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Dear Praying friends and Faithful Partners,

*“Give thanks in all circumstances.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18*

Give thanks? Are you finding it hard to give thanks when all over the world there is chaos, pandemic, lawlessness, war, hunger, oppression, government control and unrest. How can we truly give thanks considering the present turmoil? The prophet Habakkuk also lived during a time of great turmoil. There appeared to be no hope for Habakkuk’s nation of Israel. Corruption and confusion were everywhere. “Why does God not intervene?” he asked. “Why is God silent in times of disaster?” Habakkuk did have questions, like you and like me; but he brought them to God. And God not only answered His questions, but He also put a song in Habakkuk’s heart.

*I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign LORD is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of a deer, He enables me to tread on the heights.” Habakkuk 3:18,19*

Habakkuk found an answer –God is still on the throne of the universe. He is, from everlasting to everlasting. You too will find, that as you put your faith in Jesus, peace and joy will flood your heart in spite of difficult circumstances. Praise and thanks will spring from your heart because your happiness does not depend upon world conditions or material gain, but upon a loving heavenly Father who is in control and who cares for each one of us.

As we celebrated Thanksgiving and look forward to celebrating the first coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, PMA gives thanks and celebrate with our Pacific Mission Fellowship (PMF) churches that are growing, Pastors who are leading, Christians who are being baptized, orphans adopted from our orphanage, airplanes that are being used to minister to islands and individuals, Christmas boxes distributed in partnership with Samaritan’s Purse, fiscal integrity as we review the year behind us, missionaries that are excited to use their God-given talents for such a time as this, and you our supporting partners, who are an integral part of our team. Thank you for praying, for caring and for sharing! We rejoice in what God is doing through you to reach the island nations where we serve with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Nob Kalau  
President/CEO

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*“The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14*

**GUAM.** We walk by faith and not by sight! So thankful for God’s timely answer to our prayers! PMA missionary to Pohnpei, Sabine Musselwhite arrived in Guam all the way from Germany, November 2 to wait for her to be listed for a flight to Pohnpei. Praying, waiting and still enjoying Guam and friends. Then the long awaited email arrived and the phone call! Finally, check in time for quarantine November 20 and a flight for December 1 then upon arrival in Pohnpei, 7 days quarantine again! But after waiting for two years to return.. the waiting is not that bad! Thank you Lord! You are amazing! ~ **Melinda R. Espinosa**

**PHILIPPINES.** From **Pastor Bryan Bantucan** who oversees our building project and ably supported by **Pastor Roger Cordero**, PMF Pastor for Apad, on our church building project: “We thank and praise God for the His guidance and protection ever since we started the construction here in Apad. In the first 3 days, the workers started building their temporary shelter and made rebars (please note there are no equipment in the island – all must be done manually). We also finished pouring all the 15 posts in a week with our goal to finish the foundation as soon as possible. Please pray for good weather so that the construction can go forward without any interruptions. Also, all materials come from the “mainland”, so any disturbance in the weather would prolong shipment thereof.

**BAHAY KALINGA (BK) ORPHANAGE, OR. MINDORO, PHILIPPINES.** **Jeny Gutierrez**, our Center Head shared the wonderful news that once again BK passed the Level 1 for Accreditation with the Department of Social Welfare! This is good for three years, then we need to go through another accreditation process. To God be the glory!

**REPUBLIC OF PALAU.** In Palau, the church celebrated Thanksgiving Service last Sunday of November. We have so much to be thankful for, one of them being Palau continuing to be Covid free! After our place of worship was taken over by the government to prepare for Covid, it has been 9 months that a local company in Palau provided us with a place for worship and a place for our missionaries to stay. Indeed, God provides! We continue to pray for a permanent place and a Pastor for PMF Palau. **By: Monena Borromeo-Newton**

**YAP, MICRONESIA.** Our PMF church has been actively involved in outreach using the Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child materials. In addition to several outreaches happening on Yap Main Island, Pastor Petrus also dispatched three men he was training to go out to the islands of Fachailep and Ifaluk to do the outreach and distributions there. In the beginning there was some resistance from the islands, but last week our men came back from being away and shared that they had a very good reception at both islands. The communities gave them access to their church building. Children and adults filled the inside as well as outside surrounding the church. The men were bold and presented the gospel message to the entire community and then followed it up with giving of the gifts to the children. Praise the Lord for opening the doors. May His Word go deep into the hearts of the children and their parents. – **Pastor Petrus Haleylegy**

**POHNPEI, MICRONESIA.** From **Sylvia Kalau**: This Thanksgiving, Nob and I are thankful for Your prayers and support, all year long, in the ministry of PMA. You have been such an inspiration and encouragement to us personally—and You’re making a life-changing impact in the Islands of the Pacific for God’s glory!

**Thank you dear partners for your faithful support! May the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace bless you more, not only this Christmas but all through the New Year! And since you have witnessed, known, and are living His glory, Go, and spread His message of Hope and Love to all!**

**In Him we live and move and have our being,**



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