my way. When I sit and reflect on the little things, I have more appreciation for the big things.

The biggest news is that two people accepted the Lord here in Palau. It was very exciting to be an instrument in the Lord's work. The way it happened was a "God thing". I was approached by a couple of people who had been waiting for their new pastor to arrive in order to be baptized. I was honored by that. As I announced to the church that I would be holding a baptismal class and service, a few more people were inspired to come and ask about being baptized. I held a meeting with each of them so that they could tell me about their conversion experience. Two of them had never said a prayer of conversion; they had never confessed that Jesus was their Lord and Savior. Both of them had a heart for following Jesus. Once I talked more about how they needed to specifically ask Jesus to forgive them of their sins, and confess that Jesus is the Son of God that was raised from the dead, they both were excited to pray. Afterward one of them said, "I feel like I can fly", while the other just smiled and laughed with joy. It is a powerful moment when someone asks Jesus into their heart, and I was overjoyed to be a part of their conversion experience.

After all the classes were completed, we held the baptism. The ocean is about 100 yards away from our church, so we have a great big baptismal "pool". There were 12 people in all. The church was singing songs while I was baptizing, and the Holy Spirit was moving. It was a great event.

God continually provides for us in many ways. We have received some extra help that were blessings beyond measure. We are eternally grateful for how the body of Christ pulls together. We all need to be witnesses and boldly proclaim God's free gift of salvation to non-believers. However, we need to take the time to see where we can minister to our fellow brother or sister in Christ. The impact we make has an eternal influence. No matter how small we think our act is, it will make a huge impact for God's kingdom. Never pass up an opportunity to lift up a member of the family of God.

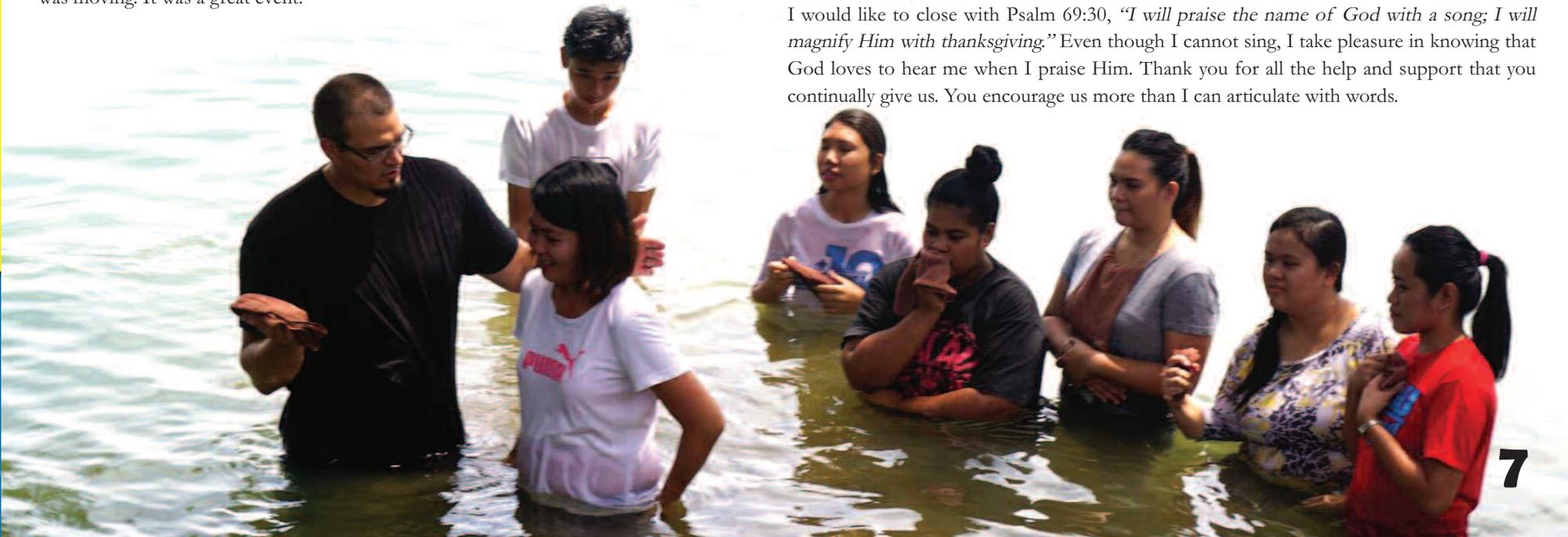
The greatest power we have to yield is the power of prayer. Please pray for our family:

- (1) That we remain healthy to do God's work;
- (2) We are sensitive to His leading in our lives;
- (3) For Nadia as she home schools the children;
- (4) For Mike to have wisdom in leading God's church; and
- (5) That we have discernment in how to minister to people's hearts.

