

JUNE 2021

Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

"Forgetting those things which are behind ... I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3: 13-14

During the weekend, I visited a close friend who has a beautiful garden. We had previously arranged for me to visit to get some cuttings of the different varieties of bougainvillea which he had. We were conversing about citizenship and he showed me a document of his Australian citizenship which showed the picture of a kangaroo and Emu in Australia's coat of arms. I was thinking, why these two animals? Researching this, I found out the unique quality of these animals – because of how God made their bodies, they can only move forward, not sideways or backward. For this nation, it symbolizes that they should be ever moving forward and making progress. Paul encourages the believers in their walk with the Lord to ever be moving forward and pressing on toward the upward call of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

GUAM. What a wonderful night it was, as we waited for the first King Air to arrive in Guam. Nob Kalau and I, together with the ground crew were excitedly waiting for their landing. It was a momentous occasion. One that was wrought with earnest prayers because the crew experienced challenges, weather conditions, Covid 19 restrictions and tests, long days, no rest and landing in different countries. But the culmination of the trip was near. The crew would go into quarantine on Guam. Preston Huntting and his family would prepare to go to Yap and fly with the King Air, while Brock Welge and family for Palau via commercial flight, being able to enter as an essential worker. As I write this, they are both completing their quarantine in respective countries. How thankful we are to God for His protection and safe-keeping!

KILOGAN, PHILIPPINES. Mercy, wife of brother Jun Sulad who pastors our PMF church in Kilogan shared with great joy, the celebration of yet another anniversary of their church! 24 years of God's faithfulness! The theme for the celebration was "The Goodness of God" based on Psalm 34:8. They were so glad as well because the instruments for worship arrived on time for the occasion with the arrival of Pastor Marty (Philippines OIC) and wife Dadine who traveled all the way from Manila. They had to be quarantined in the island for 10 days – and with a negative result, was able to attend the festivities and be the guest speaker. Glory to God!

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, NAUJAN, MINDORO. "During this Pandemic, we continue to praise and thank God for the safety and good health of the children and staff. Early May, two children were admitted for temporary care. Thankfully, their parents came to visit them. We saw the joy in their faces as they saw their children well cared for. We pray that they will soon be able to responsibly take care of their children with the approval of the Department of Social Welfare."- **Jeny F. Gutierrez**

REPUBLIC OF PALAU. Beginning May, Palau Visitor's Authority called PMA asking if we could accommodate local tour agents from Taiwan so they could inform tourists who desire to see the beauty of Palau. This is part of PMA's nation building and helping the economy of the island nation. Palau closed its borders since the Pandemic started, and opened it for Taiwan Only with proper protocols to be observed. Palau wanted to slowly open the tourism for their economy. PMA is blessed to have the opportunity to show the beauty of Palau through aerial tour services. The guests were very happy with the flying experience. But sadly, Taiwan's Covid cases increased so the flights from Taiwan to Palau stopped. We are not sure when it will reopen. Palau has been blessed to be Covid-free. We continue to pray for Covid free Palau, protection and wisdom for the leaders. – **Monena Borromeo**

YAP, MICRONESIA. The first of two King Airs which were donated to PMA arrived this week after a long ferry flight which was not immune from its own challenges. But He, who began a good work, was faithful to see it to completion. This trip was not devoid of spiritual attacks along the way. Thank you all for your prayers which carried us through. We are very excited for what the future holds. - **Amos Collins**

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. The King Air arrived in Yap... what a great victory!! And now we received the news that Nob will be coming home to Pohnpei. Finally, after 16 months of separation, my husband is coming home in June! He will quarantine in Guam for 7 days, then quarantine in Pohnpei for 7 days before he is released on June 14. First, I had a nice long cry as I thanked God for the answer to my daily prayer...sweet victory! Thank you as well for your prayers and encouraging emails. The Bible talks a lot about the lessons we learn from waiting, all the while assuring us that God is using the wait to shape us and make us more dependent on Him. I have experienced so many answers to prayer over this last year as well as the provision and guidance of God for every challenge I had to face. Nob and I have learned to remind each other to be slow to complain about our Covid separation, but instead be quick to pray to our Lord about it. And that's a daily victory!! — **Sylvia Kalau**

We do learn from past experiences. However, we are not asked to live in the past. We cannot change it. But what we can do is to move forward and live each day faithfully walking in obedience to the Lord and giving Him glory always!

Thank you dear praying friends and faithful partners! You are one of God's gifts to us, encouraging and together we can press on for His glory! God bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being,
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