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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

"The Lord is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him." Exodus 15:2

We live in a world where so much has gone wrong. This can easily harden one's heart and even result in losing one's faith and hope. One can question God's plan especially now, as we are forced from our comfort zone and have to adhere to many rules. Love for others is being challenged daily as the desire to protect oneself has become the norm. It takes His power, as we stand on His Word to overcome daily trials. He indeed is our strength and apart from Him we are unable to do anything or be anything. Let us press on brothers and sisters, His desire is still for us to share His wonderful message of salvation especially in times like these. People need the Lord!

**GUAM.** Our Guam church opened up on Father's day, however, children's church is still on hold. Hence I contacted parents to find out if I could meet/visit the children, (of course being careful about wearing masks and social distancing), so I could provide them with the Sunday school lesson, memory verse, seat work and craft. The response was a resounding "yes" and the parents sent pictures of the children busily working on their seat work, showing their craft and video of their recitation of the memory verse. What joy! Praise God! This will be our "new normal" for Sunday school hereon!

**PHILIPPINES.** We praise God as we celebrated PMF Apad's church 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary! What started as one person coming to the Lord, now is a full blown growing church! As part of the celebration 15 young people followed the Lord in water baptism. We thank God for Pastor Roger and intern Davidson who work together to grow this church and an outreach in the next village!

**BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, NAUJAN, PHILIIPINES.** We thank God for a 6-year old baby girl admitted in June. She is qualified for adoption as her mother cannot take care of her and she has no other immediate family. We are thankful that we can care and love her and provide for her needs. Please pray for her biological mom that she would have a hunger for God and that we could minister to her and through that, she may find rest and salvation. ~ **Jeny Gutierrez** 

**REPUBLIC OF PALAU.** The number of the young adult's Bible study group increased as newly senior high graduates joined. Moreover, some friends of the faithful attendees have started

coming. The Bible study is going through the book of James using Warren Wiersbe's book. We thank God for Jan and Rebecca Klassen who are now hosting this group in their home. They have been very welcoming and even prepare dinner! Pray for the spiritual growth of these young people as well as their unity as believers. ~ **Kring Claveria** 

**YAP, MICRONESIA**. The trials of this world have definitely been stretching for many people. So many things that used to be easy, now require more advanced planning and those things that used to be difficult, are next to impossible, but still must be done. Despite not wanting to add any more flights, we received an urgent request from the government to fly to Chuuk (840 miles away) and pick up a planeload of people and take them another 380 miles further to Pohnpei which is 1200 miles from our home base in Yap. This required additional logistical planning since there is no AVGAS in those Islands. I had to load the plane with 4 drums and no passengers, go to Chuuk and then offload, refuel and continue on to Pohnpei. Then refueled on the way back through with the remaining drums. Flights like that so far from home base, are challenging, especially if you have a mechanical issue. But I praise God that the plane ran smooth the whole way, and the weather was only bad in one section of the trip. We continue to receive many desperate calls from people all over who want us to move them, but in many cases we cannot accommodate them because the borders are closed and I would not be permitted back into the country if I left. But we have enough demand from the outer islands of Yap. Just this last week, we were dropping a group off in Woleai, and had a stretcher patient with renal stones, that we carried back to the hospital in Yap. Glad we were informed ahead of time to bring a stretcher. From: Amos Collins

**POHNPEI, MICRONESIA.** God has a special place in his heart for the widow. His love and encouraging words for those who daily live without their beloved, are promises that the widow can hold on to. "*A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy dwelling. Psalm 68:4-5* During the Pandemic Crisis and the months without meeting together as a church, the Cross Radio has been airing messages each day from our PMF pastors. One of them, Burnis Danis went to heaven in September, but can still be heard currently on the Cross Radio. His wife, Gloria, recently said that other widows comment to her that they are indeed blessed to be able to hear Burnis voice on the radio and have the joy of hearing his preaching even when he has already gone. They so wish they could hear the voices of their husbands again. Praise God for Pastors who have dedicated their lives to proclaiming the living Word that will never fade away. Their legacy of faithfulness continues to live on. By: **Sylvia Kalau** 

There is nothing more important than salvation – as this is the beginning of new life – eternal life in Him. This new life has to be nourished so that a person continues to grow in wisdom, knowledge and love of the Lord and more important, be able to reach others as well. This is our prayer, that we, His people serving in PMA would not grow weary in reaching out to the island people – bringing hope and changing lives. Thank you dear partners for standing with us faithfully even through these trying times!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

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