



APRIL 2018

Dear Faithful Friends and Praying Partners,

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”
1 Peter 1:3

What does resurrection mean to us? Is it only receiving a resurrection from the dead in the last days? It goes beyond this. Resurrection is experiencing Jesus’ life in our once-dead hearts, now made alive in Christ Jesus! Before we were a people hostile to God and to one another, but when He conquered death, He also drew us to Himself, gave peace and salvation to us who trusted in His finished work at Calvary. Praise the Lord for this wonderful news! May we be faithful in imparting this that all may know and experience the abundant life in Christ!

GUAM. Three guests visited Guam the past month. First, was my sister Laureen, who was a great helper in preparing all the craft for Sunday school up to the month of July. I also cherish time spent with her. What an encouragement she was to me! I thank God for her. Then there was Simon Hammerling, who came for his annual flight physical and passed this with flying colors. While on Guam, he met and bonded with Guam and Yap friends, shopped for our Yap team, and most of all, getting done the list of things to be fixed at the PMA HQ. He accomplished a lot in his short visit. Thank You Lord for Simon! The last visitor was Sabine, who came through Guam on her way back to Pohnpei where she will be serving once again.

PATNANUNGAN, PHILIPPINES. We praise God for the family camp attended by all our families from PMF churches in the Polillo group (Patnanungan, Jomalig, Apad, Catmon, Guinaygayen and Amaga). It was a great time of fellowship, learning from God’s Word, fun and laughter! The Camp ended with a Sunrise service at Geronima Beach where 14 believers followed the Lord in water baptism! Praise the Lord!

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, MINDORO OR., PHIL. “We praise the Lord for Luke’s (not his real name) certificate issued by the Department of Social Welfare, declaring him available for adoption. He will first be matched locally, but there is a great possibility of being matched internationally. We also thank God that Maria was entrusted to her adoptive family who came all the way from Denmark. Pray for these little ones for the Lord to find a loving family for Luke and for Maria’s settlement in a new environment.” **Jeny Flores-Gutierrez**

REPUBLIC OF PALAU. **Pastor Mike Hammond** shares: The women's group had their retreat this last month, and it was a huge success. They decided to go to the island of Angaur to shine Jesus' light. They did some community work, and study about Jesus. They cleaned-up

some of the beaches by picking up trash, and beautifying the church parsonage. They did a great job, and had a great time.

From Prisca Klassen: One thing that truly excites me is to see people grow in their faith. Growing to a point where their faith is spilling over into other people's lives. Not out of pressure, or religious ambition. But out of a genuine love for God. It is blessed to see many of the young adults that we're leading stepping up in ministry. We see them in the nursery, doing the Kids Fun Night on Wednesday Family Night while the adults have their Bible studies, we see them on the stage, singing, playing instruments, and we see them rising to the challenge of leading the youth. Praise God for them and to Him be the glory!

YAP, MICRONESIA. The Lord provided for our church in an unexpected way. Pastor Petrus had fallen ill with kidney stones, and was hospitalized in the week leading up to Resurrection Sunday. He and other PMA staff had previously met the chaplain of a U.S. Navy ship (U.S.N.S. Brunswick) that was docked in Yap for the Pacific Partnership program and had become friends over a common interest: Jesus. The chaplain, Stephen Brown was very enthusiastic about PMA's ministry in Yap and the outer islands, and expressed a desire to do an outreach with our support. As Resurrection Sunday neared, however, it began to look as if the PMF church would need his support even more! We had no pastor for our Sunrise service, as Petrus' condition had not improved and he was not allowed out of the hospital. Stephen was more than happy to preach at our service, and also brought some friends from the ship along. He spoke about the "sign of Jonah", which pointed to Jesus' resurrection. It was very encouraging for us all. That same afternoon, the outreach he had planned went ahead. A brass band from the ship played hymns as the children watched with rapt attention over seeing these instruments for the first time! Stephen preached the gospel message and encouraged the hearts of many Outer Islanders, Palauans, and Yapese people who had come. We are thankful that God was in control all along. He really blessed us with Stephen and other friends from the U.S.N.S. Brunswick. during this uncertain time. Pastor Petrus is still in the hospital. Please pray with us for him to get well. **By: Heidi Collins**

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. We had a blessed Palm Sunday with Children's Sunday school, ages 2- 6 and 7-12 singing hosanna and resurrection songs as they recited their verses for the congregation. What a blessing to see children so excited to march through the church singing Hosanna to the King! The youth are practicing every night for this year's resurrection Sunday presentation called THE BRIDGE. Together with the band, they have learned 10 songs and are ready to share the Drama and Song that Jesus is the only Bridge from Man to God. We are praying that people will be drawn to the salvation message as it is presented loud and clear. He is Risen indeed! ~ **Sylvia Kalau**

We who trust and are made alive in Christ, can enjoy serving God together and serving one another. My prayer is that we may be able to make known to the islands and to the world the wonderful story of Jesus and His love not only in words, but through our lives. Thank you dear Partners for your prayers and support so that all the people we serve may know Him and live for Him. God bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

**Melinda R. Espinosa
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