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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” Luke 24:32

Two disheartened disciples of Jesus wearily walked back home to Emmaus. They could not understand what had just happened. The shouts of “hosannas!”, became – “crucify Him!”. They saw their Lord and Master crucified on Friday. The past few days were painful and tragic, not to mention, confusing. As they discussed the events, a Stranger joined them and asked what kind of conversation they were having with such sad faces. They were surprised that this Stranger did not know anything about what had just happened in Jerusalem. But then this Stranger started explaining why Christ had to suffer and beginning from Moses, and all the prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself (Luke 24:27). They had not realized, they were walking with the Risen Lord! What a great assurance it is to know that we serve a living Savior and that He walks with us, talks with us especially along life’s narrow ways!

GUAM. Resurrection Sunday turned out to be a busy day. Picked up at 5 AM our missionary pilot/mechanic – Simon Hammerling and his wife Rachele, who arrived from Yap. Simon would be having a flight physical the following day. This gave me time to attend the Sunrise service and then pick up children for worship at 10:30 AM and Sunday school. My Sunday school class presented the "Legend of Three Trees" during the service. With only one day to practice, they did a good job memorizing their parts. Our Sunday school lesson was: The Resurrection Egg - as each one opened their egg they found something that reminded them of the week that led to Jesus' death and resurrection, like a donkey (for Palm Sunday), a cup for the last Supper, praying hands - for prayer at the Garden of Gethsemane, etc. culminating with an empty egg. The child that had it said, "but Ms. Melinda my egg does not have anything!" I said, exactly – that represents the Empty Cross and the Empty Tomb -- He is alive and is Risen! We worship a Living Christ who can make a difference in our lives!

PHILIPPINES. Right after the Holy week, the team of teachers went to PMF Kilogan to do a three-day VBS (Vacation Bible School) program. It was attended by an average of 57 children who learned what it is to be protected by the Lord, with the theme verse: “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.” Psalm 46:1 The next days, till the end of April, the other PMF churches will also hold their respective VBS programs. Please pray for the teachers’ wisdom and strength and for the children’s salvation and spiritual growth.

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE. NAUJAN, OR. MINDORO. We thank God for His provision for an in-house Social Worker, who will be replacing Lyn who had to leave so she could help care for her sick mother. We look forward to working with Karen and pray that she will be a blessing and be blessed serving at BK!

REPUBLIC OF PALAU. The PMF church had a wonderful time celebrating Jesus Christ's Resurrection—our Blessed Assurance! The Sunday service started at 7:00am, earlier than the usual service of 9:30am. Bro. Earl Britanico's sermon was entitled, the Living Hope—reminding us of the confidence we have in Jesus Christ; assuring that our faith in Him is secure. One of the highlights of our celebration was the installation of new elders—Bro. Earl John Britanico and Bro. Aries Amanonce. Praise the Lord for raising up new leaders to lead His flock especially as we await for a senior pastor. We now have 5 Elders including, Bro Ken Uyehara, Bro. Lito Claveria and Bro. Joel Arevalo. Please continue to pray for our church leaders. The Sunday school children presented a dance number from the preschool and a song number from the grade school and then the church proceeded with the breakfast prepared by our special events and hospitality ministry. Then came the most awaited egg hunt by the children. A blessed and joy-filled day! ~ **Catherine Claveria**

YAP, MICRONESIA. Our PMF church in Yap had a beautiful Resurrection sunrise service this year. The children and youth all shared special numbers, and then as Pastor Petrus preached the message, a spectacular sunrise spread across the sky as if to remind us again that Jesus, the light of the world, continues His work in these islands! We then shared a delicious breakfast as a church and welcomed Paulus Kieviet, who is a Wycliffe translator. He is on the island for a week to help the local people with the Woleaian and Satawalese translations of the Bible. We are fortunate that he chose to stay at our home rather than a hotel. Hearing his stories of living on Easter Island, Tahiti and now Holland are pretty exciting!" From: **Heidi Collins**

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. Resurrection Sunday was amazing and inspiring ! The church was overflowing with all seats taken as we worshipped with choirs from all ages and heard the message from Nob: "Remember What Christ has done for you." After the service we headed to the ocean where 9 people were baptized. Then we hid 1500 eggs for the children to find and the youth enjoyed and laughed with the games we prepared. We also celebrated the 88th birthday of our mother, veteran missionary, Elizabeth. We sure love our church family... and ended the day with a bountiful feast which everyone enjoyed and with more swimming in the ocean. He is Risen! He is Risen indeed! By: **Sylvia Kalau**

"I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today. I know that He is living, whatever men may say. I see His hand of mercy; I hear His voice of cheer; And just the time I need Him He's always near!" (Alfred Henry Ackley) We thank God that the grace, strength and commitment we have to serve Him comes from the fact He lives in us – our Hope and glory! Thank you dear Partners for your prayers and partnership. We thank God for you!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

**Melinda R. Espinosa
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