I would like to close with Psalm 69:30, "*I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify Him with thanksgiving.*" Even though I cannot sing, I take pleasure in knowing that God loves to hear me when I praise Him. Thank you for all the help and support that you continually give us. You encourage us more than I can articulate with words.



Mike and Nadia Hammond, with their children Diana, Scott and Lester, thank God for the opportunity to serve in Palau.



Back Again!

by Rebekkah & Steven Christen
Missionary Volunteers, PMA Yap

*“Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!” 1 Chronicles 16:8*

Joyfully we returned to Yap with our four children for a short-term (three month) mission trip this year. We are from Switzerland where Steven works as a helicopter mechanic with Swiss Helicopter and Rebekkah takes care of our children and works as a teacher. Over 15 years ago, before we were married, Rebekkah volunteered with PMA as a homeschool teacher for a PMA family on Yap. Then three years ago, we arrived with our own young family in Yap to work on the PMA aircraft as well as serve in the PMF church.

Steven works mainly in the hangar while Rebekkah homeschools the children and appreciates being part again of the Ladies’ Bible study group. There is always something to do and many topics to write about.

We arrived in Yap just in time for the Resurrection Day celebration. Early Sunday morning, just before sunrise, the PMF Congregation met at the lagoon to celebrate our Savior’s resurrection. After only a few hours of sleep and half a week of traveling from Switzerland we had the privilege of meeting old and new friends back on the island we love! It was an exciting day!

When we arrived the islands were suffering from drought. There were several brush fires and one evening we saw flames from our bedroom window. Every small drop of rain was a special blessing. When it finally did start raining our children ran outside to enjoy the showers of tropical blessing.

Another highlight was Vacation Bible School. Our two older daughters were able to join the classes and really enjoyed the week with their friends while learning English. About 65 children met every day at the church and Pastor Petrus shared a Bible story with them. Sebi, another volunteer from Austria, and various church youth, led the children with games, activities, and action songs. We really appreciated being a part of the VBS team and helping out wherever we could.

Time passed very quickly and we had to finally had to leave our friends again to return home. This was hard for us and also for our children! But we thank God for the wonderfully blessed summer and for the safe journey. We look forward to coming back soon to the islands and people we love!

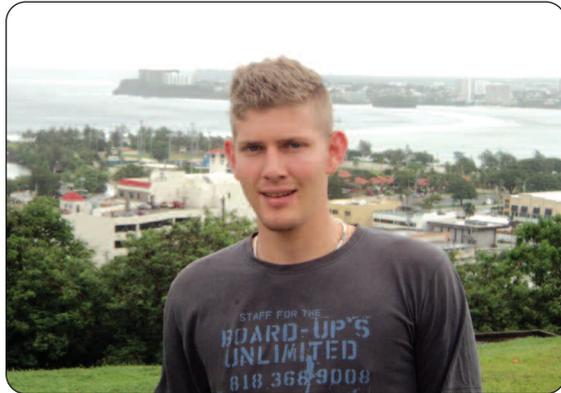
The Christen family had a wonderful reunion with their PMA and PMF family and a great summer in Yap. It was hard to say good-bye, and their desire is to come back to the island they call “home”.



Another Visit with my PMA Family

by Sebastian "Sebi" Urschitz, PMA Volunteer

I had the opportunity to work with PMA as an aircraft mechanic and to help in the church ministry from October 2013 until June 2014. It was an amazing time in my life and I learned a lot about the Lord and also about myself. I grew up as a missionary kid and after my time in Micronesia, I was sure that God's will for me was to serve in missions.



We thank God for Sebi's commitment to serve the Lord and pray for his return.

After I had returned to Austria, I finished my European aircraft engineering license in April 2016 and so I had some free time until July. For me, it was obvious that this was an opportunity for a trip back to Micronesia, to assist and to see all my friends again and to catch up with the PMA family. I am so thankful to God for this trip and all the experiences I've had. Especially that I could call myself a part of the PMA family.

So, in May of this year, I embarked on my Micronesia visit, but this time, on my way to Yap I had the opportunity to fly to Palau to visit my good friend C.J. Misajon. It was a great pleasure for me to get to know the PMA family in Palau. I was able to help the team at the hangar and also fix the apartment for the Hammond's who would be arriving to serve as the missionary pastor for the PMF church. It was a short but

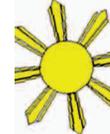
blessed visit and I am really thankful to God for all of the new friends and all of the great experiences.

