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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

*“Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.” James 1:12*

I just received an email from one of our interns who served with us 16 years ago. He communicates periodically and his newsletters are full of joy and at the same time difficult experiences – which brings me to my knees for him and challenges me in my walk with the Lord. He came from a Muslim background and his conversion was a miracle in itself. After graduating from Bible school, he was compelled to go back to his own people and share the Gospel. He knew that this would mean persecution, trials, even death, being disowned not only by his family, but his clan and tribe – but he knew that the Lord had given him this mandate and he could not say “no” to His call. He has married since and has children. He has seen his family come to know the Lord. Does it become easy for him and his family? “No”, it does not, however, he says, he is called to remain steadfast in the ministry the Lord has called him to. We may not be in the same position as he – but God calls us to remain unwavering in our walk and His calling in our lives. May He find us faithful! (*Note: I was given permission to write this to encourage all of us*).

**GUAM.** The month of July was quite busy for me as I visited our island stations in Palau and Yap for the annual internal audit and review of operations. I spent a few days in each island returning to Guam in time for Sunday – in time to pick up some children living in a “ranch” in Dededo, and teach Sunday school. I do look forward to Sundays! The airline flying to Palau from Guam terminated flights from Palau to Yap, hence I returned to Guam and stayed for a week to catch up with work, and to spend special times with the Kalau family, who all came to celebrate Nob Kalau’s milestone birthday. Then flew to Yap. Special times were spent with our mission staff in fellowship and prayer as well as attend activities like prayer meeting and Bible study in Palau; visit a faithful believer who has been a friend of PMA since she came to know the Lord more than 40 years ago, and a baptism of outer-islanders in Yap. What a blessing! It was good to review procedures with staff and work/train new personnel. All-in-all very productive visits.

**PHILIPPINES.** We usually have our Training Class under Pastor Marty in Patnanungan. But this time, we held it in Jomalig as we all wanted to join in celebrating PMF Apad’s first anniversary as a church. As you recall, Apad was planted by our PMF Jomalig church. The evening of the celebration, we held a movie presentation. Pastor Jun Tayangona and I took this opportunity to walk to a nearby convenience store to purchase some refreshment. To our surprise, the store owners asked us what was going on. To make a long story short, at the end of our conversation we shared our faith in the Lord Jesus and asked the couple if we could pray for them. They said “yes” and we did. After we prayed, we invited them to join us in our service and Bible study, which they said they would gladly do. We wasted no time in introducing them to PMF Apad’s Pastor Jun Mandreza. We pray that they will indeed come and worship and give their lives to Jesus! May they grow in their faith! ~ **Bro. Bryan Bantucan**

**BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, PHILIPPINES.** Praise God! Both of our children who underwent medical and psychological evaluations have successfully passed them! Now, they are both legally available for adoption. Please pray for a match for them with families who are believers who will love them as their own. By: **Jeny Flores-Gutierrez**

**REPUBLIC OF PALAU.** For the last two years, the Hammond family has served the PMF church whole-heartedly in Palau. Pastor Mike has faithfully preached the Word, disciplined and led this congregation, while his wife Nadia used her gifts to do the same. Due to health issues, they had to leave Palau so that Mike can get treatment at a VA hospital. They will be very much missed! The church had a farewell service for them last week, and it was a very emotional time as individuals shared the impact the Hammonds have had on their lives these past two years. They have helped the church grow in unity, prayer, and outreach to the community in Palau. The Hammonds served the PMF church right up until their moment of departure on Wednesday night, joining in the Bible Studies one last time. It is clear that they love the church! We are praying that Mike gets the medical help he needs, and for God's clear guidance for their future. Thank you Mike, Nadia, Diana, Lester and Scott for sharing your lives with us all! ~ **Heidi Collins**

**YAP, MICRONESIA.** Pastor Petrus conducted a workshop for our Ulithi church. We flew in a family and two men from Ulithi and Jason from Fais for that. In his workshop our Pastor Petrus went over PMA core values and statement of Faith to get everyone on the same page and equip our leaders in the islands. July ended with everyone going back to their home island. The national ship took the islanders that were here for the summer back to their home island. Also, Jan Siegle who served with us out here in Yap in and around the hangar went back home to Germany after two months. A lot of the men and women going back to their islands wanted to be baptized before the ship left. So 10 faithful ones followed the Lord in water baptism. What was really great was that Petrus' daughter Bethany was among the ladies that got baptized. I am encouraged by that and I want to especially pray for the ones that left that they would continue to let their light shine. By: **Simon Hammerling**

**POHNPEI, MICRONESIA.** For the past 11 years the Cross Radio has broadcasted Christian programs and songs in the island of Pohnpei. The programs are US-based, downloaded in Guam and sent to us on CD-ROM for upload in Pohnpei. Valuable instruction on Family Life, Daily Christian Living and continuous Bible Studies by renowned US- Pastor/Teachers help disseminate the Gospel all over the island of Pohnpei. A ministry of our PMF church, the Cross Radio reaches people of all walks of life. Many of those who do not attend PMF but maybe other churches have commented on the good and enlightening quality of the programs. I upload the PMF Sunday sermons and they are broadcasted every day of the week preceded by an announcement inviting to come to the Service at PMF on Sundays. People in their cars, in a grocery store and even in a restaurant get entertained and acquainted with those Biblically grounded programs. Some come and ask for copies of the programs so that they can deepen their knowledge by hearing the message again. Please pray with us that hearts are touched and encouraged and many more are starting to ask about God's will in their lives. By: **Sabine Musselwhite**

**Oswald Chambers wrote: "Perseverance is more than endurance. It is endurance combined with absolute assurance and certainty that what we are looking for is going to happen." My friend and his family can persevere and never waver in their faith because of our Lord's assurance and promise of receiving the crown of life if they remain steadfast. John 16:33, Jesus said: "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." Trials, persecution, challenges are part of this world. However, Jesus promises us peace – this is why my friend can persevere in his ministry and service in a dangerous place. This is the reason why you and I, with the Lord, can press on and not give up!**

**Dear Ones, thank you for faithfully praying and supporting us! You are a great encouragement to us and keep us going! Thank you and God bless you more!**

**In Him we live and move and have our being,**

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