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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

"...but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14

Just got back from the Philippines where I visited our island stations together with Pastor Marty (PMA Philippines OIC) and Stephen and Monet Newton who have been transferred there from Palau to revive our aviation services in the Philippines. We have had no missionary Pilot there for ten years now. It was a fast-paced visit to all our churches and outreaches traveling by two outrigger canoe (banca) over the not so Pacific ocean, and upon reaching the island, travel again either by motor bike or walking through rough roads, along beaches and forests. The greatest blessing was being with our Pastors, their wives and workers and hear reports, among which were the number of children that attended the annual VBS. So far from all the churches and outreaches, 372 children have attended. There are still 2 churches and one outreach that have the VBS ongoing every week because school has started. Please pray for the children that they will all attend Sunday school, grow in wisdom and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and for their parents to be an active part of our PMF churches.

**GUAM.** We thank God that we completed the  $2^{nd}$  edition of Island Echoes before I left for the Philippines. Thankful that **Gladys** processed everything from preparation for mailing to delivery to U.S. Postal Services. **Alex** is also back from his visit of Yap and Palau and had a great experience with our staff there as he performed the annual internal audit. Please pray that we can complete the annual external audit documents so that we can receive the completed report before December this year.

**PHILIPPINES.** After several postponements due to the different storms and rough seas, the Youth Retreat attended by our PMF churches was finally held at Humalik Beach, Apad, Jomalig island. The theme was "Pinili" – Ephesians 1:5, in English, "Chosen". This was led by Pastor Marty and his wife Dadine. The youth (approximately 89) and their Pastors/wives/guardians (29) had a wonderful time of bonding together, learning the Word of God and having fun with games, swimming and camping at the beautiful resort. We thank God that the youth had this memorable time before they went back to school. Thank God for the good weather as well! Please pray for the young people that they will remain steadfast in their faith and stay committed to our Lord Jesus Christ!

**BAHAY KALINGA, NAUJAN, ORIENTAL MINDORO.** We visited Bahay Kalinga as well and were happy to see all our children, Social Worker and Caregivers. The children are growing up fast. Four of our temporary care children (all siblings) were reunited with their biological mother a week before our arrival. This had to be done as they live in another town and had to be enrolled in the school there. It was a great cause for rejoicing as they have been with us for more than two years now. Please pray for their continued growth in mind, body and spirit.

**REPUBLIC OF PALAU.**" Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:2-3 I can't believe it's already a month since I got to Palau. I was very warmly welcomed by the "A-Team" here - Thank you guys! Everyone was busy and involved in getting the BN2 Islander through the annual inspection, so it would be ready for the planned flights to Yap. So right away I was able to jump in and join the efforts to get the good work done. Praise to God we were able to finish all the work and inspections just in time, so that Brock was able to do two round trips to Yap. Every morning we start with a devotional, which is such an important moment of reflection and lining up with why we are all here for - serving our Savior and Master Jesus Christ. Twice this past month we had our hangar full of children, who came to hear about the work of PMA and also get a quick scenic flight over Koror. It was a joy to see their happiness and the excitement in their eyes. Beyond that we had our regular flights to Angaur on Tuesdays and Saturdays, and we were also able to get ahead with the maintenance work on our two C206 which are currently being upgraded. I pray that our Lord Jesus Christ may grant us daily this humble, gentle and patient love of which the Apostle Paul writes in Ephesians 4. ~ Jonathan Paulsen

**YAP, MICRONESIA.** As the Collins family passed through Guam on their return from a short furlough, Paul Ciaramitaro flew the King Air up and Amos and Paul did three days of training in preparation for their Check Rides. On August 18, Amos gave Paul his Check Ride while the FAA sat in the back and observed. This served two purposes. It renewed Amos' Check Airman, which allows him to do in house flight checks and it also got Paul his flight check to begin flying for PMA. They all returned to Yap and the following week resumed flights which had been suspended until these flight checks were completed. Now our operations are back to normal and we have two pilots again to share the load. **By: Amos Collins** 

**POHNPEI, MICRONESIA.** Just last Wednesday a young man came to PMA Eye Clinic to have his eyes checked and get reading glasses. He said, "now that I am here at PMA, I want to tell you that I listen to the Cross Radio everyday." "What is it that you tune into, the music a certain pastor?" I asked. He quickly answered, "I listen to the sermons throughout the day." Who is your favorite?" I replied. "I love to hear David Jeremiah and John MacArthur. They are such good teachers and they really know the Bible. Thank you for bringing them to Pohnpei." PMA continues to broadcast 24/7 to an audience around the island that turns to our station for the uplifting music and excellent teaching from the Bible. "For we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard." Acts 4:12 From: Sylvia Kalau

Children are indeed a gift from God! We are so thankful that we can minister to them in the islands. What a blessing it is to be able to plant seeds in their innocent hearts and praying for spiritual growth as the Lord takes them wherever He can use them as they grow in their faith. Thank you dear Partners – your prayers and financial support have enabled us to minister to such as these little ones. God bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

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