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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

"Since, then you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." Colossians 3:1-2

The war in Ukraine that started in 2022, continues. Then October 2023, Israel declared war against Hamas – and this is not yet over. Meanwhile, earthquakes in Japan and Philippines, floods, famines are occurring in different parts of the world. Happy New Year? These events are unnerving and threaten our security. Why are these happening? The events show that indeed life in this world is transient, fleeting – we cannot place our affections or trust on earthly things that fade away by a blink of an eye. This also makes our message more relevant and critical – the message that Christ has given us to "go and tell" – That in Him alone there is Hope and Life, and in Him we can experience life in its fullness (John 10:10). Let us begin by sharing this wonderful news to our family, neighbors and friends. And as we choose to help those in need during this time, let us remember to pray that their hearts and minds may turn to the one True God, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who Alone, never changes and is our Strong Tower!

GUAM. I just returned from my trip to the Philippines. It was a blessing to be with family, friends and PMA family. We had a Christmas party with our PMA HQ Team in Metro Manila, which was also attended by some of our Board members. A visit to our Bahay Kalinga Orphanage in Naujan, Mindoro was a highlight of my visit. It was good to meet with our faithful staff and the children, especially one child, stole my heart. She is being prepared for adoption but her paperwork still has a long way to go. The children presented us with action songs, a poem of Christmas as an Orphaned child, a memory verse and a worship dance. What a blessing it was to see them healthy, animated and full of life. I thank God that we could be part of their journey to a lifelong cared-for and loved family.

PHILIPPINES. Hamlet of Bukal. We thank the Lord for the outreach ministry here, led by our Senior Pastor Narciso (PMF Jomalig) and the help of our Boat Captain Bayani, who alternately visit this place. They are presently meeting at the home of a member, but the growing number of people who gather for Bible study and worship is a challenge. They have found a temporary place and now gathering construction materials to build a meeting place. Please pray for the people in this hamlet that they will continue to be hungry for the Word of God and keep on growing. Pray for Pastor Narciso and Bayani for safety as they travel to and from this place, for strength and perseverance and wisdom to shepherd the growing flock.

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, NAUJAN, OR. MINDORO. We have one girl, who will soon reach the age when she can no longer stay with us. We are still working on her very

difficult documentation as those who are involved are not cooperating. Her complicated situation has hindered her from becoming a ward of BK, hence we cannot "process" her for adoption. Meanwhile, we were advised by RACCO (Department of Social Welfare) that we could have her on foster care. Please pray for the Lord to intervene. He is our Only Hope!

REPUBLIC OF PALAU. Greetings from the Palau Station! We were blessed this Christmas season to celebrate the birth of our Savior with a Christmas movie night at the Hangar where we showed "The Shephard", which is the first short film from the Chosen series. All were invited and we praise God there was a good turn out from church members as well as others from the community. Our Christmas Eve Sunday Service was also a joyous celebration as many Church Members were back on island to celebrate Christmas with family and joined us to worship our Savior who has come. Just after the New Year we came together with some other local Christian Churches for a prayer service on Palau's National Day of Prayer. Many church leaders and members prayed for the Republic of Palau and it's leaders. Our aviation ministry continues working on restoring one of our Cessna 206's and it is nearing completion. Please pray for a safe return to service flight for that aircraft. Finally, we were called on to perform a sea search for a missing fishing boat, and we praise God we were able to locate them with our aircraft and help guide the rescue boats to pick up the stranded fishermen. It's a blessing to be a part of what God is doing here in Palau. - **Brock Welge**

YAP, MICRONESIA. Christmas is one of our busiest seasons, but also very rewarding. This year we flew over 40,000 lbs of cargo and over 200 people to and from the islands in just 3 weeks. It is very rewarding to be able to support the islands by bringing cargo and friends and families home for the holidays. At the same time, our PMF team was very busy distributing the shoeboxes from Samaritans Purse, Operation Christmas Child to all the schools in Yap. This was a neat outreach opportunity to not only give the children gifts, but also to share the gospel to them all. We pray that the Gospel seed planted would enable the children to begin a relationship with Jesus Christ. By: Amos Collins

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. On New Year's Eve at PMF Church, we had a Communion Service to thank God for His guidance in 2023 and to commit to Him the future as we step into 2024. It was a joy to hear the personal testimonies of God's faithfulness, sing hymns in acapella and share the Holy Communion as we remembered all that Jesus has done for us. A family with many children sang the song "Thank you Lord for Your Blessings on Me." A doctor working at the hospital gave glory to God for all the patients he has been able to introduce to the real Healer: Jesus. A faithful widow gave testimony of her sadness turned to Joy in the Lord as she sang: "Many things about tomorrow, I don't seem to understand; But I know who holds tomorrow, And I know who holds my hand." Looking forward to what God will do in 2024! **From: Sylvia Kalau**

Another year gone and a new year is before us. How shall we live it? Will we make the most of every opportunity to glorify the Lord, to serve Him with all our might, soul and spirit, to share His message of hope and love to this dying world? What shall it be for you and me? We can be thankful, with His strength, wisdom and abiding presence, we can indeed live purpose driven lives -- living to be compliant, submissive vessels for His use. Thank you for your partnership through the years and God bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being.

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