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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

*“But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and he will stand upon the earth at last.”
Job 19:25*

How does one make sense when your eldest son, 28 years old, meets a tragic death? One of our Board members experienced this just recently and he shared his thoughts: “Thanks to my special friends. These must be hard for pastors, and I am sure it is challenging to explain God’s role in a tragic death. I am a person who persists, I will move forward, hugging my wife every chance I get. I thank God for a strong faith, even if I do not understand. My son was a technical climber who was starting a project to install new titanium bolts to the rock wall. He spent months researching drills, bits, angles and epoxy. My wife and I had never been to his climbing site, so we surprised him one Sunday and brought him food. He showed us what he was doing then walked us to the road. I turned to him and said, “be safe son”. He said, “It is all good.” He never made it home. I can’t figure what went wrong but he fell from 60 feet and died instantly. Now we must figure how to move on. How to remain faithful to God. How to avoid bitterness.” Our hearts break for Greg and Norma and we ask you to pray for them and son Nick for strength and grace during this painful, trying time of their lives and that God’s presence will fill them with love, comfort and peace. We thank God that Matt is safe – in his Heavenly Father’s arms.

POLILLO ISLANDS, PHILIPPINES. Praise God for a blessed time that Dr. John Escote and team mate Geneziel Tandoc had during their monthly visit to the Polillo islands the last week of June. They visited Katakian where they held clinics for two days. Dr. John wrote: “Despite being so humid, we went into deep slumber immediately as we were so tired. Praise God for His sustaining grace physically and spiritually. It was very encouraging to experience the spiritual vigor and fervor that Pastor Jorie and the PMF church in Katakian radiated. They were forgetting what was behind and moving forward, enlarging their tent as the Lord led them.

Then off we went to Catmon to visit brother Cesar and wife Joy. The church building they were constructing is now taking shape – with strong foundation of rock and cement. After harvesting pineapples and banana from brother Cesar’s garden to bring to our brethren, we then proceeded to take a banca (small outrigger boat) to Patnanungan where we held a clinic until evening.

Afterwards, PMF pastors/ workers/ church leaders from Patnanungan and the other mission stations (Jomalig, Katakian, Amaga and Catmon) came in the Clinic room and we started our fellowship –beginning with a simple meal, then - singing, encouraging one another, studying God’s Word and praying for the work and ministry in the islands and for one another. What a great time we had – it reminded me of God’s Word in Psalm 133:1; “Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell together in unity.”

PALAU. “Last month began with the sad news: that of the untimely death of one of our church members. She was a faithful believer, one who worked behind the scene and had a servant heart. The following week, the PMF church family as well as friends and co-workers of Baby Del Mundo met every evening to hear a short devotion, prayer, sharing of memories and food. It was a blessing and moving to see how each one said good-bye to a person that they loved. This brought everyone together.” By: Prisca Klassen

YAP, MICRONESIA. “We've just finished a very busy two weeks of Youth Retreat and VBS back to back here in Yap. The Palauan, Yapese, Chuukese and Outer Island Evangelical churches join together every summer for these ministry events. First, the Youth Retreat was a great success - attended by around 80 people, its theme was "The Armor of God". A ministry team from California also came and was a tremendous help. The youth benefitted greatly from the morning seminars, the discussion groups, listening to testimonies, fun games, good food, and evening programs. Hearts were won to the Lord, for which we praise Him!

Immediately following was Vacation Bible School for about 70 active and excited kids. The theme was also on "The Armor of God", and the kids learned about different people in the Bible who had put on their "armor" in their life situations. Every day the kids had a blast decorating each piece of their full suit of cardboard armor (helmet, breastplate, sword, shoes, etc.). On the last day, they dressed up in their armor and gave a presentation of what they learned throughout the week to their parents, looking very courageous and ready for battle, of course!

Bruce and Noelyn, who are the youth and Sunday School leaders of our PMF church, worked incredibly hard during both these events, and we commend them for their great effort and their servant hearts.” – Heidi Collins

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. Diabetes is a big problem in the islands and there are many diabetics who have to have their limb amputated. Recently our partner, the Ayuda Foundation sent us artificial limbs that were donated to them. When we received the handful of used artificial legs, we thought that they would be of no use as everyone has a different fitting for comfort and length. One day an amputee came to us and asked if there was anything we could do to help. We gave him a left sided limb and told him to modify it as he wished. We found out later that he did modify it indeed and now has a leg to walk with. When the word spread, we received more calls and inquiries for artificial legs. We were able to pass on all the donations we had and are thankful that one man's trash is another man's treasure. Just another way to show God's love and be His hands and His feet for the Gospel. From Sylvia Kalau

I like what Dr. David Jeremiah said in one of his devotions: “All of us will shed tears of pain and loss and grief at some time in life. But a day is coming when all those tears will be wiped away and will never be seen again. The sounds of pain will be replaced by the sounds of praise to the One who has redeemed us from a fallen world and ushers us into a new heaven and new earth.” I do look forward to that day, but until then, we will press on, be faithful, stand firm because we know our Redeemer lives and on the last day – He will stand – and we will stand with Him.

Thank you dear partners and prayer warriors – your faithfulness warms and encourages our hearts and gives us the courage and resolve to continue to serve our Lord Jesus Christ in the islands – bringing hope and changing lives! God bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

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