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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11*

I have just returned from a 4-day visit of Yap. I thank God for a very fruitful trip made possible by our Yap PMA/PMF team. I was able to do a review of our operations and internal audit of the fiscal period ending June 30, 2019. More important was time spent with our staff, understanding where they are, encouraging them in what they do, discussing how best we can be effective in our work and ministry and praying with them. I was privileged to share the Word of God with the ladies and young people. With the ladies, I shared the story of Hannah: from the viewpoint of the world and even herself – life was unfair and unkind. She was in a polygamous marriage, she could not have children (which was a disgrace during that time), and had a persistent enemy (the second wife) who consistently provoked and treated her with contempt. But despite all these struggles, Hannah honored, trusted and stayed faithful to the Lord. She persevered in her prayers and did not give up and God did bless and honor her, in His own time, in His own way! His plans prevailed!

**GUAM.** Praise God for a three day Vacation Bible School! The Lord answered prayers by sending two volunteers to help me. Thanks Colin and Brooke for bringing joy to the children as you spearheaded the games! Our theme was: “The Bible – God’s Message to me” and our guiding verse was Psalm 119:105: “Your Word is a lamp to my feet, and a light for my path.” We had fun with songs, games, seat work, craft and especially learning about the Bible!

**PHILIPPINES.** We praise God for three interns from Ebenezer Bible College, Zamboanga City who have answered the call to serve with us for a year: David, John and Dhean. They have been assigned to three outer-island PMF churches and have been such a great encouragement to our churches who have no pastors at the moment. Will you please pray for them ~ for strength, wisdom, discernment, perseverance and the joy of serving the Lord.

**BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, NAUJAN, OR. MINDORO, PHILIPPINES.** “We praise God that two of our children have started school: Grade 1 and Kindergarten. We also have accomplished the documents of 4 of our children so they can be declared legally available for adoption. Thank you Lord for the successful monitoring assessment conducted by the Department of Social Welfare! Please continue to pray for the good health of our children, it is rainy season once again and they are susceptible to colds and cough.” **By: Jeny F. Gutierrez**

**REPUBLIC OF PALAU.** The demand for our outer island flights to Angaur and Peleliu have been increasing lately. The Islander has been such a great help for PMA. Before we had the Islander, we had to do 2 or 3 flights using the Cessna 206 to transport large amounts of cargo and passengers, especially when the ocean is rough and the boats would not make trips. With the Islander, we can be more efficient and bring more people including Pastors and Deacons who conduct the Sunday service in Peleliu and Angaur. The Islander was recently used to medevac a Korean missionary who had a broken hip. We thank God everything worked out well. **By: Monet Borromeo**

**YAP, MICRONESIA.** The PMF outreach team was scheduled and prepared to go to Woleai for the summer. It was unfortunate that there was no ship available to the outer islands of Yap. Because of this we decided to focus on Yap and hold a Vacation Bible school (VBS) for children of the outer islanders who were spending the summer in Yap. Despite short preparation time, God still allowed our PMF VBS Team to have a great program. Our theme was “Fruit of the Spirit” which the children enjoyed so much: learning Bible lessons, outdoor activities, in door games, creative crafts, and delicious refreshments. We had 100 children on our first day and this kept growing up to 150! Our VBS started on Tuesday and ended on Sunday. Some of the children’s family members were at the Sunday worship service. We had lunch after our morning service and we all went home blessed. We thank God and give Him all the glory for what He has done! **From: Pastor Petrus Haleyalgiy**

**POHNPEI, MICRONESIA.** PMA has always aspired to assist the young nation of the Federated States of Micronesia in its development and nation building. From our sea searches to medivacs, surveillance flights to inter-island transportation, educational and medical transport and assistance, venue for conferences and radio announcements, broadcasting the Word of God daily and serving as a multi-cultural church. It was therefore a great honor to be invited by the newly elected FSM President, David W. Panuelo, to bring the opening prayer of dedication for the 9th Inauguration Ceremony for the Federated States of Micronesia. PMA will continue to be dedicated to help this nation whenever our physical and spiritual assistance is called upon and needed. “I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.” 1 Timothy 2:1-2 ~ **Nob Kalau**

**Hannah promised to give her first born son to God and acknowledged that he was God’s gift and named him Samuel – “Heard by God”. Like Hannah, in order to serve with PMA, we leave our families, friends and country. But we thank God for teaching us that nothing is ever lost that is given up for God. There is no loving sacrifice for Him that won’t somehow enrich us. And He has, he has provided us with extended families, multiplied our friends and gave us a home in our place of service. Thank you Lord! And thank you dear friends, partners and supporters. Your encouragement and prayers are such a blessing to all of us! God bless you more!**

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

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