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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

“The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cries.”

Psalm 34:15

A friend of mine shared with me a song that she had written with a friend and wrote the music for it: “Can You Hear Me Lord?” The chorus asks these questions: “Can You hear me Lord? When I call out Your name, when I fall on my knees? Is it all in vain? Can You hear me Lord when I cry my tears, every time my heart breaks? Are You even near?” Praise God, the song ends with the assurance that God indeed hears our prayers – and our calling Him is never in vain! Psalm 34:18 says: “*The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.*” The Word of God also assures and invites us to call on Him and He will answer us and show us great and unsearchable things that we do not know! (Jeremiah 33:3). What a Great and Mighty God we have!

GUAM. So thankful for a very fruitful and productive trip I made to our mission stations in Yap and Palau. I performed the annual internal audit and review of operations. The best part of the visits was being with our PMA family, and members of our PMF church family. What a blessing it was to lead a Bible study for the ladies in Yap, to be part of the discussion as we learned about living in the umbrella of God’s blessings, where faith and obedience are two vital parts of our Christian growth and to also know that we are blessed to be a blessing! I was truly encouraged as I participated in the Bible study in Palau, as I saw how many ladies have joined, have stepped up to lead, and saw everyone’s desire to be a blessing. Praise God! I am also very thankful to God for Ann Jannette Ilon, who took over the Sunday school teaching while I was gone! The children loved her!

PHILIPPINES. Pastor Cesar Foster of PMF Catmon church shares: “Praise to Almighty God who we serve, and for all the blessings we continue to receive! Some of our church members had to leave the island in order to find means to support their family. Although we are now less in number, we press on, knowing that God does the increase, and He looks at the heart of each one as we remain faithful and true to Him. He does enable us! Please continue to pray for the work here in the islands – for hearts to be open to Him as we visit homes and as we share His Word faithfully!”

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, NAUJAN, ORIENTAL MINDORO, PHIL. “The local Department of Social Welfare, referred 4 siblings to us for temporary shelter. The mother is pregnant with her 10th child and the father, although is said to be a good and responsible father, is a construction worker and has found work in a faraway place. The eldest child is in Manila, working to help augment the family’s earnings. The mother is almost always out of the house, also trying to earn a living, leaving the children alone most of the time. Hence, the children are now with us. Pray that the love, care and affection they will receive while at BK – will allow them to realize and experience the love of God and that their hearts would be open to Him.” Jeny Flores - Gutierrez

PALAU. “My family and I have been blessed to be a part of God's church here in Palau. The people are warm and welcoming, and very hard workers. They have a desire to know Jesus. We are teaching people to allow the Lord to release the light of the Holy Spirit in all areas of their lives. We are also focused on the unity of the church. We have made a few adjustments in the scheduling to bring people together. So far, it seems to be going well. We hope that we are impacting their lives as much as they are impacting ours.” Pastor Michael Hammond

YAP, MICRONESIA. We give thanks and praises and all the honor and glory to our Mighty God for calling and touching the hearts of the islanders here in Yap. We want to thank God and our sister Melinda for her visit. She did the ladies bible study and gave encouragement to our Yap PMF ladies. The outreach team has been visiting and encouraging these new believers for a couple weeks now. It is a great joy to see and experience God adding new believers to His church. It is also great to know that these new believers are willing to be baptized and continue serving God. So we will baptize some of them this Sunday at the pier near the hospital. The month of August was a fruitful time here in Yap. We thank God and all of you for your encouragement and prayers. By: Pastor Petrus Haleyalegy

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. As Stefan Meier’s short – term service soon comes to an end, he praises God for the experience he has had. He shares that being with PMA has allowed him to grow in his Christian walk, has broadened his horizons and has allowed him to get to know people and other cultures, build relationships, and opened his heart to things that the Lord wants him to know, to do and to look forward to.

We at PMA also thank God for him. For his willingness to “dive” into any project he is assigned to. For an upbeat and positive spirit, for his work with the youth and the influence he has had on them, and for the many ways he has been a blessing, not only in Pohnpei, but in Guam and the Philippines. Thank you Stefan and God bless you more!

Our Sunday school theme for the month of September is the “Word of God”. What a great blessing it is to know Jesus – the Word made flesh – and to have the Holy Spirit within us to be able to understand His Word, the Bible! Indeed: *“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for instruction, for conviction, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work.”* 2 Timothy 3:16,17. The questions we have as we journey through life, find answers and meaning as we study, meditate and obey his Word. May we not take this for granted,

Thank you dear Partners for your faithfulness and for being obedient to the Word of God by praying, supporting, and encouraging us as we press on to serve the Lord in the islands. God bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

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