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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

“... The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.” James 5:16

Peter Marshall, appointed Chaplain to the U.S. Senate in 1946, was known to begin his prayer, thus: “Forgive us for thinking that prayer is a waste of time and help us to see that without prayer our work is a waste of time.” Martin Luther said: “I have so much to do today that I’m going to need to spend three hours in prayer in order to be able to get it all done.” With so much to do, with so little time, there is a great temptation for us not to spend time with the Master in His Word and Prayer, and yet – that is the secret of strength and wisdom to face a day that only the Lord knows what lies ahead. His direction, guidance and wisdom are so important so that our day would be productive and would be a blessing to all we encounter.

GUAM. We thank God that all things worked together for good. A container for the Palau Hangar was ready to be loaded on Guam. Amos Collins scheduled his flight physical in January the same time Nob Kalau was here, hence between the two of them, the loading was done. We are thankful for Jonah Jones and our neighbors who made themselves available to help. I am also thankful for partner, Matson Shipping who provided us a discount for shipment as well as helping me with the processing of shipping documents at the Port . A donated forklift, worked on by Vernon (a church mate) made it on time for the loading even when parts arrived after a month. And yes, Amos passed his flight physical, and despite his hectic schedule was able to do minor repairs at the PMA HQ! Praise the Lord!

PHILIPPINES. Brother Bryan, Chief elder of our PMF Patnanungan, found himself and his wife and son stranded at the Port of Real, unable to go back in time for the PMA family Christmas Party. They stayed at the Boat – waiting for the “go” signal from the Coast guard. Meanwhile, Bryan was able to share the Gospel to some of the passengers. His wife Fretzel also received news that her grandmother passed away. And so they were able to attend the memorial service and be with family. If they were not in Real, they would not have been able to attend the family event on time. Bryan realized that there is always a purpose to God’s delays.

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, NAUJAN, OR. MINDORO. We give praises to the Lord that we have passed the evaluation of the Department of Social Welfare & Development (DSWD) and are accredited once again. Every three years we undergo this process and the Lord has enabled us to pass with flying colors every time!

PALAU. “More people have been attending Prayer meeting. Someone once said, that when prayer meetings are well attended – God is popular. Each one writes their prayer concerns and answered prayers and places them in two receptacles. These are passed around and prayed for by the person who picks the prayer/praise. The prayer request one picks out – will be prayed for by the same person during the week. After that, urgent prayer requests are shared and prayed for. We thank God that as we pray silently and simultaneously for the urgent requests, people can pray in their own language to the Lord. We truly thank God for this time of prayer and bonding one with another. It always feels great to know we have a God who cares and answers prayers!”
~ **Kring Claveria**

YAP, MICRONESIA. “Even in the Western Pacific Islands, we have not been spared from the effects of the US government shutdown. We were expecting the FAA to come give us a recurrent check ride in January, but they are completely unresponsive due to the shutdown. Fortunately, I am a certified Check Airman, and can give our pilots their annual check rides. First, Simon and I did his training and gave him his check ride, and then I flew to Palau to give Markus his training. This is the first time Markus has flown under our US Certificate, so it required a minimum of 53 hours of ground school and about 5 hours of flight training. It was an intensive 10 days, but Markus performed well and retained the information. Praise the Lord, we now have both of them certified for another year, but as of February 1, I have to hang up my wings until the FAA can come give me a check ride.” **By: Amos Collins**

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. “For the last 2 months we have been dealing with daily power outages. Each day from 12-5pm our power is turned off. So we race to get things done in the morning and pray daily for protection over our printing shop, radio, church and office .The brown outs are the worst and can have a devastating effect on our sensitive equipment. Join us as we pray for protection over the electrical inconsistencies. God is in control and we can praise Him in all circumstances!” ~ **Sylvia Kalau**

In Exodus 17:8-15, we find Joshua and the Israelite army fighting the Amalekites, while Moses with Aaron and Hur stood on top of the hill to watch the battle. As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, whenever he lowered his arms, the Amalekites were winning. When Moses’ hands grew tired, Aaron and Hur placed a stone under him so he could sit and they held up his hands until sunset, and until Joshua and the Israelite army prevailed. Unlike Moses and Aaron, the Bible does not tell us more about Hur. But he definitely played a very vital role in the victory that day. There are many of us who work behind the scenes, who pray and give – unseen and unsung heroes who faithfully serve the Lord in season and out of season. We truly are thankful for the “Hurs” amongst us. The Lord sees you! Thank you dear partners and supporters your faithfulness has enabled PMA and its missionaries to bring the Hope of Jesus who changes lives for eternity!

God bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

**Melinda R. Espinosa
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