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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

“For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.” Romans 1:17

On October 31, so many people will be focused on a celebration which would include candies, costumes and scary movies and such. Here on Guam, offices, stores and homes are already decorated to celebrate this event. For Christians, however, we have something far more significant to celebrate in October. October 31 is Reformation day, which commemorates what was perhaps the greatest move of God’s Spirit since the days of the apostles. Initially protesting the pope’s attempt to sell salvation, Luther’s study of Scripture soon led him to oppose the Church of Rome on issues including the primacy of the Bible over church tradition and the means by which we are found righteous in the sight of God. Salvation is by grace alone through faith alone, and *good works result from our faith, they are not added to it as the grounds for our right standing in the Lord’s eyes* (Eph. 2:8-10). Justification, God’s declaration that we are not guilty, forgiven of sin, and righteous in His sight comes because through our faith alone the Father imputes, or reckons to our account, the perfect righteousness of Christ (2 Cor. 5:21). What a freedom we have in Christ! We pray as we live, teach and preach this message of salvation that people will have the freedom to believe and live the Truth of God’s Word!

GUAM. We thank God for a day and time during each week, where we (from PMA Mission stations) get together for prayer through Skype. It started off with Sylvia in Pohnpei and me on Guam, and then Heidi on Yap joined us and Sabine in Pohnpei. Since Prisca arrived in Palau, we have asked her to join us. Martin Luther said: "To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing." Yes, we do have personal prayer times and PMF Prayer meetings, however, time with these ladies – as we join our hearts and minds and intercede for PMA’s mission staff, activities and projects somehow enables us to be one even when we are far from one another. Praise God for His Spirit that joins us and intercedes with us as well – there lies the power!

CALUTCOT, PHILIPPINES. Pastor Zarel reports: We thank God for the Saturday ministry with the children. With the church members’ involvement, not only are we having a feeding program, but more important, the children learn, know and enjoy praising the Lord through songs, Bible stories and games. We pray that as we feed the children not only physically but especially with the Word of God – they will know Jesus – the Bread of Life who can give them eternal life and enable them to grow in wisdom, stature and knowledge of Him.

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, ORIENTAL MINDORO, PHILIPPINES. Praise the Lord! One of our children has been successfully matched with a couple from Europe! Please pray as we prepare him (update immunization, documentation) before the due date for finalization of his adoption. By: **Jeny Flores-Gutierrez**

PALAU. We welcome back the Klassen family plus one as they return from their furlough. They had baby girl Sky while on furlough and we are all thankful that delivery was normal and both mom and baby are healthy and fine. Please pray as they once again settle down to a life in Palau – for strength and determination to serve and please Him in all that they do!

YAP, MICRONESIA. Summer and Christmas are usually very busy for the flight operations. So it gets a little slower during the month of September. Amos made a flight from Palau to drop off his family here in Yap. We are happy to have Heidi back on our team and in our church. We have a few events planned for the next months and we can use all the help we can get.

At the beginning of the month word came to us that kids had broken into the Terminal in Ulithi and items were stolen. The break-in actually happened in our office area in the terminal building. We left the decision on how to handle this with the chiefs from the island. The weekend of the break-in the community had planned a meeting with the chiefs to talk about issues like break-ins and vandalism. The chiefs turned the case over to the government and I want to ask you to pray with me that the right decisions will be made. Five kids were responsible with the youngest being 13 years old, and the oldest one 18. Stealing has been an ongoing problem in the islands. Please pray that our Lord Jesus Christ would use our weekly visits for a Bible study and especially, that our small congregation in Ulithi would make a difference in the life of each individual and the whole community. **From: Simon Hammerling**

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. We are looking forward to a conference PMF will be hosting in Pohnpei next week. The topic, a much needed one, is about Mormonism. Stephen Whatley, a speaker, professor and writer of the reference book, Systematic Theology, will be teaching us about this important topic threatening the vulnerability and moral fabric of our island people. Family clans are being bribed with monetary incentives to join the Mormon Church and God's people need to be equipped to turn the tide and challenge the lies. Because the islands are relatively wide open to Mormon missionaries, the Mormon Church is sending out large numbers of young missionaries to reel in more converts while strategically erecting Mormon churches to entice the foolish and propagate their false doctrine. They were successful in Tonga so why not follow the same game plan in Micronesia too? Pray that the conference will be well visited and that God's people will take action with what they learn. **By: Sylvia Kalau**

We praise and thank God for His Word that will stand forever. We are told in Isaiah 40:8 that, "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever." The Word of God enables us to know the Truth in this world of darkness, confusion and many conflicting voices. Thank you for your partnership with us as we endeavor to honor the Lord by living by His grace, teaching, and preaching His Word in season and out of season. Thank you for your trust, support and believing that as we meet the needs of the people in the islands: body, soul and spirit ~ that we are indeed bringing Hope and Changing Lives for His honor and glory!

God bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

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