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Dear Prying Friends and Faithful Partners,

"By this we know love, that He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth." 1 John 3: 16-18

These verses always remind me of our founder Rev. Edmund Kalau. He was a great example of loving not only in words but always with deeds. He was not only a man with a vision, but a gracious and compassionate person as well. The reason why PMA was birthed was because he saw the need for an aviation ministry in the islands. When he travelled with government ships (which took a month to sail around the outer-islands of Yap), he witnessed time and again that the sick people who travelled with him, either got critical or worse, died before the ship arrived at the main island. This was too hard for him to bear. He was a Pilot and he knew how an airplane could reach those islands in no time at all. This led him to establish an aviation ministry 49 years ago. PMA not only would fly sick people on a medivac, but also bring medical help to the outer-islands. PMA is the first responder after a typhoon hits the islands and provides relief and rescue, transport food, medical supplies, and people and be a lifeline for the outer-islands. Since then, PMA continues to persevere in bringing hope and changing lives in the islands.

GUAM. We thank God for the ladies' Bible study at the PMA HQ Office with the ladies who are part of the small group fellowship that I belong to. We are going through the study by Dr, David Jeremiah: "Overcomer". What a great encouragement this study has been to all of us, and how our getting together strengthens our bond with each other as we study His Word and spend time in prayer one for another. As we face life's challenges, we pray that His Word and our obedience to it will keep us strong, immovable in our faith and to trust God who is able to keep us!

PHILIPPINES. Our Pastors in the Philippines just attended a 3-day training on "Intentional Discipleship". All our Pastors were so thankful to be able to attend this training as they learned to understand their calling to Christlikeness and mission. To pursue the nurturing, training, and equipping of new believers as they follow through with the efforts of evangelism, and understanding the cost of discipleship and to make disciples. We pray that our Pastors will return to their island churches with fresh vision and be able to engage their flock in personal disciplemaking.

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, NAUJAN, MINDORO OR. PHILIPPINES. We praise God for 271 children we have served at the end of 2022! 97 of them have been adopted from families in the Philippines, U.S.A., Europe and Australia. We thank God for our BK staff who

the Lord uses to love and care for the children. At present, we are in need of another Social Worker. Please pray for the Lord to provide.

PALAU. This past month has seen many more flights between, not only the islands of Palau, but also between Palau and Yap. We have seen those who are returning to work in Yap as well as those who are travelling to see their loved ones there. Still others are making the necessary connection to travel further on to another country. We are all grateful that the Lord has granted us the ability to be a blessing in this way to many.

We are also blessed, this past month, by our newest team member Julius, who is from Palau, and who has been a tremendous help as the number of flights increase. In addition, our team members Jun and Angel have welcomed to the world their first child, a healthy baby boy. In all these things, we give thanks. **By: Stephen Newton**

YAP, MICRONESIA. We welcomed Jonas Schuh to Yap in early January. He spent 20 days in Palau before flying to Yap. He is a volunteer mechanic from Germany who is here on a short mission's trip while he is on holidays from Bible school. He is here to get to know PMA better. He got here just in time to help us with a Phase inspection on one of the King Airs. Our PMF Church also had our Christmas potfaith at the beach 2 Sundays ago, where one of our youth girls, Nola, made a decision for Christ and was baptized. It was a good day of fellowship for our PMF Church group. **From: Amos Collins**

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. Last Sunday a group of 30 high school seniors visited our Sunday morning worship service. They were invited by Norman one of our church youth and their classmate. At the end of the service one of the young men, Sean, came up to me, "I really love the worship music and the sermon spoke deeply to me." Norman piped up," I can give you a ride to church next Sunday!" The sermon that Sunday was on Heaven from Revelation 21 and 22. The question was, "Is your name in the book of life and do you have a mansion prepared for you? God's Word never returns void and blessed are those who read the book of Revelation. It's encouraging to get questions from Generation Z. Pray that this young man and his friends will keep coming back. ~ Sylvia Kalau

The aviation ministry birthed the Pacific Mission Fellowship churches as the need to reach the people with the Gospel arose. A Medical ship was also added to be able to reach those islands with no airstrips. Indeed, love is an action word, demonstrated first by our Lord Jesus Christ in which "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8) Without His life, death and resurrection, we would be without hope. And so, here we are meeting the needs of the total person: body, soul and spirit not only with the life-giving Gospel message, but also serving the needs of the island people! Thank you dear ones for your faithful partnership through the years! Your support has enabled us to bring hope and change the lives of the people of Micronesia and the Philippines! God bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

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