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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

"You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge in sinful nature, rather, serve one another in love." Galatians 5:1

On Guam, July is a month of celebration. Being a territory of the United States, we also celebrate Independence Day. But a more significant day for the island is the 21^{st} – when we celebrate Guam's liberation from Japanese occupation. We are very thankful for the freedom we enjoy. We know that this was at the expense of those who shed their blood and gave their lives. Yes, freedom is costly. Someone always has to pay for it. More than 2,000 years ago, a more important battle was fought and won. This battle was for the souls of all people. Someone had to liberate mankind from sin, hell and Satan. Man could not do it, for *"all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"* (Rom. 3:23). We were dead in trespasses and sins and cannot save ourselves. Because He loved us so much, God stepped in to rescue mankind - He sent His One and only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ to fight the battle for us. He paid the price at Calvary – shedding His blood, giving His life for you and me. He triumphed over death, sin, and Satan when He rose again from the dead. Thus, giving us victory and freedom --- all received by faith, by His grace (Ephesians 2:8,9). This Freedom story is one we, in PMA, never get tired of sharing because men, women, young people and children need to hear it and make a choice to be free! Pray that we may be faithful and that those who hear this message will believe and make a decision to be free.

GUAM. I am so very thankful to God for answering a long-time prayer of mine – that is to have staff on Guam! First we had Gladys and now we have Alex! Thank you Lord – no matter how long you wait – God is never late, He is always on time. I celebrated 36 of service with PMA this year. Quite a journey! Never boring! How the Lord has molded, strengthened and grown me in my relationship with Him! So thankful for His Presence, Power and Provision in my life! To Him be the glory!

PHILIPPINES. Our PMF churches are gearing up for Vacation Bible School with Teacher Mercy (Head teacher for PMA's Learning Center in Patnanungan) doing the training of all teachers and assistants. Most of the teachers will include wives of our Pastors, Sunday school teachers and young people. Our theme for this year is: The Good Planet – Loving God's Creation, with the theme verse of Genesis 1:31: "*God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.*" Pray for the teachers and the children that as they rediscover the important truth of God's wonderful creation, they would be good stewards of what He has given them in the beautiful islands where they live!

BAHAY KALINGA, HOUSE OF LOVE, MINDORO, PHILIPPINES. We thank God that we have four siblings who have been with us for temporary care for two years now. Our care for them included sending them to school and bringing them to Sunday school as well. We have been informed that their mother is now in a good place and can take care of them. Please pray as we still need to do a home visit as well as consult with the local Department of Social Welfare. Of course we have grown to love these children and they also have grown attached to our Caregivers. This will be heart-rending for everyone.

REPUBLIC OF PALAU. Due to typhoon Mawar, Dale Liff and Jim Newman, aircraft mechanics of Missionary Maintenance Services (MMS) got extended to stay for another two weeks. This delay was a blessing as they were able to do more work on PMA aircraft, specifically with the one going to Philippines. The PMA Palau team also celebrated Monena and Stephen Newton's 5th year of being part of PMA Palau as missionaries. MMS sent another team (Tyler, Sharee and Rebekah) to help us with the Queen Air and Cessna 206. With teamwork we were able to finish the Islander left engine overhaul and is now back in service, just a perfect timing for the 100-hour inspection of Cessna 206 T8A-211.

At PMF church, the Men's Bible study group conducted a retreat in Angaur (an outer-island of Palau) and was able to build tree house for the children. This will be used as their place for Saturday Bible studies when it's done. We are so thankful for all the helping hands and God-given talents He has provided in PMF Palau. Praises to God alone! **~Rolly De Lina Jr.**

YAP, MICRONESIA. We completed Paul Ciaramitaro's training and were about to fly to Guam for his check ride with the FAA, when we received an email telling us that the FAA Inspector had gotten an injury which would not allow him to travel to Guam from Hawaii to meet us. His next opportunity would be August. I (Amos) already had my travel plans set to return to the US for a short furlough and for recurrent Simulator training in North Carolina. Effectively this news from the FAA has shut our operations down for the month of July and half of August when I return from the U.S. Since Paul has completed his training, he is safe and legal to fly any of our Medical evacuations and Church ministry flights. We have decided he will hold down the fort, support our Church ministry trips to Fais and Woleai this summer and also be on call for any medical evacuations that pop up. In August, Paul and I will plan to meet the FAA in Guam for the flight checks. From: **Amos Collins**

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. Here at our PMF Church in Pohnpei we honor our Dads and Graduates in a special way. The fathers are honored with shell lei when they walk in through the doors of the church. Children's Sunday school and older youth bless their fathers during the service with songs and verses they've memorized. The kids are so excited to come to the front and recite their verses speaking into the microphone. During the month of June on Graduation Sunday, graduates also receive a blessing and are called to the front to receive a flower lei, a Bible and a gift. Most importantly to all of this recognition and applaud, a prayer of blessing is prayed over our fathers and graduates. *"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26* By: Sylvia Kalau

Every month when I begin to prepare the monthly news update, I marvel at how the Lord is working in every island that we serve. Indeed, it is a great privilege to serve Him. We are humbled when we witness and often times are instruments so that men, women, young people, and children would make their step of faith in claiming the freedom that they have in Jesus Christ. Thank you dear partners, your prayers and your faithful support have made this all possible. God bless you richly!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

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