



**JANUARY 2018**

**Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners.**

**“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans.” Proverbs 16:3**

**At the beginning of each year, many of us make resolutions with the hopes of accomplishing them during the New Year. One important aspect we need to consider is making God our Partner when we make our plans. It is good to commit to God in prayer all our plans for the future including His will for our lives, for He knows what is best for us and He holds the future. At PMA as we look at the many challenges and changes that we are faced, we continue to attempt great things for our Lord and expect great things from Him. He is the Only One who is unchangeable, unshakeable and unstoppable! We can rely on His Promises that NEVER fail!**

**GUAM.** We are thankful for the outreaches to the “ranches” in Dededo and Yigo among the Chuukese families. For December, Mark and Joaline Smith accompanied Pastor Inok and Erpina in home visitation and in sharing God’s Word. We are thankful for open hearts. Pray for these families that the Word of God will dwell richly in their hearts and that they will grow and mature in the Lord.

**PHILIPPINES.** While in the Philippines for this Christmas break, I was able to meet with our Pastor Marty Lumigis who is in charge of our pastors’ care and discipleship. He was very happy to share about the Lord’s blessing in the islands. The pastoral training is ongoing and our pastors are being edified and nurtured. The outreach ministry in Jomalig at barrio Apad, is growing in leaps and bounds. They were able to share gifts during Christmas of second hand clothing which we received from friends here on Guam. The people were very grateful for these gifts! Meanwhile, a couple from a nearby barrio of Amaga, kept on asking Pastor Jun Tayangona to come and begin the work in Luod. Pastor Jun is already taking care of three PMF churches: Amaga, Kilogan and Calutcot --- and he did not know if he could add another outreach – but because of this couple’s persistence, Pastor Jun went and visited the place and found families waiting to hear the Word of God. Please pray for the Lord of the Harvest to raise workers in the field. The harvest is indeed plentiful, but the workers are few. Pray for brother Paul who Pastor Jun is discipling and who accompanies him in ministry, that he will, by God’s grace be ready to minister on his own.

During December, Typhoons Urduja and Vinta came through the Philippines and the Polillo islands were under Signal #1 – the roof of our churches in Amaga, Catmon and Guinyagayan were blown away. We are thankful for a member in Guinaygayan who was able to provide for the replacement roofing for the church. We pray for provision for the roof of the other two churches.

**BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, NAUJAN, MINDORO OR., PHILIPPINES.** “We praise God for His blessings and are always amazed as to how He provides for all our needs! We had a joyful celebration of our Christmas party at Benilda resort and so very thankful for all those who shared their blessing so the children could have a fun time swimming and playing at this beautiful place. For our caregivers, this was a pleasant respite from the daily routine of the orphanage. We are also so very thankful that the documents for adoption of 6 of our children have been completed!” ~ **Jeny Flores- Gutierrez**

**MEYUNS, PALAU.** “This last month was wonderful. Not just because we celebrated Jesus' birth, but because new people are accepting Him as their Lord and Savior! We have started a new ministry that I would like to call our "Strike Team". The people that are a part of this ministry approach first-time visitors to ask about salvation. Last week, our team talked with a new individual, and led him to Jesus. God is good!” ~ **Pastor Mike Hammond**

**YAP, MICRONESIA.** Pastor Epel from PMF Pohnpei was able to accompany Pastor Petrus to Ulithi just before Christmas and share God's Word with the group of believers there. He and Petrus baptized 4 new Christians in the ocean, encouraging them to remain committed to following Jesus. PMA also had 5 flights on that busy day, and after the last flight, the school children of Ulithi sang for the PMA team to thank them for their service during the past year. Their little surprise really lifted up our spirits! ~ **Heidi Collins**

**POHNPEI, MICRONESIA.** At the beginning of the New Year, it's a great encouragement to get an email like this one from Carolyn, a young woman in her 20's: "Greetings Pastor Nob and Sylvia, Trust this finds you well! I know this email is long overdue but want to take the time to let you know what an excellent job you did on the Youth and Children's Christmas Program this past Sunday. I know that this is due to your extraordinary leadership and I am certain that so many were touched and encouraged by such an outstanding performance. I just wanted to let you know that your hard work has not gone unnoticed and I with my family would like to express our deep gratitude to you. I thank God for the ministry of PMF and it is my prayer and wish that you would continue to encourage and inspire so many to come to know the Lord as their personal Lord and Savior. " We give God all the glory! ~ **Sylvia Kalau**

**Someone once said that we can never go back and start a new beginning. What is past is past, over and done with. However, anyone can make a new start today and make a new ending! We can begin with doing God's will as we start 2018, so we can end the year with Him. We do not know what tomorrow brings, but we can trust in the One who is in control of the future. Our life span and success to accomplish our plans are in God's hands, hence we need to rely on His sovereign will.**

**Thank you dear partners for standing with us through the years and continuing to be part of the Lord's work this year. The Lord bless you more and use you as a channel of His blessing!**

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

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