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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

“Do not be afraid... for the battle is not yours, but God’s” 2 Chronicles 20:15

I received a report from PMA Philippines where we were encountering challenges and hindrances in two important ministries we have there. The obstacles were great, but the Lord reminded me – *“This is My mission, this is My ministry. This is My battle.”* The challenges we face are His and anything we desire to accomplish is His! It was such a great relief and peace that came over me when I surrendered them to the Lord. Little by little we are working out details and God is showing us the way to go and what to do. We have found people who are willing to help and work with us to overcome the stumbling blocks. Thank You Lord! Indeed, You are able!

GUAM. By March 16, our CEO, Nob Kalau will be one year on Guam, unable to return to Pohnpei, who has closed its borders because they are Covid-free and Guam is categorized as high risk. Meanwhile, his wife Sylvia is in Pohnpei and they communicate constantly via internet. While on Guam, Nob has been involved in many projects, which would have been a challenge were he not here. He was also able to represent PMA and share PMA’s mission, vision and work with Bayview church who supports us, with the 36th Contingency Response Support Squadron at the Anderson Air Force Base and with a Rotary Club here in Guam. And most especially when his mom went home to be with the Lord, he was the one who represented the family during the memorial service. Though the separation one from another is difficult, Nob and Sylvia have learned to press on and to trust the Lord, occupy and be faithful to the task at hand.

CASUGURAN, PHILIPPINES. PMA Jomalig’s outreach in the village of Casuguran is growing! What first began as a small Bible study and children’s outreach, now has 6 families and several young people attending worship services, Bible studies and Sunday school for children. And in today’s message from Pastor Marty, a place has been found for a temporary church building where the people will meet. PMF Jomalig is providing materials and with the families in Casuguran, also will be providing labor. What a great picture of a church! Praise God!

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE. **Jeny Flores, BK Center Head,** shares: Praise God, new protocols have been instituted in Naujan – one does not need to be quarantined on one’s return to the island. So it was easy to travel back and forth as we took two children to Metro Manila for their Department of Foreign Affairs appointment for their passports for their adoption abroad. We thank God for enabling us to process 91 children for adoption and being able to care for 264 abandoned, neglected, abused and orphaned children. Thank You Lord that we can be their parents to demonstrate love and provide for their needs! Glory to God!

REPUBLIC OF PALAU. Early this month, around 7 PM, we received a call from the nurse in Angaur requesting for a medevac. The patient had a miscarriage and needed to fly to Koror

immediately. The weather has been bad and boats were unable to cross the channel. Since there are no lights in Angaur's runway for a safe landing and take-off, we had to wait the following early morning to fly. We praise God, the weather was good enough for PMA to fly to Angaur and most of all, when our crew arrived the patient was stable. We flew her to Palau and an ambulance was waiting to take her to the hospital. Please pray for the mom – for healing emotionally and physically. We thank God for the nurse serving the people of Angaur and ask that you pray with us for her daily strength and wisdom. ~ **Moneena Borromeo**

YAP, MICRONESIA. This last Sunday of February, we celebrated the baptism of about 10 believers at the water's edge here in Yap. For the benefit of all who witnessed the occasion, Pastor Petrus explained the meaning of baptism, and what it meant to be a Christian, stating that it is a lifetime commitment and not something that you just do when you feel like it. At the end of his sermon, ten people walked into the beautiful warm Pacific waters and were baptized. The rest of the church members clapped and cheered, as this was a very joyous occasion to witness. Some of those baptized were youth, and some were young adults with children who had recently become Christians. After this we shared a lovely picnic lunch of sandwiches and fellowship together. Praise the Lord-what an encouraging day! **From: Heidi Collins**

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. Yesterday, I took our staff of 6 to Public Health to get the Moderna vaccine. We have been told that when 70% of the population on the island has been vaccinated we will have the herd immunity needed for opening our borders. So, we are doing our part! In the meantime, it's been close to a year that Nob has been waiting on Guam to return home to us on Pohnpei. He has already completed the Pfizer vaccine in Feb. The fear of the island nation over the first case of Corona Virus, despite the double and triple quarantine they are requiring, is something you just can't make up! So we wait patiently and find great encouragement from God's Word: *"I would have lost heart, unless I believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living."* Psalm 27:13 Bottom line: God is in control and His timing is not our timing! *"When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."* Luke 21:28 **By: Sylvia Kalau**

With this Covid situation, it is amazing that time does not crawl – but seems to go fast, case in point, we are already on the third month of this year. There seems to be never enough time to do the tasks at hand. We constantly work on priorities. I don't know about you, but I am a list maker and I love to check off what has been done on my list. However, as soon as one task is checked out, two or three seem to replace it! When one of the ladies in our prayer group asked us – what is your New year's resolution? I had one word: "Pause!" I will take my time in the early morning devotions, I will take time in just pondering on the beauty of the Lord. I won't rush to complete my list, but pause to allow the Lord to guide and give me wisdom in all I do. After all – it is His work, I am just an instrument – so I pause for Him to use me in ways that would bring Him glory.

Thank you dear Partners, supporters and prayer warriors for being with us all the way. You continue to give us encouragement and strength as we pursue God's best: *Bringing Hope and Changing Lives* in the islands we serve!

In Him we live and move and have our being,



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