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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."

Genesis 22:2

This portion of the story of Abraham in the Bible has for a while perplexed me. Here is Abraham, promised by God to be the father of a nation and many nations as well. And yet, God wanted him to sacrifice his only son, a son of his old age. We are told in Scriptures that early the following morning; Abraham took his son to obey the Lord. But what about God's command that parents must not have their children pass through fire? This is an abomination to Him. But God does not explain to Abraham why He is asking him to do this, nor does Abraham question God. But God is faithful – He revealed an answer to me by connecting this with *Luke 10:27: He (Jesus) answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind".* When we love God, we obey Him implicitly and most importantly; this love supersedes our love and desire for His blessings. God's test to Abraham was – do you love me enough to obey me and choose me over the blessing I give to you? Our choices daily are so important to God and to our life. May we allow Him to transform our hearts to love Him and to follow Him daily.

GUAM. Missing "my" children! With the omicron virus on the rise and many homes affected, we have not been meeting for Bible Club since January 15. Please pray for the Lord's protection and healing. Dropped off our first lesson for the beginning of the year in Genesis 1.. "In the beginning God..." He is our Anchor and if we do not place our trust in Him, we won't find meaning and purpose for our lives! Meanwhile, our external auditor has not been able to complete the review of our financial statements for fiscal year end 2021, as the auditor in charge had Covid. Pray that this can be completed by the end of this month.

PHILIPPINES. **Pastor Narciso Mandreza** has his plate full as he now oversees two PMF churches (Jomalig Bayan and Apad) and two outreaches in the Villages of Bukal and Casuguran. We thank God for the young professionals that have been discipled who now assist him and also do the outreaches. Please pray for the Lord of the harvest to raise and provide a full time pastor for Apad.!

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, MINDORO OR. **Jeny Gutierrez**, Center Head of our Orphanage, shared about the successful video conference with a prospective adoptive parent of one of our children. We look forward to the successful matching of our children, as one by one they find good homes. Please pray with us.

REPUBLIC OF PALAU. Palau has experienced its first COVID outbreak, but the ministry continues. We are so thankful for our new Pastor - Paul Rho at the PMF-Palau Church. He is leading the Sunday services, and preaching via Facebook live since large gatherings are restricted. Some of our weekly ministries have also moved to meeting virtually. We praise God to be able to continue flying locals and cargo to the islands. We are also planning to fly doctors to the islands in support of COVID testing and treatments. Additionally, we are now prepared for medevac transport with new Covid-safe protocols in place and we have successfully medivaced our first COVID patient for treatment to the Palau hospital. During this time, I am reminded of what Paul says in 1st Corinthians 15:58. *"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."* **From: Brock Welge**

YAP MICRONESIA. With the Christmas rush behind us, January has begun to already show us that this new year is going to require much from our flight operations. Already the requests to fly people across the country have been rolling in and our first month only had about 2-3 days that did not have flights. We have been strict about not accepting any requests for the weekends because every member of our team works so hard that we need the weekends to rest and recuperate. Two weeks ago, we celebrated Dave Kendrick completing his check ride and also his first solo flight to the islands in the King Air last week. It will be good to have him on board to help share the load. Our Operation Christmas Child ministry continues to do distributions of the shoeboxes to communities here on Yap as well as the remaining outer islands. **By: Amos Collins.**

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. *"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful servants."* Psalm 116:15 Last week we had to say goodbye to Ringo, a longtime PMA staff and member of our PMF church. In his past years, Ringo suffered from the consequences of a milder stroke which left him with slow movement. His speech, however, was vivid and Ringo could not stop praising his Lord Jesus and talking about him to everyone he met, be it the taxi driver who took him to town or the Governor of Pohnpei who also occasionally gave him rides. Ringo was always present, at church service, at men's prayer, at communion service. His funeral service was a sad but joyful remembrance of a man who took Jesus' command seriously: Go in all the world – which was his island of Pohnpei – and share the Gospel. We will miss him and yet are so happy that he will be with his beloved Jesus forever now. ~ **Sabine Musselwhite**

As the world celebrates Valentine's day, Let us remember that God so loved you and I that He gave His one and Only Son. He promised that when we place our trust in Him, we will not perish but have eternal life. Let us go and share this wonderful message of love! Thank you dear partners for your faithful love and partnership with PMA to: Love all people, build the Body of Christ and Disciple the faithful!

In Him we live and move and have our being,



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