



APRIL 2015

Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

“It is finished!” One of the most freeing statement Jesus uttered – were these three words. This was the final Word in the redemption of mankind. I was brought up in a religion that taught us to work for our salvation. To try to please God – and maybe, I would end up in heaven one day. But there were no assurances, nor promises. Until one day – the Word of God was revealed to me. The cry on the cross, was a cry of victory! In Greek, the word meant *“Tetelestai”* - *“It is Paid!”* On the cross, Jesus paid for my sins and the sins of the whole world! This is the basis of God’s forgiveness – the death of our Lord Jesus Christ where on that old rugged cross: *“God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”* 2 Corinthians 5:21 Because *“without the shedding of blood (the Perfect Lamb of God’s blood) there is no forgiveness.”* Hebrews 9:22. Praise God, I can trust in the finished work of Christ at the cross – and I can live my life in His resurrected power, living and serving Him with the full assurance of His forgiveness and grace!

YAP, MICRONESIA. March 27 was when we received news of an impending storm. Then, we were informed that Guam would be safe. However, the storm was intensifying and moving west of Chuuk, with the center passing over Weno by Sunday. Maysak caused significant damage to Chuuk. Many tin-roof homes were damaged or destroyed. Some power poles were knocked down. Power is likely still out across much of Weno and communications are slowly coming back online. Many fruit plants and trees were damaged or knocked down likely causing short term food shortages for some. As Maysak continued on its track northward – it was also intensifying into super typhoon – moving toward Yap and the outer-islands of Chuuk and Yap. By Tuesday, March 31 – it was clear that Ulithi and Fais were on its path and now it was packing 160 mph wind. The following day, I spoke to our Director of Flight Operations/Chief Pilot, Amos Collins and the report was not good. The island was ravaged. (Please check our FB page for more details.) The following day, with the weather clearing up and an assurance that the airstrip in Ulithi was cleared for landing, Amos took off with an assessment team from IOM and the Yap state government. He also took sacks of rice, water and food for distribution. PMA will continue to fly out people and relief goods as long as supplies are there – to immediately provide the urgent needs of the island, until off-island help arrives.

GUAM. It was a great surprise when I received a message from Todd Aebischer, that he and wife Connie would be on Guam for a Conference. The Aebischers served with PMA Yap, as missionary pilot from 1992 - 1995. Communication continued through the years since they left PMA and served in many areas of the world. So it was with joy that I looked forward to their visit and for a time that we could get together – get caught up in family news, and the ministry they are involved in. Turns out that Todd is now Asia-Pacific Region Coordinator for his denomination and now we are working together, partnering on occasion for the expansion of the Lord’s kingdom. So neat, how God works this all together!

PHILIPPINES. “We thank God for safety and protection as we all travelled to Patnanungan island on March 25. This was to celebrate with the children, their parents, and PMA staff on the 12th Moving Up and Recognition day of our PMA Academy. 25 students graduated that day – 11 of them promoted to Grade 1 and the rest would be moving up to Kindergarten. We praise God for 342 children who have gone through our school since we started! May our students continue to grow in the knowledge, wisdom and love of our Lord Jesus Christ.” From: Rosemary Velasco

ORPHANAGE. “We acknowledge the Lord’s awesome work at Bahay Kalinga! First, for the life of each child, and for His protection daily. Second, during the second week of February, all of the children caught the cough and colds virus, however, the following week, they received healing from the Lord. Finally, we thank God for the participative, healthy, helping partnership with the parents for our temporary sheltered children. We have seen their desire to be re-united with their children. Through their visits, we have been given the opportunity to share the love of Christ and His salvation to them.” Reported by: Jeny flores-Gutierrez

PALAU. “Praise the Lord for opportunities to pray for the patients in the hospital. Grace, the wife of the late Mike Rafael, asked Pastor Bambit to pray for her brother - Perci who is paralyzed due to an accident from waist down and could barely move his arms. He had been in the hospital for more than a month. Before praying, pastor Bambit told Perci that God loves him and has a plan and purpose for his life. A few days later, they called Pastor Bambit to visit because the patient could now move his feet side to side. Pastor Bambit explained to everyone that it was not him who did this, but the Lord Jesus Christ who is able, as we place our trust in Him. The following Sunday, he was visited once again and tearfully, the brother accepted the Lord as his personal Lord and Savior! Praise the Lord!” By: Joy Balayo

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. “A year ago I began praying for a single parent business woman. Her children were coming to church brought by one of our faithful single mothers. The children loved attending Sunday School and I knew that they loved their mother too. So I prayed. One Sunday, half a year later, Ritzco walked through the doors, my heart jumped for joy...and she kept on coming. A month later she attended our Conquering Addiction program. One evening she poured out her heart in the share group time. God impressed upon me to meet with her and find out where she was at in her spiritual journey. She agreed to meet with me and later admitted that no one had ever invited her to explain who God was and how to find Him. As I shared what the Bible says about man and what the Bible says about God, Ritzco realized that she had lived her life without God and that now she wanted to change. She was seeking and now she had found. After I explained the Gospel, I led her in a simple prayer of commitment to receive Christ. God reminded me again that, *“faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.”* Rom. 10:17” From: Sylvia Kalau

We praise God for the freedom we have in Christ! His love compels us to love and serve Him, to demonstrate His love and compassion as we meet physical needs, bringing hope and changing lives on earth for eternity. Dear Partners, together we can shine our light before men that they may see our good works and glorify our Father who is in heaven (Matthew 5:16)! God bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

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