



APRIL 2021

Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

“Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and He is sitting in the place of honor at God’s right hand, pleading for us.” Romans 8:34

If there is one thing we can celebrate especially this month as we commemorate the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, is the freedom we have in Him. Sin was dealt with once and for all with Christ’s death on the cross. His cry of victory: “It is finished!” was a declaration that your sin and mine was fully paid by the precious, sinless, perfect Lamb of God. The only acceptable offering Father God could accept. And when He rose from the dead, death was defeated! *“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?... But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Cor. 15: 55,57* Indeed, we can live a life of victory through these challenging times as we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us! (Romans 8:37)

GUAM. We thank God that ECFA (Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability) renewed PMA’s accreditation and gave us a seal of approval attesting to our financial integrity and affirming that PMA adheres to ECFA’s standards of godly stewardship. PMA has been an accredited member of ECFA since 1987 and has continued to be so for 34 years now.

April is also the month where PMA celebrates its incorporation, which makes us 46 years old! We thank God for His goodness and faithfulness through the years!

PHILIPPINES. Lockdowns continue in our mission stations in Polillo island groups. In Poblacion, Patnanungan Fretzel, the wife of our chief elder, Bryan, has been using her skills as a math teacher to help high school students in their school work and assignments. She is assisted by 3 other co-teachers who are also members of our PMF church. This has been an open door for these young people to come to church and get to know who we are, learn math skills and about the Lord Jesus Christ. Please pray for wisdom for Fretzel and co-teachers and for open and fertile hearts of these young people, that they may not only learn about math, but know Him who loves them.

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, OR. MINDORO, PHILIPPINES. We continue to thank God for His protection and provision through this Covid situation. Some of our caregivers had their first shot of the Covid vaccine, and others are waiting for their turn. We also pray that the adoptive parents from Italy, Spain and Sweden would be able to travel to the Philippines to pick up their children. Pray for a smooth and orderly process of these adoptions. ~ **Jeny Gutierrez**

REPUBLIC OF PALAU. For the past 4 months, the women's weekly Bible study has been focusing on the book: "A Woman After God's Own Heart", by Elizabeth George. On March 20, 2021, a successful one-day seminar was held that reinforced the lessons from the book. In depth discussions centered on the pursuit of God and His priorities, specifically the women's assignments as wives, mothers, and caretakers of the home. As challenging as these assignments are, the women continue to be encouraged to persevere with God's grace and strength, fellowshiping with God and with sisters in Christ, in pursuit of God's own heart. **From: Monena Borromeo**

YAP, MICRONESIA. Our Easter sunrise service had to be moved indoors this year, as it started to rain on the chairs and equipment as they were being set up. The youth worked quickly to move everything indoors, so nothing was damaged. Our service included special numbers from the Sunday school children and Youth, and preaching from Pastor Petrus, with the morning sounds of roosters crowing in the background and sunlight gradually streaming into our building. Despite the kids' initial disappointment at not being able to have church outside in the dark, they quickly became all smiles again as they got to take part in an Easter egg and candy hunt outside. We then shared breakfast together as a group and had a lovely time of fellowship, remembering what Christ did for us all by dying for our sins and being raised to life. ~ **Heidi Collins**

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. Last Easter we were isolated and our church doors were closed. This year we look forward to the Easter message worshipping the Lord together, distance and mask free, echoing "He is Risen!"..."Yes, He is Risen Indeed!!" Our children ages 2- 17 are taking part in the service with what they have memorized and prepared to sing. Following the service, we will go to the Ocean for a baptism of 6 candidates who are ready to make their public profession of faith. Later on we will have a picnic with food to share. There are games planned for the children and of course swimming throughout the day. Celebrating the resurrection of Christ is the highlight of the Christian calendar. The unchanging Word of God. The still-living risen Savior. The unfailing hope of Easter. "He is Risen, He is Risen indeed!" **By: Sylvia Kalau**

As I meditated on the Lord's great love manifested by His life, death and resurrection, I could not help but be humbled, amazed and grateful that His love is not dependent on me – He remains faithful, even if I am not, and His love for me never fails. I am thankful that we in PMA can share this love with the people we serve – His love that brings Hope and changes lives! Thank you dear partners for your love and faithful partnership with us. We thank God for you. God bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being,



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