The young people learned who they are in Christ - a great blessing!



The children form a huge foot print for the VBS theme: "Following the footsteps of Jesus".





A Dog Barking, A Baby Found!

by Jeny Flores-Gutierrez, Bahay Kalinga Orphanage

Tired from the day before, Mr. Wilson was awakened very early one morning by a barking dog. Working as a tricycle driver he needed the rest, but the dog would not stop barking. So, he went out of his house to find out what the problem was. There was the dog positioned and alert in front of his tricycle barking non-stop. He



Life is a gift from God and Bahay Kalinga thanks God for the opportunity to care for precious ones, like this baby girl.

looked inside the tricycle to see what the commotion was about and found a cat, guarding a newborn baby girl! The baby was wrapped with adult wet clothes. She still had some fresh blood on her and plastic was wrapped around her umbilical cord. He quickly woke his wife up and together, they bundled the baby and took her to the local provincial hospital. There the baby underwent tests to make sure that being exposed to the elements had not affected her health. They reported the abandoned baby to the local village captain, who in turn reported this to the City Social Welfare and Development Office. Since the local government did not have a facility where the baby could be cared for, they referred the baby to Bahay Kalinga Orphanage.

It has been 5 months since this sweet baby girl has been with us at the orphanage. After three months of providing public notice to find out who she belonged to, and after receiving no claims to her precious life, we are now waiting for the issuance of documents to allow this beautiful baby girl to be adopted. She is growing fast, smiles a lot and is very receptive to the love that we lavish on her! She is indeed our sunshine and it is a joy to watch her as she discovers the world that the Lord has brought her into. Her story reminds us why we are here and why Bahay Kalinga was established in the first place; to give love and hope to children who are abandoned, forgotten, and left to fend for themselves. We thank God for the opportunity to be His hands, to show love in action and to give hope through the love of Christ Jesus! Thank you so much dear partners for your love, prayer and support.



Children's smiles show the joy in their hearts as they look forward to learning more about Jesus!

In Yap, it was a busy time. From June 6th until June 11th we had the annual Vacation Bible School (VBS) for the outer-island children who reside in Yap proper. The VBS was planned and prepared by Pastor Petrus Haleyalgiy together with a small but motivated team from the Yap PMF church. The topic for the week was "Following the Footsteps of Jesus". Based on different stories from the Bible, the children learned what it means to follow Christ. Every day, we had about 65 children from ages four to twelve. They had a lot of fun with the crafts, action songs, and the indoor and outdoor games. Plus, the snacks were always a big highlight for the children after the program. We are very thankful that many parents let their children come to the VBS and that they could learn more about God's Word and His love.

Right after the VBS we hosted the week-long youth retreat. It was planned by the four evangelical churches on Yap. We had about 50 youth joining. The theme for the week was "Who we are in Christ". We learned what it means to be the salt and light of the earth and that we are letters of Christ written by the Holy Spirit. We are the army of Christ and we should all be ambassadors for Him. Each day, the church provided food for the youth which was a big blessing. Of course, we had a lot of outdoor activities and games. On Sunday, June 19th we had a celebration as the retreat ended with a combined worship service of the four churches. The youth presented a special performance as to what they had learned.

Working with children and youth, plus the work at the hangar maintaining and working on the aircraft, filled my days to the brim and sadly my summer went by too fast!

In September, I will begin studies at a Bible school in Germany to learn God's Word and to prepare myself for mission work. After this, God willing, I would like to join PMA and serve in Micronesia as soon as possible. Please pray with me for the Lord's will to be done in my life.



God's Calling

by Stefan Meier, Short-Term Missionary, PMA Pohnpei

When I visited PMA's display at the "Youth Mission Conference" in Germany in January 2015, I realized God may want me to serve in Micronesia. It's been almost a year now since I arrived in Micronesia in December 2015. I can look back at the many new experiences, adventures and more importantly, the lessons I have learned. All of these things have made my faith stronger, expanded my horizons and enabled me to grow and mature in so many ways.

Words are not enough to say how thankful I am to PMA, my family and friends for all the support they have given me throughout this year. Pohnpei's culture and environment were completely new to me. It was very interesting and challenging to learn



Stefan with the youth group who were blessed by his life and were a blessing to him as well.

all the new things. The church family at Pacific Mission Fellowship (PMF) made it easy for me to find new friends and build good relationships. Because of their warm hospitality I got to know new people and made some good friends.

