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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have the opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” Galatians 6: 9-10

I just got back from the Philippines and was able to spend time with our Pastors and workers who serve in the outer-islands of the Polillo island group. Each one evaluated the work and ministry in their area of responsibility as well as their personal walk with the Lord. We also discussed plans for the next fiscal year. There were many praises to the Lord for His work in the islands ~ outreaches and churches were growing, people were being won to the Lord, and yet, we also experienced challenges and road blocks to the ministry. I shared the above verses with them for God’s Word to be an encouragement to all of us. Doing good despite difficulties can be tiresome. Pressing on is easier said than done. But we realized that with God’s power and grace we can do this willingly, eagerly and continually. It was a great reminder for all of us to completely depend on the Lord Jesus Christ every single day because apart from Him we cannot do anything!

GUAM. We thank God for the “Life of Christ” series which we are teaching and learning in our Sunday school. We are thankful for the faithful children who come and for their parents who bring them to church. We still have children who are just dropped off or I pick up, but once in a while their parents attend the worship service and we thank God for that. Our prayer is that as they learn to know our Lord Jesus Christ and grow in His wisdom and knowledge, they would be good witnesses to their own families. Many times I am surprised by their simple yet deep questions which show me that they are really pondering on the Bible verses and stories of Jesus!

PHILIPPINES. Two of our interns will soon return to their school to graduate from Bible school. We are thankful for these young men who have served in several of our outer-island churches. They have helped grow the children, young people and adults, trained the worship team and were part of the lives of their congregation. They will be missed. Please pray for Agape and Christian for the Lord to lead them to the right ministry after graduation. Pray for us, who will need more workers in the field for the Lord to raise and provide servant leaders.

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE. “Praise God, another child has found a loving home! This gentle and respectful child has been with us for three years. He showed care with his caregivers, reminding them to eat on time, showed affection by hugging, admitted his mistakes and said sorry, led the evening prayers among the children and acted as an older brother to the younger children. He is truly missed, but we are thankful that he is happy with his new family and we are very happy and praise God for answers to his and our prayers! Please pray for adjustments into his new home, new place, new language, new culture, and new family!”~ **Jeny Flores-Gutierrez**

PALAU. “Praise God, the young adults completed Whisper Bible study series. This has challenged the group to read their Bibles with deeper understanding and to pray for one another. This has also helped them to listen and be sensitive to God’s voice and find their sweet spot – where skills and desires meet. The young adults are now motivated to dream bigger as we have a very big God, but more importantly – to act on what God is telling them to do. Please pray for the leaders and the members of this group for the Lord to use them mightily in influencing their families, peers, church, work place and community for the Lord.”~ **By: Catherine Claveria**

YAP, MICRONESIA. “We just completed another workshop with Steven Whatley. Just like in the fall when he came last time, we continued through his book entitled Illustrated Theology. We flew in about 25 new believers from our Bible Study groups on the islands of Ulithi and Fais. It was really neat to see the new faces in the groups who came down to learn more about their new-found Savior. We pray that they will return with a stronger foundation in the faith and that this will grow and spread to others in their island communities.” ~ **Amos Collins**

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. What a great time of teaching this February as Stephen Whatley came from New Mexico to teach the conference at PMF Pohnpei, entitled the Doctrines of Rome. Many attended because they have family and friends who don’t really understand or know what the Catholic Church teaches. 70 people received instruction and learned to compare all doctrines to what the Bible says. “But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” (1 Peter 3:15) **From: Sylvia Kalau**

Many times we encounter problems, trials, and hindrances to what we desire and are called to do in the islands. It boils down to knowing our calling and WHO we serve; enabling us to endure, not giving up, and determine not to grow weary. We are reminded that God calls us to be faithful, and we need to press on. Ultimately, we know and are assured that when we do not lose heart, we will be rewarded – and this not only talks of earthly blessings but more important eternal benefits! Please pray for our missionaries/workers. Many times work can be tedious and tiresome. For our staff in the Philippine islands, it is the daily survival that also causes a lot of weariness (water needs to be fetched from a well, especially when the rains don’t come, partial electricity and in some islands, no electricity, distance from food, medical help and other supplies, etc.) Pray that we will not grow weary in well doing and that we will persevere in serving the Lord with all our hearts, mind and soul.

Thank you dear partners for praying for us and partnering with us as we endeavor to bring hope and change the lives of the people we serve through the power of the Holy Spirit. God bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

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