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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him." 1John 3:1

It still amazes me how God can love me, send His One and Only Son to die for a sinful person, pay for my sins by dying on the cross, and then triumphantly resurrecting after three days! He has enabled me to receive Him as Lord and Savior and be part of His forever family! On my own, I would never have made that decision. What kind of love is this? Unbelievable, you say, but I have personally experienced this and have tasted the goodness and faithfulness that His love brings! People use the word "love" so carelessly: "I love ice cream, chocolate, etc.." and therefore its true meaning is lost. I thank God for His Word that reminds me that He is love and because of that I know His love is manifested in being patient, kind, not being envious or boastful, not proud or selfseeking, not easily angered and not keeping a record of wrongs. With His love, we do not delight in evil, but rejoice in the truth. He always protects, trusts, hopes and perseveres. His love never fails! Praise God!

GUAM. Jeny, our Center Head for Bahay Kalinga Orphanage requested for a one-on-one Bible study with me. So every week, we meet virtually for this. We are going through the book of John and have been refreshed and challenged by His Word. Pray for us to put into practice what we learn. For His love to be manifested in our lives.

PHILIPPINES. How we praise God for 20 Sunday school teachers trained by Mercy Sulad, the Head teacher of our PMA Learning Academy. She visited 4 of our churches, where members of 7 PMF churches attended. We thank God that they learned to teach children effectively and to share the Gospel through the Wordless Book. After each training, there was a heartfelt excitement to teach, share and disciple children. Please pray for these teachers – for wisdom, grace and a love for the children.

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, MINDORO, PHILIPPINES. We thank God that two of our children were able to have a video conference with their adoptive families in Italy and Spain, respectively. This brought excitement to our children as the prospect of joining their adoptive families draws near. Please pray for wisdom and discernment for our Center Head – Jeny and our Social Worker, Juvelyn as they work on all the cases of the children that decisions are always made for the best interest of each child. From: Jeny Gutierrez

REPUBLIC OF PALAU. We are so thankful that the Young Adults (YA) in our PMF church were able to attend an Intentional Discipleship Conference sponsored by a local church in the Philippines, made available virtually. The YA gathered two consecutive Sundays to watch the plenary re-runs from 6 PM to 12 midnight Palau time. The conference showed us practical ways to disciple during these challenging times and how we can share the love of God to people who are going through difficulties. We pray that the YA would be able to apply what they learned in relationships in church, at work and the community. By: **Catherine Claveria**

YAP, MICRONESIA. SEA SEARCH AND RESCUE January 30 at about 10 PM some high school boys were out spearfishing on the reef when the anchor rope broke. One 14 year old boy was in the boat and the other two were in the water. By the time they knew what had happened, the boat had drifted too far and the wind blew it out to sea with the boy in it. The two boys swam back and called the Police who immediately dispatched a small fishing boat with 3 officers on board. They got on site close to the southern tip of Yap at about 1:00 AM and searched all night long and into the morning.

While out camping with my kids next to the airport, I woke up at about 4:30 and couldn't sleep so I went to the hangar to fix coffee. That's when I got the email from the AG's office that they were dispatching us to go search at first light. We pulled the plane out, refueled in the dark, and with full tanks, were airborne by 6:15. The Port Security Manager, Joe Giltug, had been on watch at the airport that night and volunteered to come along with me and two other police officers. We spotted Captain Sam in the YFA (Yap Fishing Authority) boat still out there about 15 miles doing his search pattern and decided that he had probably searched in close and so we would head out beyond his reach. After about 2 hours of searching "eagle eye Joe" spotted them dead ahead -- 18 Miles offshore. The boy was standing up waving his arms frantically! What an exhilarating feeling. We circled the boat several times and called the coordinates in to the YFA boat who immediately headed out.

Captain Sam said it would take him an hour to get on site, so since we had marked the position on our GPS and had figured out his drift, we decided to head back home and take a short break. An hour later we were back on site and guided the YFA boat the rest of the way in until they intercepted and picked up the boy.

We thank God for his mercy on this boy's life and for helping us to find him and guide YFA to him. Not all sea searches have a happy ending. We are thrilled that this one does. Thank you to all who were involved. It was a great team effort. ~ Amos Collins

.**POHNPEI, MICRONESIA.** We praise the Lord for our PMF elders who are faithfully preaching each Sunday, performing weddings child dedication and funerals. All three of our elders have full-time jobs within the government that require a lot of their time. Please pray for these faithful men who prepare the word each week for our church. Each of them has an amazing story of transformation and a testimony that exalts the mighty power of God. From: **Sylvia Kalau**

February, the world celebrates it as the love month. Jesus, Himself provided us with God's absolute priority commandment - to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. This love is manifested in our lives by our actions: *"Dear children let us not love with words or speech but with actions and truth."* (1 John 3:18) This is PMA's life verse. We give glory to God for opportunities to flesh out His love and by God's grace and strength: make a difference, change lives and bring hope through the Word of God through Pacific Mission Fellowship churches, as well as through ministries, like: Aviation, Sea Haven ship, The Cross Radio, Good News Press, Orphanage, Learning Center, Livelihood programs, to name a few. Praise the Lord!

We thank God that in many ways He gives us the blessing and opportunity to shed His love abroad. We praise God for you dear Partners, your prayers and faithful partnership enable us to share His love to all we serve. God bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

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