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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

*“I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything.” Philippians 4:11-12*

Pastor Ray Stedman said, “Contentment is not having all that you want. True contentment is only wanting what you have.” How do we stay content in the face of new challenges: lockdown, “stay home mandate”, social distancing and enhanced community quarantine? People are being tested and stressed. Families, who now have so much time together, may get in each other’s nerves. And yet, there are families who savor their time together and find ways to enjoy one another. There are those who are anxious and this results to negative thinking, finding fault with decisions made for the community, and thinking that the worst is going to happen. There are those who hoard for fear that they will run out of food or supplies. John Maxwell said that “a crisis reveals what is inside of us. Crisis doesn’t make us, they reveal who we are.” On the upside, there are many who have used this crisis to reach out to others, serve those who are in need of help, and front liners who day in and day out choose to go and place their lives on the line so that essential services would continue. More than ever we live in a world where contentment is rare and this is revealed during these perplexing times. The Apostle Paul was a very contented man. It did not come naturally to him, but he said, “I learned to be content”. Contentment is an intentional choice.

**GUAM.** How thankful we are for all our Partners and friends who continue to support and pray for us especially during these challenging times. We continue to be able to support our workers and missionaries and ongoing work in the islands of the Philippines, Micronesia and Republic of Palau. Communication is very important especially during these times and I am thankful that we are able to do this through technology – even be able to reach the distant islands in the Philippines to make sure our Pastors/workers are doing well. My highlight during each week is the Prayer time through Skype with Sylvia Kalau in Pohnpei, Heidi Collins in Yap, Rachel Welge and Rebecca Klassen in Palau and Sabine Musselwhite in Germany. Someone once said that Prayer is the Greater Work – and it is. Here we “storm” heaven’s gates for answers to prayers and here we find encouragement and peace knowing that we have a God who desires to listen to His children and is a prayer answering God!

**PHILIPPINES.** The new normal: PMF Patnanungan led by Bro. Bryan Bantucan “meets” for mid-week and Sunday services through Zoom. Teacher Mercy sends text messages for Bible reading and memory verses to her “children”, young people and ladies. Social distancing for PMF Apad’s Pastor Roger – meant dividing the congregation into family care groups and continue to have Bible studies during the week. For John Mark in PMF Guinaygayan, Dhean in PMF Kilogan, Pastor Jose in PMF Apad, and Pastor Narciso in PMF Jomalig intentional visitation, minding social distancing with a hello, encouragement and prayer for the families are ways to reach them with love and concern.

**BAHAY KALINGA (BK) ORPHANAGE, NAUJAN, OR. MINDORO. PHIL** Do you remember the baby girl who was found inside a blue bag hanging in BK's gate? We thank God for her life and for God's plan. She was successfully matched with a couple from southern Philippines. How they have longed for a child and now the Lord has given them the desires of their heart. Please pray for this family to grow closer in love.

**REPUBLIC OF PALAU.** Due to dry season and minimal rainfall in April, water levels from primary sources continued to drop. The public was urged to limit the essential use of water only. We praise God for the pouring rain the last weeks, water rationing has been lifted. Water level is back to normal again. It has been a slow month for the Aviation as we do Angaur flights only and we have seen the number of Bible Study attendees increasing there. God is at work! Praise God Palau is still COVID-19 Free. The Elders waited for the President's State of the Republic Address and received a positive response on Social gatherings. PMF-Palau church is planning to resume activities again starting May 10. We continue to pray for God's mercy for this pandemic and are encouraged that God is in control. By: **Monena Borrromeo.**

**YAP, MICRONESIA. Pastor Petrus** shares: My focus or theme for the month of April was on the power of Resurrection. That power is available to us and is also transforming us into the people He wants us to be, even in times of crises, like COVID-19. With Yap still with zero cases, I continue to meet with the group leaders for training and studies in their own homes. We have completed the book of James and will start on another lesson at the beginning of the month of May. My original plan for May was to prepare for outer-islands ministry/outreach, but because of the restriction and regulations of people coming into the outer-islands, the plan is on hold off until then. God is still in control.

**POHNPEI, MICRONESIA.** *"Go, my people, enter your rooms and shut the doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until his wrath has passed by." Isaiah 26:20* Because of the Virus most of us have been forced to slow down, enjoy our family and cut out on all the clutter and distractions of life. We have time to pray, time to read God's Word and time to care for one another in creative ways. Here in Pohnpei we still do not have a positive case, but our airport is closed indefinitely. I haven't seen Nob since February (except for Skype), but we meet each day for online prayer. Our governor has asked us not to meet in groups but that doesn't limit our prayer groups throughout the week and opportunities to share with others of the amazing peace we have in Christ, surpassing all understanding, and protecting our hearts and minds. From: **Sylvia Kalau**

**The story is told about a king who was looking for satisfaction in life. His advisers told him to wear the shirt of a contented man for a day to be cured of his discontent. His men searched far and wide but came back empty handed. The king was furious, in response, his men told the king, "We found a contented man, but he does not own a shirt." Paul's secret to contentment was to find it "through Christ who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13) Regardless of our circumstances, we can turn to Him and experience calm confidence based on the power He provides. In Jesus, we have all we need! (2 Corinthians 12:9)**

**Thank you again dear Faithful Partners and prayer warriors, we thank God for you in our prayers and ask Him to bless you more!**

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

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