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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

*“For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the LORD and to practice it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel.” Ezra 7:10*

Who was Ezra and why was the Hand of the Lord upon him? Ezra 7:6 says, “Ezra was a scribe skilled in the Law of Moses... and the king granted him ALL he requested because the Hand of the LORD was upon him.” Throughout the book of Ezra – we see the “Hand of the LORD” upon Ezra – why? Because he set his heart to study the Word of God. The heart sets the tone of our life – when we love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and mind and with all our strength, every situation and even problems are chances to solidify our relationship with Him. Further, he not only set his heart to study God’s Word, but he practiced it. This is the heart of the matter. If the heart is right, right action will follow. The direction of our heart determines our destination. And finally, what he learned, he shared and taught to others, that they too may do likewise.

**GUAM.** Had a fruitful time in Palau and Yap as I performed the annual internal audit and review of our operations. Had a wonderful time with PMA mission staff as well as members of our PMF church. The Lord allowed me to share the devotion during PMF Palau’s prayer meeting, as well as share in one of the Ladies Bible studies in Palau. In Yap, I was able to share in the Ladies Bible study. They were studying the Beatitudes and this was so timely, as I had just completed a one-month study of it.

Simon Hammerling, after two years of training to be a Pilot was on Guam for a week before returning to Yap. We thank God for his desire to continue to serve the Lord not only as an aircraft mechanic, but also as a pilot! He took care of the PMA HQ, picked up donations, and helped in the Sea Haven while I was gone.

A few days after I returned to Guam, Alex Hans arrived. He was enroute to Yap where he will serve as volunteer missionary until January 2016. While on Guam, he willingly “dived” into various projects including helping at the Sea Haven dry dock. We thank God for his willing heart and servant attitude.

**PHILIPPINES.** God uses “sweet potatoes!” Pastor Jun Tayangona shared that his neighbor’s pigs went into his garden and ate most of his sweet potatoes. Because of Pastor Jun’s positive reaction to the situation – the neighbor was blessed and now attends church together with his family and is being discipled. Praise the Lord! Love in action always wins out!

**BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, NAUJAN, MINDORO, PHILIPPINES.** “We are thankful for a Canadian couple who shared their blessings to the children. She had suffered several miscarriages, but instead of being bitter, she decided to focus her attention to ministering to children who needed help. They brought food, clothing, and medicine for the children. They were truly a blessing!” Jeny Gutierrez

**PALAU.** This month our team has been fighting to be healthy. First a cold virus made its rounds, followed by the ugly Hand-Mouth-Foot-Disease (HMFD). So we were all quite busy with helping each other to get better, taking time to recover and step in the gap. Our kids kept us all indoors, since the HMFD is highly contagious. Please pray for quick healing for our little ones and health for all of us.

Palau celebrates their Independence Day on the first of October. There will be booths with local products, arts and crafts, food and drinks. And a canoe race the following Saturday. The youth and young adults will set up a booth for their fundraising. Next month will be the Palau for Jesus March. Preparations are underway for this special event. Please pray that we can use these upcoming events to socialize, mingle and connect with the people of Palau and provide open doors to share the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for your prayers! By: Prisca Klassen

**YAP, MICRONESIA.** For the past several months, our hangar space has been in a constant shuffle. Not only are we crammed tight with 4 twin engine aircraft packed into a 60' X 80' space, but we have been handling the incoming and outgoing relief supplies donated to the people of Ulithi after Typhoon Maysak devastated the island in April. One of the biggest challenges for storage space was the five 40' containers of donated school desks, chairs and cabinets. We had to store them for over a month until the Education Department was able to rebuild the destroyed roofs of Ulithi High School. Once that was accomplished, we coordinated with them to book the desks and chairs on the State ship to be transported out. Our hangar crew spent weeks disassembling all the desks to be able to palletize them for shipping. Finally the day came when the Education Department picked up 50 pallets of disassembled desk legs and table tops and sent them to Ulithi on the ship. And then, it just so happened that I had a flight to Ulithi the day after all the desks were unloaded, and I was able to spend the day working with a few eager helpers to assemble the desks. In 8 hours we had assembled over 150 sturdy school desks and set them up in the classrooms, ready for when classes would resume. It was a long day, but I was so happy to be able to see that project complete. The following week Ulithi High School began registering students. God's timing is perfect! -Amos Collins

**POHNPEI, MICRONESIA.** Last week we provided the auditorium venue for the Pacific Judiciary Council Biennial Conference. Senior judges from all over the Pacific came together to provide instruction and update of the implementation of laws in the islands. As the moral climate of our world is rapidly changing, it is important for our island judges and legal advisors to be updated on new legislation. One of the topics of information at the conference was same sex marriage. I am very thankful to report that the islands of the FSM continue to hold to a Biblical view of marriage as ordained by God to be between a man and a woman. Genesis 2:21-24. The islands also through the years have stood firm on NOT legalizing abortion.

As Christians, we are not to condone or ignore sin. Rather, we are to share the love of God and the forgiveness of sins that is available to all, including homosexuals, through Jesus Christ. We are to speak the truth in love and contend for truth with gentleness and respect. It's important for us as a mission to be a voice for God's truth in our part of the world. May the islands continue to choose God's way over the world's way. – Sylvia Kalau

**Abraham Lincoln, when asked if God was for the North, said – “It is not that God is on our side, but that we are on His side.” Isaiah 59:1-2, says that the Hand of the Lord is not short that it cannot save, or His ears dull, that He cannot hear. But it is our iniquities that have separated us from Him and our sins have hidden His face from us.**

**My prayer is that we will be like Ezra – *to set our hearts to study the Word of God, practice it and teach it* so that the Hand of the Lord may be upon us. To “watch over our hearts with diligence, for from it flow the springs of life.” Proverbs 4:23**

**Thank you and God bless you for your partnership and prayers.**

**In Him we live and move and have our being,**

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