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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

“Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.” Genesis 40:23

We all know the story of Joseph, how he was sold by his own brothers who were jealous of him to the Midianites, then sold to Potiphar, then framed by Potiphar’s wife of a crime he did not commit, was thrown into jail, where he met two men who were thrown into jail by Pharaoh. Both had dreams, which Joseph said, the Lord could interpret. Both dreams came to pass, the chief baker was hanged, and the chief cup bearer was reinstated to serve the Pharaoh. He had promised Joseph he would remember to help him, but verse 23 of Chapter 40 ends in a sad note... “he forgot.” *However, God did not forget* – He was setting the stage for Joseph’s future role when the Pharaoh would have a dream and no one in the whole of Egypt could interpret it. The cup bearer remembers Joseph. He then interprets the dream and Pharaoh appoints him as second in command over all Egypt. God indeed is up to something good. His delays are not His denials. No matter how bleak today is, God assures the believer that He prepares for us a bright tomorrow, if not here on earth, then for eternity!

GUAM. I just returned from a short trip to the Philippines where I attended the graduation of two of our interns who served with us for 11 months in the Polillo island group. It was a joy to see Agape (Gab) graduate as Cum Laude and receive two medals of accomplishments. Although brief, I praise God for the time spent with the interns and with the Dean of Students and the Dean for the Internship program. Pray for the graduates who do not have a place to serve that they will desire to serve with PMA/PMF. We also have a lead on another Bible school who may have interns for us. We need at least 4 missionary pastors for the islands. Please pray to the Lord of the Harvest for called, committed, Christ-centered and competent mission workers.

PHILIPPINES. Summer months are coming soon and our Polillo PMF churches are gearing up for Vacation Bible school (VBS) . 8 ladies represented our churches to train for the next VBS at the Manila Bible Seminary in Novaliches, Quezon City. The title of the VBS curriculum is based on Psalm 46:1: "Shield Squad - Secure In God’s Protection." Please pray for all the preparations, materials and logistics. We are praying that all our 8 PMF churches will be able to reach the children in their area, as well as have a spiritual influence in their respective households.

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, NAUJAN, MINDORO. We praise God for Gelo and Luis (not their real names) who will be graduating from pre-school this April. We are thankful for their good performance in school! We also thank God that we have complied, updated and followed up the clearance with ICAB (Inter-Country Adoption Board) for 6 of our children. Please pray for good Christian parents. **From: Jeny Flores-Gutierrez**

REPUBLIC OF PALAU. We thank God for the 1st and 2nd batch of Volunteers from Highlands Community Church from Renton, Washington. The second batch were: Evan, Pastor Simi and Yura who came to help us out with the Hangar Project. Though it was just for a short time, it was a really big help as we continue to construct the hangar. We give praises to the Lord for continuously providing for this Project. Pastor Simi also had a chance to share with PMF Church and left the members with a challenge about what it takes to be a Good Disciple. Please pray for the members of the church as they take up the challenge, while we wait for a Pastor for PMF Palau. ~ **Monena Borrromeo**

YAP, MICRONESIA. Pastor Petrus has been actively supporting the Bible Study groups on the outer islands of Yap. He is able to fly with us and visit the group in Ulithi on a weekly basis and the group in Fais twice a month on average. But PMF also has small groups on the islands of Woleai atoll and Elato that he is not able to visit as frequently. It is our goal to put him on any flights to Woleai that have space. Last week was one of those times. We had a charter request with 3 hours of ground time. Petrus was able to gather the Bible Study group and have a meaningful 2 hours with them to share a strong message of encouragement, and also answer any questions they might have, to carry them along in their new faith. It was a great encouragement to Peter to hear how they are regularly meeting together and studying the Bible. The group was also encouraged by his visit. We praise the Lord to providing that opportunity! **From: Amos Collins**

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. It's the month of April and we are getting ready for Resurrection Sunday and the celebration to the fact that Jesus is Alive! Our Sunday school children will be on stage from ages 2 and up, memorizing lines, singing songs and joining our special Resurrection Day Sunday school classes. We will indeed be welcoming many first time visitors. Pray that the message will touch their hearts. After church we will meet at the ocean for games and fun for the children, Baptism and dinner. Seven young people are following the Lord in baptism. What a celebration in store for this most anticipated Holy Day! **By: Sylvia Kalau**

Godly faith waits. Like Joseph, we all will be faced with frustrating situations where we feel at times “imprisoned” and constrained by people and circumstances. God is with us, as we go through these trials, as we wait for answers to prayers. At PMA, both in Micronesia and the Philippines, we are challenged by the need of more mission workers – Pastors, Pilots, administrative assistants, Boat captain and engineer, and many more. The work continues to grow and many of our missionaries and staff have to multi-task and wear many hats. However, in all these, we trust the presence of God – He has promised never to leave us nor forsake us and in every challenge and trial, He gives us the corresponding grace and strength to persevere. We realize that daily obedience especially in difficult times prepares us for our best tomorrows. Please pray that we all may not grow weary as we trust and obey Him.

Thank you dear partners for praying and supporting the work of PMA in the islands. As far as projects are concerned, we continue to work on the Hangar Project in Palau, the Airstrip in the Philippines and still need to construct 4 churches and parsonages in the Philippines. Humanly speaking the work is daunting but nothing is impossible with God! We wait on His provision and He has never failed! God bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

**Melinda R. Espinosa
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