JULY 2021

Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

"Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God." Hebrews 11:10

Reading through the book of Genesis, we see Abraham being called out by God from Ur to journey to a land He promised would be his. Lot accompanied his Uncle Abraham and wife Sarah. He chose to live in the plains of Jordan and settled in Sodom. Lot lived in a house (Genesis 19:4), the first mention in the Bible of "house", while Abraham lived in a tent. Lot had settled, while Abraham was still looking forward to the Promised Land. Lot not only settled, but he even was sitting in the City gates, indicating he was one of the leaders of Sodom – no longer living apart from the world but being part of it. As strangers in this world, we are called to be light and salt, not to conform to the world's patterns, but be influencers for our Lord Jesus Christ. We can be so caught up with the things of this world, with achieving our dreams, with family and other things that we think are so important that forget we are called to live to glorify God and to live intentionally with an eternal perspective.

GUAM. The month of June was the end of PMA's fiscal period in which the whole world suffered the outbreak of Covid-19. And yet, we are truly thankful because the Lord blessed us with partners, supporters and prayer warriors that were used by God to supply all the needs of PMA. We had to raise funds for the construction of two church buildings in the Philippines destroyed by typhoons at the end of 2020 and the Lord provided for that. We have started the PMF Guinaygayan church project and we thank God that in spite of lockdowns in the outer-islands of Polillo – the work goes on. The Lord provided a local construction crew and materials that could be brought in on small boats from the "mainland". Please pray for wisdom our Pastor Bryan who oversees this project. Pray for good weather, healthy crew and continued supply of construction materials.

PHILIPPINES. We thank God that Pastor Marty and wife Dadine were finally able to visit the islands after the lockdown and quarantine in Metro Manila. After their quarantine in Poblacion Patnanungan, they met with our Pastors and their wives and key leaders of our PMF churches. All of them from Guinaygayan, Kilogan, Amaga, Catmon, Busdak, and Calutcot came to Poblacion Patnanungan and joined the PMF Patnanungan team for team building activities. There was much joy as they learned to build up one another, encouraged by each one's presence, and learn more about God's design for unity in the body. The next visit will be in Jomalig where team PMF Apad and Jomalig will also be doing team building activities. Please pray for a blessed time.

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, NAUJAN, MINDORO PHILIPPINES. What great joy to receive pictures and letters from two families from Italy and Spain who picked up our children

and adopted them into their families! That they were able to do this during the Covid travel restrictions in the Philippines is a great miracle from God! How thankful we are for the Lord to make all these things possible!

REPUBLIC OF PALAU. And just like that, we are already halfway through the year 2021! Surely there are so many things to be thankful for. God has sustained us as a church during these trying times. He is always faithful and has never failed to supply us with strength and grace for each day. Sorrowfully, we began the month of June with the sad news of the passing of our former PMF Pastor, Abraham "Bambit" Balayo. Our church held a virtual memorial service in remembrance of him. Ptr. Bambit's life was a true testament of what it means to serve God and others, for glory of the Lord. We praise God for technology as we were able to connect with his survived family; Joy, Romeena, Berneace, Jaeden, and Mamang Annie. Also, because it was Father's Day on the 20th of June, we celebrated the lives of our earthly fathers with a church lunch barbeque at the KB Bridge Park just after worship service. It was an afternoon filled with joy, laughter, and prayer for our fathers. "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen." Philippians 4:19-20 - C.J. Misajon

YAP, MICRONESIA. The family outreach team just got back from Fais, Our 2021 Vacation Bible School and adult fellowship was wonderful and blessed. There were 58 children and 11 local helpers. The children had a great time enjoying the games and especially, learning the Word of God. Our theme was: "Trusting in God". In the evenings we had our devotions and fellowship with the families there. On the day of our departure, we had a short devotion with the people at the airport and pilot Preston prayed for the islanders and all of us. Please pray for our small congregation in Fais that they would continue to grow in their knowledge of the Lord, in faith and in love. – Petrus Haleyalegy

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. I have been back in Pohnpei for 2 weeks now and have received various requests for counselling. This week a young man came to me because he attempted suicide. He had betrayed his best friend and broken the trust in the relationship. Now he was trying to make things right with his friend who just couldn't bring himself to be gracious and forgive him. The broken relationships and consequences of sin are some of the deepest pains we have to go through in this life. If we receive forgiveness we can be thankful and move on. But if the other party is not willing, we must make things right with our God and trust Him to work in His time in the heart of the offended. How thankful we can be that our God promises to forgive us all our offenses against Him. How liberating to know that if we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. – Nob Kalau

There is a song by Jim Reeves that begins with: "This world is not my home I'm just apassing through. My treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue." Yes, this world is not our home – like Abraham, we look forward to a City designed and built by God. Hence, let us not store up for ourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But let us store up for ourselves treasures in heaven. (Matt. 6:19-20) Let us press on and live with an eternal perspective.

Thank you and God bless you dear partners! Your support are treasures sent ahead in heaven!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

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