On Pohnpei, I created the power point presentations for the Sunday and mid-week services, filmed and edited video clips, digitalized mini-dvd/cassettes and helped lead the PMF youth group. There was hardly a time where I was bored or felt alone. Aside from the band practice, mid-week service or youth group I spent my evenings playing soccer or meeting friends. Nob and Sylvia helped me in so many ways, especially in growing in my faith. They always showed their thankfulness to me and didn't take my work for granted. They often invited me to their home to play games or have lunch. Those things kept me motivated and made my work more fun.

In order to make a video about PMA's work in the Philippines, I joined Nob, Melinda, Dr. John and Geneziel to visit PMA's ministries. I made new friends and really enjoyed the Filipino warm welcome. We visited PMF churches in the Polillo island group and spent a few days at the Bahay Kalinga Orphanage in Mindoro. We traveled by boat to get from one island to the other. I was sad to leave my new found friends, but look forward to seeing them again someday.

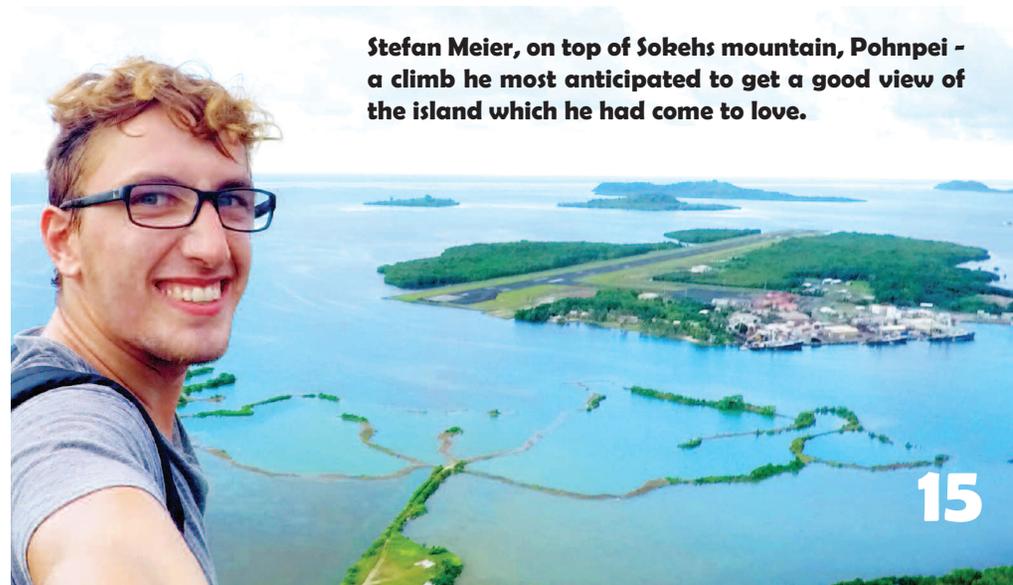
Saying "farewell" is not always easy, especially when people become like your family... with Collin Romolow and Nob and Sylvia Kalau.



Another memorable trip brought me to the outer-island of Nukuoro. A Nukuoran friend asked me if I would like to join him for a visit to his home island and family. It took two days on a ship to reach the 46 small Islands of Nukuoro. Less than 400 people live on those remote islands. Together we caught crabs, fished, visited sunken WW2-airplanes and enjoyed the ocean. A paradise for a vacation, but everyday life on a small island is very challenging.

I can really see how important and necessary PMA's work is. "Bringing Hope, Changing Lives" is PMA's vision and that's 100% true. I could witness the difference they bring to Pohnpei and the Philippines. I can't thank PMA, my friends and my family enough for everything they have done for me and for giving me this opportunity to be part of this amazing work for almost one year. All the work I did on Pohnpei is "peanuts" compared to what I received as a reward. Lessons learned, friendships built, the experience of eating new food and, especially, growing in my faith. Nothing can ever take these experiences away from me. I will miss my youth group, my friends and everybody working at PMA. Pohnpei will always be in my heart and I can't wait to come back. But for now it's time for me to say, "See you again!"

Stefan Meier, on top of Sokehs mountain, Pohnpei - a climb he most anticipated to get a good view of the island which he had come to love.





ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
Barrigada, Guam
Permit No. 3

Pacific Mission Aviation
P.O. Box 3209
Hagatna, Guam 96932

info@pmapacific.org
www.pmapacific.org



PMA is a Member of the
Evangelical Council for
Financial Accountability