## **OCTOBER 2021**

Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

"For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ..." Titus 2:11-13

How then shall we live when all around us seem to be out of control? We thank God, for us believers, we have the Word of God to guide us and the Holy Spirit within us to enable us to live godly lives in this present age as we wait for the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. You may ask, when is He coming? When will His time of appearing be? The disciples of Jesus asked Him, "What will be the sign of Your coming, and the end of age?" (Matthew 24:3) And Jesus shared the general details in Matthew 24:4-28. More than knowing when He is coming, the important thing is that we are ready, that we are active in doing what He wants us to do. That we persevere and not grow weary, and to encourage one another as the day approaches.

**GUAM.** "Ms. Melinda, we cannot come to Bible Club, we need to be tested because my husband has been exposed to Covid." This was a phone call I received from a mother whose 4 children faithfully attend weekly Bible Club at PMA's headquarters. We dread calls like this, but we trusted the Lord and prayed for the family. Yesterday, I received a call from the same mother saying they all tested negative! Praise the Lord! As we persevere in sharing the Word of God in this ever-challenging world we live in, we thank God that He never changes, His promises are true and He answers prayers!

**PHILIPPINES.** Guinaygayan – O how we praise God for all those who supported and partnered with us to construct the PMF church in this Village. This was totally demolished in December 2020 as the Village experienced 3 typhoons in a row! Because of the lock down – we only began to build in May. Materials had to be shipped from the "mainland" to the island. We had to wait for a time because of the roughness of the sea, the Coastguard would not allow any boat to sail. We thank God that the lock down proved to be good for the economy of the island as we could only employ local people. The construction work greatly helped their families in a time they needed jobs. Now the Project is complete! And there will be great celebration of God's people on the second week of October! The Lord be praised!

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, NAUJAN MINDORO, PHILIPPINES. With the challenges of travel even within the Philippines, we are truly grateful that Cheska (not her real name) was successfully entrusted to her adoptive parents toward the latter part of September. She is now in Sweden with her loving parents. God truly can orchestrate even what seems difficult – He makes all things possible, indeed! ~ From Jeny Gutierrez

YAP, MICRONESIA. One of the exciting events that we have to look forward to is with Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child" (OCC). They contacted us last December that they wanted to partner with PMA to receive the training and distribute the shoebox gifts. In June, a 40 ft. container was delivered to our hangar and our crew unloaded and put all the shoeboxes in storage. Then over Zoom calls, the OCC team trained our Pastor Petrus as well as other pastors on the island for the evangelistic materials. Since July, Pastor Petrus has begun outreaches into the communities on the main island of Yap to bring the children together and share the gospel of Jesus Christ with them. We have not yet begun the outreach for the outer islands, but we did fly in some of our leaders in the outer islands to receive the training. Our first island that we will start the outreach at is on Fais Island next weekend. Pastor Petrus, will fly out there and spend the weekend with our church group doing the evangelism and distribution of the shoe boxes. We pray that this ministry will really reach the children for Christ. ~ Amos Collins

REPUBLIC OF PALAU. PMA/PMF Palau Women's Ministry is fostering a love for studying the Word of God through weekly Bible Study. The growth in attendance has required us to regroup ourselves into 3 smaller groups of about 10 members each, in order to have an intimate group sharing. One group caters to English speaking attendees while the other 2 groups are facilitated in Tagalog (Philippine National Language). We are happy to share that the women of our church are jumping into faith and accepting the challenge of being facilitators to group Bible studies, thus giving them opportunities to study the Word in depth as they prepare for discussion. Our recent study material that has captured the hearts of many of us was, A Women After God's Own Heart by Elizabeth George. The study sparked a sharing from all phases of the women's life yet we all learned the biblical guidance of our role as a women following after God's heart. Our current material is the Wiersbe series of Living in Light of Christ's Return, 1 & 2 Thessalonians. From: Janiece Markub, PMF Church, Ladies Ministry

**POHNPEI**, MICRONESIA. The nations of the Pacific Rim are facing challenges not encountered by their island people before. Many who attend our PMF churches are employed by the state and national governments and we are encouraging them to be the light - reflecting Jesus in their lives, speak the truth in love, preserve and protect their island nation for future generations. As Christians, we are to live in a fine balance; standing for that which is true while seeking unity amongst ourselves whenever possible, standing firm in the faith while showing grace to those who do not, holding our leaders accountable while praying for their wisdom and well-being. We are to learn from the words of Ezekiel "I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one." We are to be those who stand in the gap, who lift up our nations with all their favors and faults before the throne of God, and pray, pray, that our God continues to work in our midst by drawing the people He loves and gave His life to salvation. By: Sylvia Kalau

The world may be pre-occupied with Covid – but for us believers, we need to be focused on the Lord's plan and will for our lives. To be always prepared, ready to meet Him any time, any day. To live with an eternal perspective, living a life pleasing to Him and preparing others so their names can also be in the "Book of Life". And as Paul admonished the Ephesians: "Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil." (5:15-16) Let us occupy, until He comes in glory!

Thank you dear Partners for your encouragement, love and support. We thank God for your faithfulness!

In Him we live and move and have our being. Mehnda R. Espiones

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