**APRIL 2016** 

Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27

I have been meditating on this story in John 21. There are many lessons to be learned here, but for me it is about love. Jesus, after His resurrection, showed Himself to His disciples. The disciples were out the whole night fishing and did not catch any fish. As they go back to the shore, a Man calls out to them, if they had caught any fish and received a negative response. He instructed them to throw their net onto the right side of the boat. They had not recognized who was on the shore, but when their net was heavy with fish, John recognized Him and immediately Peter jumped out of the boat and waded through the waters to be with Jesus. Jesus had prepared breakfast for them. After breakfast, Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me more than these?" Who among us, would first think of preparing breakfast for so-called friends who abandoned us during our greatest ordeal, even for someone who denied us? And our first conversation would not be of accusation or blame, but a quiet, "Do you love me more than these?"

The heart of our relationship with God is love, begins with His love and continues as we in turn love Him. He tells Peter: "Feed My lambs." "Take care of My sheep." "Feed My sheep." - as He over and over asks if Peter loved Him, and Peter responding in the affirmative. Peter finally gets it as He sees that as Jesus gives him a mission, the foundation of this is love. The whole essence of following Jesus and doing His will is rooted in loving Him and others.

**GUAM.** Toward the end of March, a PMF Pohnpei member asked us to hold a memorial service as well as interment service for his brother who passed away here on Guam. We thank God for the opportunity to share the life-giving message of the Gospel and to able to comfort the family with His Word and with hymns and songs of praise, assurance and encouragement. Our prayer is that seeds planted would germinate and cause salvation and growth among those present.

**AMAGA, PHILIPPINES.** Praise God for the house to house visitation we have been conducting together with church members. Because of this, two homes are now open for Bible studies and one of them is the home of a local officer. Please pray for the salvation and spiritual growth of these families. By: Pastor Jun Tayangona

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, NAUJAN, MINDORO, PHILIPPINES. We praise the Lord for: (1) After 10 months of going to the MSWD starter school, 2 of our children: JA and JP successfully graduated! (2) Our children have all undergone immunization for measles and polio. (3) Had a wonderful outing with the children where everyone enjoyed the open air and the ocean. (4) Held BK staff monthly fellowship and Bible study. (5) The joy of cleaning and greening with staff and gardening with the children. Just a few of our praises to God as He remains faithful to us during the month of

March! We thank God for all our partners and supporters who enable us to continue to serve our children.

**PALAU.** For almost a week, Palau has been in a state of emergency. The drought becomes more and more severe as there's just not enough rain to fill up the reservoir. Those with rainwater tanks are better off, but as the tanks are running low, everybody is looking for backup solutions. The water service hours are limited to 4 hours a day per district, but since we live on a hill, we have had no running water since Monday 3/28/16. Markus is filling up as much buckets as possible and carries them up into our apartment. The stores have issued restrictions to how much drinking water can be sold per person. So people are stocking up. At some parts, especially the lower parts of Koror – the water does not smell good, is discolored and not drinkable. Health issues are starting to increase. Please pray for rain and for protection of the people as wait for rain. By: Prisca Klassen

YAP, MICRONESIA. Stephen and Rebecca Christen have returned to Yap with their 4 children for short term (3 months) volunteer mission trip. The Christen family comes to us from Switzerland where Stephen works as a Helicopter Mechanic with Heli Swiss and Rebecca cares for their children at home. Before they were married, Rebecca was in Yap over 10 years ago as a home school teacher/nanny for a PMA mission family. Then 2 years ago, they returned as a family to Yap and were a big help in various areas of our work on the planes as well as in the church. I am very glad to have Stephan's expertise back in the hangar again as he brings a diligent work ethic and a high quality of workmanship. By: Amos Collins

**POHNPEI, MICRONESIA.** For our Easter Celebration, 2016, Nob wrote a script about the Parables of the Kingdom. The songs he chose had to be learned first by the PMF band and then 7 songs memorized by the 60 strong PMF youth choir. We didn't have much time, but the commitment of the youth was astounding, coming every night for 2 weeks and then practicing all through the day, the week before Easter Sunday. The message of the lost coin, the lost son, the pearl of great price, the hidden treasure, missing heaven were simple, portrayals of what the kingdom of God really costs... total surrender, total commitment. We repeated the program again on Monday and Tuesday evening and the church was packed each night. Many who never step foot in church came because they wanted to see their teenagers singing and acting. What they experienced more importantly, was the message of the Gospel, the most important truth in all the world. All the details from lights to sound to video worked out well. We did our best and God did the rest! Amazing Grace! By: Sylvia Kalau

"Do you love Me more than these?" What if Jesus asks us this question. Is our family, or career, our reputation, wealth or power – do we love these more than Him? The root cause of sin is after all, not loving Him first, placing other things or individuals above Him. It is my prayer that as we ponder on this question by our Lord, our answer would be: "Lord you are number One in my life and I follow you and obey you because I love You!" As the Lord gives us a mission and a purpose in life, may we fully understand that the essence and reason for our being – is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength!

Thank you dear Partners and Prayer Warriors for your love for Him ~ your love is manifested by your action of faith and generosity. The Lord bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

Melinda R. Espinosa CFO/Administrator