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Dear Friends,

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Has this year of 2023 brought you challenges, hardships and trials? Have you wondered how you would make it through? With wars, terrorism, sickness, floods and typhoons! What should our response be? This Christmas, each of us has the opportunity to pause despite the uncertainties of our world, and express our gratitude to God for the many blessings in our lives: family, health, friends, ministry and finances- to name a few. And one more thing, thank God for your trials as well. 1 Thessalonians 5:28 sums it up, *“In everything give thanks: for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”*

Despite the challenges of weather, machinery, technology, third world governments, logistics, and yes... people, we at PMA have experienced God to be faithful again this year. He has taught us through the challenges to remain thankful, to know that He is in control and to make it a habit to give thanks in all things.

We thank God for the safety of our pilots and planes. We are thankful for each pastor teaching at our mission churches and raising up faithful disciples. We are thankful for our radio ministry that continues to teach and sing praises 24/7, bringing hope to the lives of those who listen. We are thankful when an orphan finds adoptive parents through our orphanage. We are thankful for our children’s ministries and clubs that teach kids to love God. We are thankful for new churches that have been built. We are thankful for the missionary you have supported. We are thankful for the volunteers that have visited us and come alongside to help us with the daily tasks before us. We are thankful for you, our supporters, around the world who continue to make missions and missionaries a priority in your prayers and in your giving.

As you reflect back on this year of your life, give thanks for all things, circumstances that brought you joy as well as those which caused you heartache and pain. Understand that God is in control of and involved in every area of your life. You may not understand the purpose for your trials, but remember that God does nothing without a divine purpose motivated by His matchless unconditional love.

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for the trust and confidence you’ve placed in PMA as you steward your God-given blessings through us—and the significant impact your investment has made in the Kingdom of God.

God’s Word has gone forth, thanks to you. And it will not return void. (Isaiah 55:11). Lives have been *changed*. Hearts have been *encouraged*. Souls have been *saved*. And you have made it all possible. Thank you again.

Sylvia and I wish you and your family a very joy-filled Christmas and Blessed New Year!

**Nob. Kalau**  
President

## MISSION NEWS UPDATE

**GUAM.** We thank God for the safe arrival of **Sabine Musselwhite**, volunteer missionary from PMA Germany. She will be serving in Pohnpei for three months, and return to Germany and as God wills be back again to serve with us. She has served with us since 2015. The three-month circuit occurred when her parents needed help last summer, so she had to go back to Germany to care for them. As soon as they were well and capable, she would come back and serve for three months. We continue to pray for her parents for their physical and spiritual well-being and for Sabine to be able to minister to them in their twilight years.

**PHILIPPINES.** We praise and thank God for allowing us to be partners with Compassion International. Both PMF Patnanungan and PMF Jomalig passed the criteria set by Compassion's national leaders to handle the long-term program of the organization in the islands. What a great privilege and responsibility this will be for us. We know this program will be used of God to expand His kingdom here in the islands and to share the Gospel message to more families. Praise God for the support of our PMA leadership, and the core leaders of our churches. ~ **Pastor Bryan Bantucan** of PMF church Patnanungan.

**BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, NAUJAN MINDORO OR. PHILIPPINES.** October 2008, Angel was 6 years old when he had to be transferred out of Bahay Kalinga as he was diagnosed with cerebral palsy. Not being equipped to care for him, we found a good facility and we continued to provide for his financial support. He is able to communicate with his knees: raising the right knee is "yes", the left knee is "no". He controls his wheel chair to be able to roam around. He can do arts and crafts with his foot and with the help of caregivers. He is still dependent on being fed. Thank You Lord for his life and thank you to partners who provide for him!

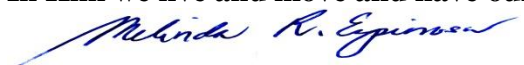
**REPUBLIC OF PALAU.** There's so much that has happened in this month. Matthias, from PMA Germany, had a quick but fruitful visit. PMA Palau team celebrated our Pilot Brock and wife, Rachel Welge's birthdays – God's faithfulness is evident in their lives. Pilot/mechanic Melody is back from Philippines after she completed her medical checkup. We praise God for her good health! Big praise as well for Lydia Nolte, a volunteer nurse from Germany, as she was able to help on the first medevac to Philippines. She also did Saturday Angaur Kid's Bible study. As we celebrated Thanksgiving, we were reminded that there's so much God has blessed us with. All glory and praises to Him! ~ **Rolly L.de Liña Jr.**

**YAP, MICRONESIA.** Last week, Brock Welge and Jonathan Paulsen came to Yap to begin their training in the Queen Air. We began with some ground school training and then went up for flight training. Each of them have done about five 1 hour flights and they are both doing very well. Next week we have one more training flight to get them ready and then Tuesday before Brock returns to Palau, he will have his Check Ride. Jonathan will also take his Check Ride and then he will remain in Yap and assist with the flights here. It is encouraging to be able to bring two more pilots into our operation. **By: Amos Collins**

**POHNPEI, MICRONESIA.** The Sunday School children at PMF, ages 2-6 and 7-12 are preparing their songs to sing for the church on the 24th. One of the songs for the younger group describes the perfect birthday present for Jesus: *"I'll give God me this Christmas, it's the best gift I can give. I'll give God me this Christmas, and for Him I will live. I'll give God me this Christmas, from my head down to my toes. I'll give God me this Christmas, that's what He wants the most."* Such an important question for all of us: What will you give Him this Christmas? **From: Sylvia Kalau**

*"Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." Luke 2:10 May the God of Hope fill you all with the joy and peace that our Lord Jesus – Emmanuel (God with us) can give.*

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



**Maria Melinda R. Espinosa, CFO/Administrator\**