

**JUNE 2018** 

**Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,** 

"I am the LORD your God who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery." Exodus 20:2

Chapter 20 of Exodus begins with the above statement – the Lord introducing Himself before giving what we call today – the Ten Commandments. God could have introduced Himself as the Creator, as by His spoken word – the heavens and the earth, every living creature on earth, came into being. However, God in His wisdom and love revealed Himself as the Great Redeemer. He is a personal God whose mission is to redeem people from bondage and slavery. Not just a God powerful to create, but a God who is mighty to save!

**GUAM.** Praise God for the arrival of Isabel Hans who has volunteered to serve with us here on Guam for 6 weeks. She has been assisting Melinda in preparing for the VBS this coming June and preparing for craft, and other materials for forth coming Sunday school classes and has been subbing for Melinda when off island. We thank God that she is a blessing to us.

**PHILIPPINES.** "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." (Matt. 9:37-38) This was Jesus' admonition to His disciples. As we prayed, God indeed provided three persons to serve with us in the Philippines. Two from Shekinah Bible school who serve as interns for 11 months before they graduate from Bible school and a Pastor who had served in a Bible college and church. We thank God for them as they immediately were involved in worship, preaching, discipleship and evangelism. Pastor Zarel shared after his first visit to Barrio Apad, "This was my first time to see brethren hungry and longing for God's Word." From Christian, on his experience at Barrio Luod: "What a great joy to see teen-agers responding to God's Word and actively participating in Bible studies." Lastly, from Agape: "God has sustained me as I prepared and delivered sermons in Patnanungan and Guinaygayan. What a great experience I have had thus far. To God be the glory!"

**BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, NAUJAN, MINDORO OR.** Praise God, another child was declared legally available for adoption! Please pray for godly parents for him. We also thank God for a successful monitoring visit conducted by the Department of Social Welfare (both the Central and Local Office) on children who are under our care! Please pray for their assessment for our renewal of accreditation and licensing. God is always good and great and we can testify that through the lives of our children at BK! ~ Jeny Flores-Gutierrez

**PALAU.** The summer months for our church is always a high travel time for the members. Many people are going to and from the Philippines to visit family, and to have a much needed vacation. The high school seniors are preparing to graduate on the 31st of May. We are proud of the

graduates in the church, and will be sad to see them go. However, they are going to the Philippines to continue their education and increase their chances for a successful future. The church continues to grow in the Lord, and it is exciting to see new faces take on new responsibilities. ~ **Pastor Mike Hammond** 

**YAP, MICRONESIA.** Woleai Atoll is located 370 nautical miles from Yap and has one of the 3 runways that PMA has services in Yap State. However, due to frequent flooding and disrepair, PMA stopped flying there in October of 2009. The runway became overgrown, and the island slowly became even more isolated. It was such a tragedy, because the surrounding islands within 50 miles of Woleai always had the option to bring their sick, by small boat or sailing canoe, to the island with the runway and PMA would come to fly them out. Ever since that runway closed in 2009, the number of medevacs that PMA did went down by 75%. But things are looking up. Starting in January of this year, there was an initiative to clear the runway, to open it again and bring back that connection by air. On May 7, 2018, PMA made its inaugural flight back to Woleai and we hope to be able to continue doing so as long as it is not flooded. On this particular trip, some workers from the Hospital, and department of education flew with me. But I made sure to leave one seat open for our Pastor Petrus who is from that island. He has been ministering to a small group of believers from that island as best he can via long distance. This was finally a chance for him to get there fast, spend three days with them, and then return home to his family. Petrus was able to have a full day encouraging and discipling the leaders of that small group, as well as having a movie night for the youth. This was an encouragement to the believers in Woleai, and we hope to continue having many more trips like this in the future. ~Amos Collins

**POHNPEI, MICRONESIA.** Last Sunday was graduation Sunday. We brought the 20 high school graduates who attend PMF, to the front of the church to pray for them and present them with a Bible, a book of wisdom and a blessing. One of our graduates, Chance, messaged us last night, "Thank you for coming to my graduation and for your support of me. I'm so thankful to be a part of the PMF family." 18-year-old Chance is a self-taught drummer who plays in our worship team. He loves to use his musical ability to serve the Lord. He is faithful in youth group and we wish him as well as all the other grads, much wisdom for the life's choices ahead. "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11) ~ **Sylvia Kalau** 

God made clear that He cares deeply about humanity by saying that He freed His people from slavery. God has made Himself known to mankind as a God who cares for His creation, as a God who would save and redeem His people. That is the message we bring to the island people we serve. Through the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, God has shown how we can live in freedom. It is for freedom that Christ set us free (Galatians 5:1) In Christ, we are freed from our bondage to sin. In Christ, we are made new to enjoy Him and join Him in proclaiming freedom to those who are yet to be freed!

Thank you dear partners for your faithful prayer and support. May God's redeeming and transforming love be at work in us day by day!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

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