

**JUNE 2023** 

## Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

## "My purpose in writing is to encourage you and assure you that what you are experiencing is truly part of God's grace to you. Stand firm in the grace." 1 Peter 5:12

I just read an article: "God Shapes us in the Valleys of Life" by Dr. Brian S. Simmons. It was really timely and spoke to me as Guam right now is still undergoing restoration after we were hit by Super Typhoon Mawar – Please check my Missive also attached for more information. Having no water, power and internet have been a challenge, not to mention, cleaning up all the debris from the typhoon. But, compared to the rest of Guam, the Lord has spared me a lot of grief. Many houses, buildings and equipment were damaged. There was flooding in streets and even inside homes and buildings as water seeped into doors, damaged windows and roof. Early assessment for the island's commercial sector only is \$114 M. The loss to private property has not been completely assessed. What we can be thankful for is that no lives were lost! As we go through the most difficult seasons and experience of our lives, God's purpose through our response to each event is to form Christ's character in us. We have a choice, however, as we can either be better or bitter."

**GUAM.** Despite Typhoon Mawar, life goes on. Homes with power, water and internet were open to me so I could do work and personal things. Thankful for a generator and the availability of diesel so that Gladys and I could work at least 3 hours on the computer. We were able to update end of the month reports where we did not need internet. Looking forward to internet connection! Please pray.

**PHILIPPINES.** We are so very thankful to God that Mawar did not hit the Philippines directly. We rejoice that the PMF Busdak church was completed and dedicated to the Lord on May 21! Pastor Marty preached on 1 Kings 8:54-63. The focus of the message is that everything comes from God and we need to use whatever He gives us for His glory and honor. May the Lord bless the work at Busdak and many would come to know the Lord and live for Him! Pray for Pastor Mario and wife Nemia that they may not grow weary in serving the Lord. Pray for the young men who are being trained and mentored so that they too can serve in PMF churches that have no full time Pastors. Pastor Mario shepherds two other churches aside from PMF Busdak.

**BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, NAUJAN, OR. MINDORO.** We thank God for two mothers of 7 children who are with us for temporary shelter – one mother with 3 and the other, 4. These mothers have visited their children this month and this time, each of them plan a future reunion with the children after the school year. This will all depend on the home visit, whether they are ready to care for their children as approved by us and the local Department of Social Welfare. Please pray. ~ Ann Y. Caspe

**REPUBLIC OF PALAU.** With the passing away of the father of Maverick, our new staff, we learned that his father came to know Jesus through the witness of Peter and Esther Reichert, who were then missionaries in Yap. His life was transformed from being a drunkard to a prayerful man and his life was a living testimony to his family and friends. The day of his boat accident, he had just attended a prayer meeting. The family is comforted by the fact that he is now with our Lord Jesus Christ,

Meanwhile in the Aviation ministry, Jim Newman and Dale Liff from MMS (Missionary Maintenance Service) have made huge progress in the avionics upgrade of 213 (Cessna 206). Dale has also been sharing his talent by playing the guitar during worship at our PMF church. Praise God for that! **By: Angelyn de Lina** 

**YAP, MICRONESIA.** Last week, we welcomed our newest Pilot, Paul Ciaramitaro to Yap. Paul had done an internship with us in Palau back in 2018 and we thank God that he has been called back to fly the King Air. It will be good to have another Pilot on staff who can help with the high demand for flights. Please pray that the next month of training goes well and that he will transition well into the life of Yap. From: Amos Collin

**POHNPEI, MICRONESIA.** Pohnpei is the seat of the Federated States of Micronesia's national government. Recently, the people elected a new President, Vice-President and Speaker. One of the faithful elders of our church in his repeated interaction with the new President, is encouraging him to put God first in His life so that he can lead the island nation with wisdom. Government sessions are being opened with prayer and a Study Bible has been given to the President by one of our church members. We are thankful for the influence that our elders have for Christ and pray that our PMF church will have an eternal impact on the government. – Sylvia Kalau

The first Sunday of June, our worship team led us in singing, the hymn: "Turn your eyes upon Jesus". The chorus says: "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace." Yes, the things of this world will pass, in the islands, typhoons come and go. Paul says that what we experience here in this world is light and momentary, and we need to focus on things eternal. The last stanza of this hymn admonishes us: His Word shall not fail you – He promised; Believe Him, and all will be well; then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell!" What I have learned during this Typhoon is that this will pass, but the enduring Word of God will continue to give us hope and as we share it with others, changed lives will be the result. We, as a body of believers, need to press on the upward way and determine to make good choices for eternity with whatever circumstance the Lord allows us to experience.

Thank you dear Partners for your prayers for us in the field. Your faithful partnership through the years is a great encouragement to us all.

In Him we live and move and have our being,

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