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Dear Friends:

Christmas 2022

This week we get are getting ready for the Operation Christmas Child presentation in our church. We are looking forward to sharing God's greatest gift of salvation with several hundred children, ages 2-14. Each child will receive a shoebox gift and booklet at the end of the evangelistic event to tangibly illustrate the truth that Jesus is the greatest gift we could ever receive.

One of the songs we will be singing with the children says, "It's not just about the manger where the baby lay. It's not all about the angels who sang for him that day. It's not just about the shepherds or the bright and shining star. It's not all about the wise men who travelled from afar. **It's about the cross, It's about my sin, It's about how Jesus came to be born once so that we could be born again. It's about the stone that was rolled away. So that you and I could have real life someday. It's about the cross!**"

The true message of Christmas is that eternal God came to earth in the form of man in order to save His own creation. Those infant hands that moved about in the wooden manger were the very same hands that were later nailed to a rugged, wooden cross. They were the same hands that, carefully folded the burial wrappings when He rose from the dead to defeat sin and death and to give us eternal life. And they are the same hands that lovingly reach down and touch us in the areas of our greatest need.

On behalf of our entire mission family from Micronesia to the Philippines, I want to express our appreciation for your faithful prayer hands and hands that lovingly share financial support. Although you can not be here, on the field, you are doing the much needed job of praying that the work is done in the Lord and not in the mere efforts of man. Every time we medivac a patient from the islands, bathe a baby in our orphanage, hold a church service, teach children to love God's Word, preach the Word from an island pulpit, broadcast Christian music and teaching over our radio station, fit an islander with reading glasses, baptize a new believer...it is because you are praying with us to be faithful to the Cross.

When you come across a manger scene, notice the baby, but think beyond Christ's infancy to His amazing reason for coming. Make an effort to remember the real message of Christmas. Remember His hands. Remember His heart. Remember His undying love for you. Remember the beautiful Cross!

Thankfully, serving together with you in the islands of Micronesia and the Philippines, and wishing you a Christ-filled Christmas,

Norbert J. Kalau, President

MISSION NEWS UPDATE

GUAM. Rejoice with us! In His time, the Lord provided a full-time accountant for PMA Guam! He provided **Gladys Sazon** a qualified accountant to serve with me here at HQ. We still continue to have **Lisa Baluyut** and **Caroline Poppe-Jones** as volunteers. They continue to be available when needed, especially when I am off-island. And of course, the ever faithful **Wai Ma** who downloads all our radio programs on to a CD so we can send this to Pohnpei for broadcasting. Indeed, as a team here on Guam, we make things happen for the Lord.

PHILIPPINES TEAM AND BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE The PMA Team will be meeting from December 14 – 17 at Patnanungan Bayan for Team Building and a Christmas Party. Each of our Pastors/Workers and Jeny Flores will go back to their team base and have their own Christmas party with their church congregation and for Jeny – with the Caregivers and the children. Please pray for good weather and safe journey to the islands. Travel will be by land and sea, taking at least 12 hours.

REPUBLIC OF PALAU. **Stephen Newton** became the acting manager for most of November as **Brock Welge** and his family took a medical vacation in Manila, Philippines. Short term missionary, **Jay Hibbard** from Samaritan's Purse, helped **Justin Vaughn** and **Jun De Lina** accomplish many maintenance projects like installing the rebuilt engine on one of our Cessna 206's, installing propellers on our queen air, performing countless sheet metal repairs and helping to fit the wing tips on the 206 we are sending to the Philippines. We also welcomed **Melody Coleman** back to the Palau Base and she just completed her training in the twin engine Islander. We also continued supporting 1-2 King Air flights from Yap and multiple weekly flights to Anguar with Bible Study on Saturday. The PMF church celebrated Thanksgiving with an all church family day at a beach on the north part of the island. It's great to see God's provision for the ministry to keep growing in capacity and capabilities. For this we give Him all the honor, praise and glory! **By Brock Welge**

YAP, MICRONESIA. After getting a haircut last week, I walked out of the building to go to my car, and a lady whom I had never seen before, looked at me and thanked me for the services that we provided for the islands. I wanted to just shrug it off as someone just making conversation, but it really spoke to my heart and I received it as an encouragement from the Lord. She did not have to say anything to me as I left, but I felt the Lord had given her those words to encourage me. ~ **Amos Collins**

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. Two weeks ago we welcomed the Operation Christmas Child team from Samaritan's Purse to Pohnpei. They provided the children's outreach training for all the evangelical churches on the island. PMF hosted the OCC meetings and spent the following week dispersing Christmas boxes to the participating churches. On Dec 10, PMF will share the OCC Gospel presentation for the children in our community. Please pray with us that as the children hear the Gospel message and receive their shoebox gift, that many will receive God's greatest gift, the gift of salvation! **From: Sylvia Kalau**

Let us rejoice and be glad, our King indeed has come. Let us prepare Him room in our lives and give Him glory for all He has done! Thank you for your prayers and partnership – may the blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you now and always!



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