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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

"A new command I give you, that you love one another; just as I have loved you." John 13:34

We thank God for His amazing, steadfast, unconditional, abundant love that He bestows on us, even when we do not deserve it. With His love, He empowers us to also love others: to love sacrificially with our whole heart, to inspire others with His love with words of truth and kindness. But most especially, He wants us to love those who are in the family of God – as this would be a great testimony to the world. Our church families from 11 PMF outer-island churches in the Philippines got together for a family camp, with the theme "Joined" from Mark 10:9. We praise God for the love and unity the Lord blessed them with. We are thanking God for the faithful and committed services of our Pastors/workers to: Love all people; Build the Body of Christ and Disciple the faithful! They shared with me the fun they had, the great fellowship they enjoyed of being together; the refreshment of their spirits from being one and the encouragement from the Word of God!

GUAM. The Philippines was open! The Apad church construction was completed! What a great opportunity for me to visit the Philippines and our outer-island stations. My visit was made possible because the Lord provided volunteers and staff: Caroline Jones, Lisa Baluyut and Wai and Gladys who would "man" the office while I was gone. Although the internet connection in the islands was off and on - I still managed to communicate with them and answer my emails. Thank You Lord!

PHILIPPINES. On day 5 of my Philippine visit, 10 of us, boarded our small banca (two-outrigger canoe) "Evangel" from Patnanungan Bayan for a two hour ride to Jomalig. When we arrived, we were all assigned motorbikes. Our pastors rode two on each bike, while I rode with my godson JJ, son of PMF Pastor Narciso. The trip took us through dusty, rough trails, although there were some cement roads. The sun was scorching hot. It took us an hour to arrive at Apad, where there was a festive air. Our young people and professionals from PMF Jomalig were there before us, decorating the newly built church and preparing for the event. The people had already gathered and a few minutes later, the worship and dedication service began. Pastor Marty shared a message from 1 Kings 8:54-63. Solomon was dedicating God's temple, after so many years Israel had not had one. Pastor Marty pointed out that we dedicate the building to give glory to God first and foremost, to thank Him for what He had done and for all peoples of the earth to know that the Lord is God and no other! We pray that Solomon's prayer for the people of God to be a reality with PMF Apad church continuing to be the light in this Village as the congregation faithfully live out God's Word and that many would know the salvation of the Lord!

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, NAUJAN, ORIENTAL MINDORO. After being cooped up for approximately two years, it was a joy for our staff to take our children to a Resort at Baco, Oriental Mindoro. What a great time the children had at the swimming pool with slides, and the fresh air and grounds they could run around freely! We thank God for this opportunity!

REPUBLIC OF PALAU. "God is indeed the God of Providence. He is fully aware of our needs and is involved in all the fine details of our lives. Each day brings its own set of tasks and challenges, and at times, they can be overwhelming, but God is always faithful. The past month, He has been providing wisdom and strength for our team at the PMA Hangar. God has placed individuals here who love to serve the Lord to the best of their abilities, whether that'd be flying the airplanes, maintaining them, weighing cargo, greeting our guests and passengers, serving the people we transport, trimming the lawn, or sweeping up the huge hangar floor, and most of all involved in our PMA church plant here in Palau: Pacific Mission Fellowship, whether in teaching, preaching, worship singing, and other ministries of the church, including an outreach to nearby outer-island of Angaur by transporting local deacons/pastor; holding children's outreach and adult Bible studies. All these being done to shine the light of Christ. Little by little things are moving forward and answers to prayer are being witnessed. All praise be to God! **Shared by: CJ Misajon**

YAP, MICRONESIA. It's been a bit like Christmas for us here in Yap. Last month we received a container from Germany with donated goods such as shop equipment an aircraft tug and some solar water stills designed by a German donor friend of PMA. Then this month we finally received another container which contained the aircraft parts and equipment donated by Samaritan's Purse, some equipment that were paid from a grant that we were awarded, and also some radio equipment for our future FM radio station that was donated by GALCOM. We are so thankful for all our partners and friends who have worked so hard to support us! To God be the glory! ~ Amos Collins

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. A great challenge in our islands is the Western influence that comes in through social and other media. Very many islanders have cell phones. Even on remote islands there are cell phone towers and the world wide web can be received. It is not a gradual getting used to; many islanders still live in a canoe-and-fishing-mentality and have traditional family ties. When the young people watch Western movies and Western conversation styles, these influences mindset and behavior to the core of family life. It is also a challenge for us missionaries to be wise in mentoring and counseling so that our flock are not overwhelmed in juggling both worlds. Please pray for our wisdom in leading them. Thank you. **By: Sabine Musselwhite**

With the islands slowly opening up, with Covid numbers going down, we pray that the Lord will continue to keep our islands protected from the virus. During these difficult times, we pray that our mission staff and workers would continue to manifest the love of Christ as they faithfully serve the island people. And our prayer: may our love for one another show those around us that we are one – serving One God, and bound together by One Spirit.

Thank you dear Partners for your love for the Lord shown by your faithful prayers and support. May the Lord bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

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