

FEBRUARY 2017

"Be still and know that I am God..." Psalm 46:10a

The first three weeks of January were very difficult for me as the doctor prescribed bed rest. My bronchitis became pneumonia, and I needed to seriously adhere to doctor's orders. How could I rest when this was when most reports to Revenue and Tax, IRS/Social Security, ECFA, and most particularly to our faithful partners were needed before the end of January. But the Lord was clear – "Be still, trust in Me. I am God. I am able to do exceedingly, abundantly, all you can think or imagine." It is a gift to rest and not be anxious of so many things – He gave me bursts of energy, which allowed me to accomplish tasks. He provided friends who did errands, continuous prayer cover and messages from family, church and friends gave me encouragement. Julie Anne, my office assistant, came when she could (she was expecting her baby, who did arrive Feb. 2), and Ann Jannette took over my Sunday school class. The Lord indeed provides and is sufficient, there is nothing that I need. He brought healing at the right time. Thank you Lord!

GUAM. The beginning of the year, Kurt Miller arrived in Guam on his way to Yap. He would serve as a short term missionary with our aviation ministry in Palau as Pilot/mechanic. Kurt is a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Missionary Aviation Technology and had some experience flying and working on aircraft before coming to PMA. On Yap, he met our Flight Ops Director, Amos Collins (his family and other missionary families there) and got to know the aviation ministry. From there he flew with Amos to Palau to begin his ministry. We pray for him that he will be able to adjust to the new culture, environment and establish good relationships in the island.

PHILIPPINES. What exciting news we received from Dr. John Escote and Pastor Marty! A group of people from Guinaygayan Village had shared with one of our PMF members, brother Jun Sulad, that they wanted to be part of PMA and establish a PMF church there. The people were so excited, and led by brother Iso, confirmed their desire in writing. Bro. Jun has since been sharing the Word in that church and toward the end of January, the church members started the ground-breaking for their church building. A member of the church has given a part of their property for the building. Jun, Pastor Marty and Dr. John were there for this event. Pastor Marty shared God's Word and led in the dedication of the property and for the work in this island. We praise God for this. Please pray for more workers in the field as more and more doors are open to the Gospel.

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, NAUJAN, MINDORO OR., PHILIPPINES. "We welcome the New Year knowing the Lord is good! We received 2 children: a one month old and three week-old baby. They have been accepted as temporary shelter, however, they may be qualified for adoption. We are praying for them and for the Lord to intervene in their paper work.

We also celebrated Care-giver Janet's birthday and we thank God for her. Lastly, praise God our electricity was restored after Typhoon Nina struck in December!" By: Jeny Flores-Gutierrez

PALAU. "Nadia has sort of stumbled upon a ministry opportunity. We have opened our home to a young girl about Diana's age to join our kids for homeschool. Soon after that started, some of the neighborhood kids started to come over as well. During the day, Nadia moves our little table out to our porch and teaches all who come by. We were able to take a couple of the kids to our Wed night fellowship. Diana and Scotty shared Jesus to one of the boys. It is fun to watch God work. A reminder: Not to get blinded by the small irritations in life that cloud our vision of seeing God's blessings." From: Michael Hammond.

YAP, MICRONESIA. "When I landed in Ulithi on Friday, there was a young 12 year old boy who had severe stomach pain and needed to be evacuated to the Yap hospital. We loaded the aircraft quickly and got airborne. The HF reception wasn't that great, so when I was within VHF range I had Charlotte, our office assistant call for an immediate ambulance and they made it out to the airport as we were landing. As it turns out he had appendix surgery soon after getting to the hospital. Lana and I visited him and his family in the hospital yesterday and he's doing well. We were able to pray for him and we invited the family to come to church with us." ~ Lance Ferguson

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. "Tammy, a single mother of 3, suddenly was unable to walk. She had no feeling from the waist down. Her legs were paralyzed but she had no record of accident or change in her medical condition. The hospital in Pohnpei is very limited with no MRI nor assessment tools to diagnose complicated conditions. She had been coming to church because her children loved to be in Sunday School and youth group. Tammy herself was growing in the Lord and being faithful to her church body. And now paralysis! After 2 weeks of laying in the bed, Tammy was referred to Honolulu. The MRI discovered a tumor in her back. It had grown into the nerves, bringing on the paralysis. She was taken to surgery the next day and the tumor was successfully removed. Following the surgery came rehab and the question, "Will I ever be able to walk again?" For months, God's people prayed, all of our Bible study groups had Tammy at the top of our prayer lists. This week we received a video over Messenger: Tammy walking across the room! Our prayers were answered. God has brought healing in His time! The power of prayer never ceases to amaze me." ~ Sylvia Kalau

God is so good! He allows us to rest, to lean on Him and enables us to see and experience His wondrous works in our midst. He is just amazing and no "Thank You" or words are enough for what He has done and continues to do! We thank you dear Partners as you once again are journeying with us through 2017, and being a faithful part of the PMA vision and mission. God bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

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