

JANUARY 2019

Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

"Continue with what you have learned and have become convinced of..." 2 Timothy 3:14

Paul starts with verse 3 of his letter to Timothy, stating: "But mark this: there will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God...." It already seems that we are experiencing people like these. Let us not lose hope – as Paul admonishes Timothy – let us all continue to persevere in what we have learned from His Word... let us continue in studying and living the Word of God – so that we may be thoroughly equipped for every good work and strengthened to face each new day this New Year with hope and assurance.

GUAM. We can truly thank God for two families who have returned to worship with us after a period of absence. We pray that the Lord will enable them to learn and grow in their faith and be faithful to Him. Pray for the follow-up with these families for them to be strengthened in their walk with the Lord.

PHILIPPINES. December was a busy month. Our Pastors and workers with their congregation prepared for the Christmas celebration in their respective churches. We continued to conduct Training Classes with all our Pastors from each station in attendance. The children in our Academy had a Christmas party before the break and I was invited to speak about Christmas as a blessing. We thoroughly enjoyed the PMA staff/workers Christmas party although we missed some of our co-workers who were stranded in another island and could not travel by boat due to bad weather. We are thankful that we ended 2018 well and we believe we enter 2019 with a high note. Thank you for your prayers! ~ **Pastor Marty Lumigis**

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, NAUJAN, OR. MINDORO, PHIL. Before the year ended, Melinda, her sister Laureen, and our staff from HQ Philippines: Fred, Edna and Julio travelled to Naujan to visit our Orphanage. Typhoon Usman was just leaving the Philippines, but on its wake, rain poured almost every day. The day of travel, the sun came out, we felt that was an answer to prayer. We left Manila at 3 AM and arrived in Naujan at 10 AM. However, on our way, the seas were rough, and rain once again started pouring. The roads to the Orphanage were becoming flooded. Hence we had to cut short our stay to be able to catch the 12 noon boat back to Batangas. Although our stay was short, we had a great time with the children who were happy with the toys and food we brought for them. It was also a farewell to 4 of our children who will be joining their new families beginning 2019. One would be going to France, siblings (we are thankful that they are adopted together) will be going to the U.S.A. and one will be adopted in

the Philippines. As it was – we left just in time – after we passed the connecting road to Naujan, flood waters rendered the roads impassable. We are thankful that we arrived safely back to Manila! Praise God!

PALAU. We officially moved! Our temporary hangar has been disassembled and the two containers transferred into our new hangar building. While a part of our team is keeping up the aviation service, the other part is helping out at the construction site. Due to bad weather and delays, work couldn't progress as hoped. Still, step by step we're getting closer to finalizing this huge project. Especially now, our flights to Angaur are much appreciated, because of the cancellation of boat schedules. Thank you for your prayers and your support as we continue to serve the people of Palau. ~ Markus Klassen

YAP, MICRONESIA. Every week Pastor Petrus and his wife Queen board our plane and fly out to Ulithi and occasionally to Fais Island to conduct a Bible Study and do outreach. On the last flight before Christmas, one of the group members invited a new lady name Marci to join the Bible study. She listened carefully as the gospel was shared and when Petrus finished he asked if there were any comments or questions. This woman shared that she had never heard some of these teachings before, but really felt like he was teaching the truth. She told him that she realized that she was a sinner and needed Jesus to come into her life and save her. So Petrus invited her to pray with him and she did. We rejoice and praise the Lord for another life changed. ~ Amos Collins

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. Every New Year's Eve at PMF church we have a potfaith fellowship that begins at 6pm and a service from 8pm -midnight with testimonies, praise and thanksgiving, hymns, prayer, message and communion... as we usher in the New Year. This year the testimony that touched me so deeply was Inoki. Her husband, Edwin, died this month and she had the courage to get up and share how God brought them together, how He has been faithful to their family and how she did her best to care for him until he died a few weeks ago. She ended her testimony singing 2 songs about trusting and loving her husband and God. There was not a dry eye in the house and I will never forget how God can take a shy, quiet, hardworking woman and make her an example and blessing to everyone. ~ Sylvia Kalau

As we face this New Year, we can meet this confidently with God's Word, standing on His promises – no matter what the future holds – we can trust the One who holds the future. The Lord has been so faithful and we in PMA have tasted His goodness. He was with us through challenges and mountain top experiences, tests and victories, sorrow and pain and loss of loved ones. His presence, power and provision have sustained us! Praise God from whom ALL blessings flow! Thank you dear friends and partners – you have faithfully stood with us in prayer and support and for that we are eternally grateful to God for you! God bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

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