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Dear Rick and Martha,

"The Name of the LORD is a Strong Tower; the righteous run into it, and is safe."

Proverbs 18:10

Time after time, the Lord has shown me that He is the Only safe place for me in this dark world. He is likened by the writer of Proverbs as a strong Tower – a high strong tower that cannot be destroyed or breached. Anyone who takes refuge in this Tower is safe and protected. Indeed, believers can always run to the LORD and He will deliver us from the evil in this world and He will keep us safe. The fiercest enemy a believer has can't break us when we find refuge in the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord's Name is a source of comfort and security. He is a Mighty Fortress that can never be shaken!

GUAM. Praising the Lord for the privilege of teaching and mentoring four siblings at Kids Klub and see them grow in the wisdom, knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ! What great joy to see them follow the Lord in water baptism! Please continue to pray for them as they persevere in their faith. To Him be all the glory and honor!

PHILIPPINES. Here in Patnanungan, we had our first meeting as a ministerial group. We thank God that there was unity in Christ Jesus, despite different denominations. This is a great witness to the island community as we work together to represent Jesus. It was humbling to be chosen as the ministerial chairman of the group. Please pray for wisdom and grace as we move forward to claim the island for Christ. ~ **Pastor Bryan Bantucan**

BAHAY KALINGA (BK), OR. MINDORO PHILIPPINES. At Bahay Kalinga, our goal is for each child to grow healthy physically, socially, mentally and spiritually. Daily devotions and prayers are part of their daily life, eating nutritious food, going to school and have an active play time at BK yard and at the nearby plaza. We thank God that the children are able to continuously attend their Sunday school classes at a local Christian church. Pray with us that they continue too grow in wisdom, knowledge and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

REPUBLIC OF PALAU. "Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;" Colossians 1:10 This past month we have been busy with the Pacific Mission Fellowship Church outreach project in Angaur. The men's ministry had a retreat there to build a tree house for the kids Bible Study. This will complement the summerhouse that was erected last year for the Church that is starting there. The materials were donated and the men built it in a day and a half. We are thankful for the men's servant hearts, strong backs, and excellent construction skills. The aviation crew along with three short term volunteers went down the next Saturday and finished the handrails, structural bracing and tin roof. It is exciting to think of all the children that will hear the Gospel message there and also continue to learn more about Jesus Christ each week. This July marked

the church anniversary for PMF church in Palau. We celebrated the 27th Anniversary and sent off two of our missionaries, Stephen & Monet Newton to start serving God in the Philippines with the Aviation Ministry. We are blessed to see how God is growing the ministry and using each of us to further the Gospel here in Palau and beyond. ~ Brock Welge

YAP, MICRONESIA. Just as we were finishing up the training for Paul Ciaramitaro, the FAA wrote and said they would not be able meet us for a check ride in Guam. So what this meant for our Yap flight operations was that we would have to shut down while I (Amos) had to return to the States for my short furlough and training. Thanks to our Palau team, they were able to use the BN-2A Islander to bridge the gap between Palau and Yap. Paul was however able to fly noncommercial flights and was able to do a couple ministry flights for our Church outreach to the outer islands. He also was able to do a Medevac for a young boy who fell from a tree in Fais. On August 18 Paul will do his check ride in Guam and then be able to start flying in Yap. Please pray that he will perform well and pass. By: Amos Collins

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. One of the joys we have as PMF church is responding to the request of parents who want to dedicate their little baby to the Lord. The extended family usually joins the couple in their declaration before the church as Nob shares from Deuteronomy 6:6-7 and leads the prayer of dedication for the child. "These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up." In a world with many distractions and evil influences, God is very clear about what He wants us to think about and how He wants us to lead the family. Two little eyes are watching and learning each day. At PMA we want to always be mindful of directing our kids to Jesus and His precious Word. By: Sylvia Kalau

The verse chosen for this month, reminds me of the hymn written by Martin Luther: A Mighty Fortress is our God! He being our Fortress enables us to stand strong against the onslaught of the enemy. The second stanza shows our inability to protect ourselves from the evil one "Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing. Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus it is He - Lord Sabaoth His Name from age to age the same. And He must win the battle!"

We thank God, Christ Jesus in on our side, and my prayer is that we are on His side as well because He never loses the battle. Indeed, He is a strong Tower, a Mighty Fortress and He is our God!

Thank you dear partners for faithfully being on our side, praying for us, supporting the ministry and PMA's missionaries. You are such a great encouragement to all of us. God bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

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