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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

"He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us."

Psalm 103: 10-12

As we once again celebrate the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are reminded of the reason why Jesus came to earth and made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness (Philippians 2:7). You see, our efforts without Christ result to nothing. We cannot pay for our sins no matter what we do. We can never attain heaven by our good works, because there is nothing good in us in the first place (Romans 3:23). Praise God, He sent Jesus to pay for all our sins and our failure to obey Him. In Jesus, we are declared righteous in God's sight and through His Holy Spirit we are empowered to live transformed lives. How wonderful to know that in His mercy, He does not treat us as we deserve. And in His grace – He gives us eternal life, which we do not deserve. What a wonderful victorious message this is! This is the message of Resurrection Sunday – a message of hope and love we can share with joy and boldness because it is the Truth! My prayer is that we may be faithful in spreading this Good News to those around us.

GUAM. I am thankful that the doors to travel to the Philippines have opened up. After two years, I can visit and spend time with our PMA mission staff, and be there to celebrate the dedication of the PMF Apad church which was just completed. Please pray for safe travels – as we will be going to all the island stations to visit PMA/PMF churches via a bangca (two-outrigger boat) over the not so pacific Pacific Ocean, and walking, and where we can ride on motorcycles, through muddy and rough terrain. Pray for good health and strength as well.

PHILIPPINES. From Pastor Jose Tayangona of the PMF Amaga Church: "We thank God for the opportunity to conduct a Bible study among farmers. Every month they gather together. The chairman of the group invited me to share God's Word. I pray that the seed planted in the hearts of these men will bear fruit of salvation and spiritual growth."

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, NAUJAN, MINDORO OR. "We continue to monitor and meet with two families whose children are with us for temporary care. The parents are very grateful that their children are well cared for, going to school and growing in the Lord. Please pray for these families that they will be able to care for their own children" **By Jeny Gutierrez**

REPUBLIC OF PALAU. God is good and we praise Him that our Pacific Mission Fellowship church is able to resume meeting in person and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus to all that would hear. The Covid outbreak in Palau is now back under control and the numbers of active cases has stabilized, even though we have more flights in and out of the country. Now that we are returning to normal, our weekly PMF activities have resumed, including Wednesday Bible Study, Thursday prayer meeting, Friday young adults class and Saturday Angaur Bible Study. We are also adjusting to new staff changes, with Paul and Rachel Rho returning to the United States unexpectedly for health reasons. Please keep Pastor Paul in your prayers. We were not short staffed for long, as we recently welcomed our newest PMA missionary intern Justin Vaughan, along with his wife Addison and their two little girls, Annabelle and Alice. With these changes, I am reminded it is only the Lord who sustains us, as it says in Colossians 1:17 "And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together." From: Brock Welge

YAP, MICRONESIA. Last week and this week, we had so much demand for flights to Woleai that we did two in one day. When we have these flights, I like to take Pastor Petrus on the first flight so that he has 3 or 4 hours with the church group on that island. Last week when he went, he spoke for a while with the chiefs to get their approval to do the OCC outreach. This week he was able to spend more time with the church group and returned with some very exciting news. Two women from the group asked to be baptized and so they proceeded to walk down to the beach and baptized them. This is very historic as we have never had a baptism in Woleai and very special for Peter as he is from there. Praise the Lord for the decisions of Hilaria and Matilda! By: Amos Collins

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. For many years, Pastor Nob Kalau had established a Christmas and Resurrection celebration through music and drama. He would invite the youth - often 60 and more – to practice the plays and songs that would be presented to the PMF congregation and their families. 2 months before the celebration, these young people would be meeting 3-4 times a week until they had mastered their drama parts and music. From the laughter and singing you could really see how happy they were to come together for practice. This year, Pastor Nob and wife Sylvia are locked down in Guam. There they are waiting for repatriation. And some of the former youth who have been under his guidance have grown into adults, decided to take up the tradition and lead the current youth into acting in a skit and rehearsing songs for the choir. Again, you can hear them several times a week in the evenings, singing and shouting and having fun together. This Resurrection Sunday, they will be performing for the Lord and their families. Thank you, Pastor Nob, for having created a tradition that is very much appreciated by our youth today. ~ Sabine Musselwhite

Praise God for the amazing grace we are blessed with - the finished work of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross more than 2,000 years ago! What a story to tell to the island people! Thank you for your partnership and enabling us to spread His Word to one and all. God bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being, Mehnda R. Epiones

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