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**Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,**

*“I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!” Psalms 27:13-14*

**In Guam, we are now on our 6<sup>th</sup> month semi-lockdown. People here have really been very conscious of protecting others and themselves by following the protocols for Covid prevention. However, many say they find it tiring and stressful. Why? A simple errand needs to be planned and there is the anxiety attached to going out that one may contract the virus. How long must we wait until we are back to normal? No one knows the answer to this. Waiting is truly difficult. In the life of Joseph from the Old Testament, we read about his experience, from being sold by his own brothers to be a slave, from slave to being promoted in Potiphar’s household, then being wrongly accused by Potiphar’s wife, then thrown into prison, then promoted to be second only to Pharaoh – this process took a very long while! He was 17 years old when he was sold as a slave and was 30 years old when he took over the responsibility Pharaoh gave him. But we never see him complain to God. Through waiting, we see the character of Joseph revealed – how he responds to unpleasant things in his life and how he always gave glory to God. Because of the faithfulness of Joseph, and his ability to persevere under trial, not only was Egypt saved, but also the rest of the known world. His time of waiting resulted in the blessing of others, even those who had sinned against him.**

**GUAM.** We are so very thankful to God that once again we have been awarded by the Guam Revenue and Tax Office with a Certificate of Good Standing. We thank God for the ability to be accountable to our government and He blesses us because of it. On top of PMA already being a 501 ( c ) 3 non-profit organization on Guam, U.S.A., we also praise God for His goodness in providing PMA with an IRS 501( c ) 3 status. Such a double blessing! Praise God!

**JOMALIG, PHILIPPINES.** Praise the Lord for another successful outreach in the Village of Casuguran. Every Saturday, Pastor Narciso, his wife Baby and the young people from PMF Jomalig Bayan visit this place where adults and children wait for them, hungry for His Word as they worship, study the Word of God, and pray together!

**BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, NAUJAN MINDORO, PHILIPPINES.** We thank God for answering prayers for a Social Worker that would assist our Center Head, Jeny Flores. She started in the middle of July. She replaces a social worker who had to leave to care for her mother. It has been difficult finding a replacement, however, the Lord knew our needs and provided one who was qualified and a team player. Thank You Lord!

**REPUBLIC OF PALAU.** It is always a joy to fly medical evacuations from the outer-islands of Palau: Angaur and Peleliu. Recently, the Medevac procedure was modified. We praise God for the willingness and availability of the Civic Action Team (CAT) doctor to respond to medical emergency flights, especially nowadays that the hospital is currently stretched thin. Since the CAT Doctor is only few minutes away from the Airport, the response time would be shortened significantly and thus will increase chances of survival of patients on worst case scenarios. The CAT doctor being trained and equipped for quick response is a very great help for PMA Palau Team. Palau is blessed to have them on the Island. **By: Monena Borromeo**

**YAP, MICRONESIA.** Last Thursday, we had a flight planned to Woleai in which we had most seats full for the return but only 4 people going out. I received a call the night before the flight from our Pastor who said that a child of 10 months had just passed away. He had been brought up to Yap from Woleai due to a fall which had caused internal bleeding. Unfortunately the doctors could not do anything for him. So, the family was asking if we could bring the body back to Woleai for burial. One of the services that we provide during funerals is we will take caskets as well as one family member for free. In the end, even though it was last minute we were able to help the family take the body and 4 family members on the flight so that they could bury the baby in Woleai. Even though this is a sad story, I am grateful that PMA is here to serve families like this to help them bring closure during a difficult time. ~ **Amos Collins**

**POHNPEI, MICRONESIA.** We are so thrilled to have 2 PMF services now of an average of 100 in each service. Being back in church is so very uplifting and encouraging. Nothing can take the place of the saints meeting together! There is excellent teaching on the Cross Radio and on the internet, but being together with other Christians can just not be replaced. As the Scriptures say, *“And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.” Hebrews 10:25* **From: Sylvia Kalau**

**The God who placed Joseph in the palace, is the same God we have today! We are all in different situations waiting for this pandemic to be over. However, someone once said: “When it is not God’s time, you cannot force it. When it is God’s time, you cannot stop it.” Yes, waiting on the Lord can be hard, but the Word of God gives us this promise: “But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.” Isaiah 40:31 The Key is waiting on the Lord! May this time of waiting give us more a dependency on the Lord and desire to be used of Him to bless others! I believe, like the Psalmist, we will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.**

**Thank you dear partners for your faithfulness in prayer and support. This pandemic is very challenging, and yet the work that God has called us to do in the islands continues and you have been a great encouragement to us all. God bless you more!**

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

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