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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

"The LORD is not slow to fulfill His Promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that we should reach repentance." 2 Peter 3:9

Praise God for His love, forbearance, patience, grace and mercy! Otherwise, how could we stand before Him? How could we have Hope to press on in this lost and dying world? Praise God for His Word that encourages us and leads us to a life of faithfulness, commitment and obedience. For giving us hope for answered prayers for the salvation of our loved ones. Praise God, He has not given up on us and He will prevail in the lives of those we love as we perseveringly pray and commit each one into His loving hands!

GUAM. I just got back from my vacation/mission trip from Germany. It was a great and blessed experience. One of the highlights was watching the Passion play at Oberammergau – a play that is performed and participated by the whole town (only if you were born there or lived there for 20 years). This is done every ten years as a fulfillment of their vow to the Lord. In 1633, the plague that was raging throughout Europe included this town. People sought refuge in prayer and vowed: if the dying stops, every ten years they would stage the play of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. No one died from the plague from that day on and the people of Oberammergau have been performing the Passion play every ten years. This year's performance was to be held last 2020 – however, Covid struck, and so, it was postponed to 2022. Be it as it may, the next performance will be in 2030. For 389 years, the vow has been fulfilled and the performance enables one to personally experience the life of Jesus as He went through so much anguish and pain to be our substitute so that we who believe in Him will not perish but have eternal life! The town's perseverance is a testament of His faithfulness.

PHILIPPINES. Super Typhoon Karding (known internationally as Noru) hit the region of Luzon, Philippines, on 26 September 2022, leaving destruction in the surrounding provinces. It packed strong winds of 195 km/hour (121.17 mph) and gusts to 290 km/hour (180.2 mph). Our mission stations in the Polillo islands are always typhoon path and this time, the islands received devastating winds and heavy rains. Rooftops and walls blew from homes, including those of our pastors, and our churches that are still built with light materials. Casuguran church was totally destroyed. Our three cement- built churches (Guinaygayan, Jomalig and Apad) became typhoon shelters. Although the local schools were available – most people chose to seek shelter from our churches – for there, they not only received physical solace, but spiritual as well. Our Pastors led in prayers and in sharing the Word of God which brought peace to their hearts. We are now working on clean-up, rebuilding and providing relief work (food packs) to 120 families that are homeless. We thank God for this opportunity to show love in action.

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, OR. MINDORO, PHILIPPINES. "We have a new child from Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro", reports Jeny Gutierrez, Center Head. "He is a

foundling (abandoned by his parents), an almost one year old boy." We thank God that we can care for this boy and pray that we can match him with loving parents who would accept and love him.

REPUBLIC OF PALAU. Just as it says in Psalms 132, we continue to see the Lord's provision and blessing in Palau. In September, we said farewell to CJ Misajon, our long time mechanic, and his wife Shea. Shea will be working as a nurse at the Methodist hospital in Memphis, TN. CJ also served as the praise and worship leader at Pacific Mission Fellowship Church in Palau and helped us praise God for many years. With CJ's departure, comes the opportunity for God to raise up new talented individuals for aircraft maintenance and leaders for the praise team. We see how He has already done this with our newest mechanic Jun De Lina in the aviation ministry. We are also very happy to announce that Melody Coleman, who is in the United States for flight training, has passed her test for the Multi-Engine Commercial Pilot's License. Please join us in prayer as we continue to trust God to raise up the next praise team leader for the Palau PMF church and for Melody as she plans to return to Palau. By: Brock Welge

YAP, MICRONESIA. Pastor Petrus' father was one of the Chiefs of Woleai Atoll. After he passed away 2 months ago Petrus was invited to be a member of the council of Chiefs here on the main island of Yap. This council meets regularly and makes a lot of decisions for the outer islands. Last month there was a big meeting where the government leaders met with this council of Chiefs and Petrus was asked to share something and say a prayer. Petrus spoke about how the Bible says that God is the one who puts leaders in the place of power, but that there were good kings and bad kings. The good kings were good because they were obedient to God and the bad kings were not. Throughout that meeting, the subject kept popping up in the conversation and how important their roles were as leaders. It also continued to come up in later meetings. The message really resounded with the leaders. Petrus is always asked to open the meetings with prayer, and while there are some complaints that these meetings are turning into Bible Studies, Petrus just has to smile as he has been given this great opportunity to speak into the lives of these leaders. From: Amos Collins

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. Our office in Pohnpei is an office for both PMA and for PMF church. As a pastor, I frequently get requests for counseling. Just last week an unmarried couple sought wisdom on their pending decisions for their new baby and lives together. Yesterday a distressed mother came to Syl and me seeking advice about her reckless son. It was then a joy to counsel her son, on the same day, came with a repentant heart. Oftentimes married couples need advice on finance in a culture that expects them to constantly give their hard earned money to whichever relative who asks. It's so important to us that we counsel from the Word of God, not our opinions or emotions. God's Word indeed, has the answers for any challenge in life and we are so privileged to share it with those in distress and seeking counsel. "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." James 1:5 `Nob Kalau

One moment in life can change everything when our Lord is involved. So today, let us pray that wherever the Lord leads us, He will enable us to serve Him and keep on going to be faithful even in little things. Thank you for your partnership. The Lord bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

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