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**Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,** 

## "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" 1 John 3:1a

From the time I came to know the Lord until now, I still am quite amazed by His great and marvelous love – taking me from darkness into light – from sin to forgiveness and life. What is more, he adopted me into His forever family! Can you imagine such love? It boggles my mind. Yet, that is the kind of God that we serve. He pursues us with His love and faithfulness. He showers us with His grace and mercy. Because of this, we are compelled to share this great love to others. It is our prayer that we may be found faithful in living for Him, sharing His love and wonderful words to those whom we serve and most especially being obedient to Him every day of our lives.

**GUAM.** With the start of 2024, the "Overcomers" the Ladies Bible Study group that meets at PMA HQ, started a new Bible study; "Ready to Stand – Clothed with Strength , Armed with Faith and Rooted in the Word". It has been a joy studying and teaching this study to the faithful ladies who bond together in learning the Word of God and growing in faith. Please pray for this weekly study for wisdom as I prepare and dig into the Word of God and the enablement to teach this study effectively. For all of us to grow in wisdom and knowledge and to apply what we learn in our lives.

**SITIO VISAYAN VILLAGE, POB. PATNANUNGAN, PHILIPPINES.** "October 29, 2023, early morning, my father received a message from **Pastor Marty Lumigis** (PMA OIC), shares **Chiradee Reyes**, daughter of **Pastor Freddie.** "That morning, my father was supposed to resume his duties as boat captain on a commercial boat, he was ready to go, but he turned around, returned home and joyfully announced to all of us that he now will be pastoring a PMF (Pacific Mission Fellowship) church under PMA and will no longer do commercial sailing! The Lord had answered his prayer to return to pastoring a church, and to PMA/PMF who he left seven years ago. He missed the ministry and all the people he worked with. We also, as a family rejoiced because it was with PMA/PMF that we grew in our faith! November 1, we all woke up early to prepare for church worship service. We started with children's Sunday school and the adult Sunday worship. Many people who came were blessed as they were hungry for the Word of God and were praying for the PMF church to start at this place! We thank God that the Barrio Captain allowed us to use the Center for our services in the meantime. Thank You, Lord! (Note: We own the land in this area and ask for prayers to construct a church building.)

**BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, NAUJAN, MINDORO, PHILIPPINES.** Praises from our Social Worker, **Ann Caspe:** "We pray for and thank everyone who have been supporting Bahay Kalinga from day 1, from 1991 – for 33 years! How we thank God for all those who regularly send their support in kind and finances. We thank God for all the Caregivers for their sacrifices and love for the children. We still continue to pray for a Center Head as we need to "process" children for adoption. Lately, we have had a volunteer in BK. Kuya Von (one of our caregivers' husband) helped clean the yard by cutting down trees, cleaning and removing the grass outside the fence, repairing broken things in BK. The Lord bless him!

**REPUBLIC OF PALAU.** The people who have lived in Palau for a long time always say that January has the worst weather, and that has proven very true this year. The bad weather has led to a heavy workload since the boats have not been able to make it to and from Angaur about 90% of the time. During this time of no boats, we have had the honor of flying home the caskets of two important members of the Angaur community and their families who had flown in from all over the world for the funeral. We have also had an unusual number of sea searches over the past month. A construction worker, a diver, and two fishermen got lost at sea, and we were called to conduct searches for them. These have all been heavy situations, but God sustains us and gives us encouragement to continue. We are so thankful for God's help finding the lost fishermen! Their boat had overturned on the reef, and they were so happy to see us! We were able to send the coordinates and help the boats reach them for rescue just as night was falling. We praise God that He still provides joyful moments in the middle of difficult times. **By: Melody Coleman** 

**YAP, MICRONESIA.** On January 18, we received a request for a Medevac to Manila for a patient who had been involved in a car accident and needed surgery. After all the preparations were made, we left on Saturday morning from Yap and picked up the patient in Palau. I brought along Brock Welge from our base in Palau to assist me with the flight as Manila is "no joke" to fly into. As a Medevac flight, we were given priority landing in Manila. Our PMA Philippines team was there to assist us, the ambulance was ready, and the patient was whisked away soon after we landed. We refueled the plane, had a quick lunch and got back in the plane for the 4-hour flight back to Palau where we spent the night. We are thankful for the excellent weather along the flight, the successful mission, and most importantly, the patient receiving the much-needed surgery. She was texting us an update about her recovery a day later, and we were thrilled to have been a part of that event.- **Amos Collins** 

**POHNPEI, MICRONESIA.** Praise to our Lord that Nob finally was able to travel to the Philippines to visit our stations there. First stop is in the island of Poblacion Patnanungan. He travelled with Pastor Marty and Fred. And together with our Patnanungan team, they worked on the solar water purification unit that was sent from Germany. Our goal is to be able to provide the community with clean drinking water. After visiting all PMA/PMF stations, all our Pastors, their wives and other PMA mission workers will all meet for a time of fellowship, encouragement from God's Word and prayer. Thank you for praying for this time of spiritual encouragement and study. Pray for good weather and safety as the team travels over sea and land. **From: Sylvia Kalau.** 

Over and over, we thank God for you dear Partners – you are as much a part of the sowing, planting and watering of the Word of God as you pray and give. This is my prayer that you may "stay with Christ. Live deeply in Christ. Then we'll be ready for Him when He appears, ready to receive Him with open arms, with no cause for red-faced guilt or lame excuses when He arrives." (1John 2:28, The Message)

God bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

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