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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.... But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” Philippians:12 -14

2019 ended so fast! Can't believe we are now 2020! We look back with thanksgiving for what the Lord has blessed us with and allowed us to accomplish. However, we can also honestly accept that there were things that were left undone. However, as Paul said in Philippians 3:13 – we forget what is behind and press on with a clear vision of what the Lord wants us to be and to accomplish in our lives. His promise of being with us until He returns gives us hope and assurance that we can do all things through Christ Jesus our Lord who strengthens us!

GUAM. Remembered Pastor Edmund Kalau (July 9, 1928 - January 8, 2014) - Founding father of Pacific Mission Aviation. His vision and legacy lives on! We thank God for his life and today, we remember him on the sixth anniversary of his going home to heaven. Thanks Dad for all you have done by God's grace, strength and direction. He used you to touch so many lives not only on Guam, but also, especially in Micronesia, the Philippines, U.S.A. and Europe. You have touched and inspired so many like me - and I will be forever grateful to the Lord for allowing me to take active part in your life, your dream, your vision -- and now continuing the legacy of "Bringing Hope, and Changing Lives" for eternity. To God be the glory! ~ **Melinda Espinosa**

PHILIPPINES – PMA Learning Center, Poblacion Patnanungan: **Mercy Sulad** shared with me that the school had recently celebrated their Christmas party early this month. They could not have one in December because the islands continued to be “visited” by typhoons. We are thankful that the islands did not suffer so much. The theme was “Heroes” and the children came with their favorite hero costume. However, they learned that a real hero is one who trusts and follows the Lord Jesus Christ! Let us pray that they will indeed apply this in their lives and live for Jesus!

BAHAY KALINGA (BK) ORPHANAGE. Praise God for His blessings as we go on our life's journey. We praise and thank God for all the people who continually support and are channels of His blessings for BK to continue to help abandoned children. We thank God for 9 children that are ready for adoption, with one of them getting ready to meet his “parents” from the Netherlands! We also have three children for temporary shelter and two children pending to be accepted into our Home. Please pray for the Lord's continued provision to care for all the children. ~ **Jeny Flores Gutierrez**

REPUBLIC OF PALAU. **CJ Misajon** praises the Lord for being able to hold the fort together with **Stephen Newton** and **Brock Welge**, since Markus (former Palau Aviation manager who had completed his service) and Monet (finance administrator, who was on a Christmas break). The Palau hangar project is making steady progress and Brock has been able to fly solo after we received approval from the insurance company! Brock was able to lead his first Bible study in Angaur while Rachel led her first children's Bible study. We thank God for His answers to prayers!

YAP, MICRONESIA. Tommy Gorong was born and raised on the island of Yap, Micronesia. He was hired on as a mechanic's assistant in the fall of 1999. He has been a faithful worker and has learned much as he worked with missionary pilots and mechanics over the years. This year marks Tommy's 20 year anniversary of serving with PMA. When we had our Christmas party, we also took time to celebrate this milestone and awarded him with a plaque. Tommy is such an asset to our team. He can be relied upon to come early, stay late, or open and close the facilities. He is our designated aircraft fueler and has many other tasks that he has mastered and can be relied upon to do. Tommy is the one we all go to if we need to find something, because he seems to know where everything is. We are blessed to have him as he is a dependable person to work with. **From: Amos Collins**

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. New Year's Eve is a special time at PMF church in Pohnpei. We join together for a meal that begins at 6pm and the a service from 8pm - midnight. Families perform songs that they have practiced all week with their children. Testimonies of praise and thanks to God, congregational prayer, a message from Nob and communion at the end... as we usher in the New Year. Even the children make it all the way till midnight! This year a visiting high school basketball team that had just won the championship competition, walked into our NY service at 9pm. Their Chuukese coach is a Christian and brought the young men into the house of God to remind them who gave them the victory and to trust in God for the New Year. One coach taking his faith seriously and having an impact on young lives. God is glorified in 2020! **By: Sylvia Kalau**

As we press on this year - 2020, let's do it persistently. No matter what spiritual highs we attained in 2019, let us remember that we only get the prize when we finish the race. Let us progress toward spiritual maturity knowing that life application of principles on Biblical practices bring spiritual progress. Most of all, let us prepare for eternity. Let us eagerly await Christ's return. Let our heavenly vision drive our earthly devotion this year. Let us desire even more to know Christ, to be more like Him and to make Him known for His glory and honor! God bless you more and thank you for your prayers, support and partnership!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

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