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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing." John 15:5

We have been going through the "Disciple's Cross" in our Wednesday night prayer meeting. Our first week was devoted to "Spending time with the Master". Pastor Inok shared: "I am so thankful for this study, bringing us back to the foundation of spending time with our Lord Jesus who is the Word and the Truth." As we learn the truths together, he then shares this in their native tongue of Chuukese to others in our prayer group. How freeing it is to remember that we are just branches and our effectivity to live the Christian life is dependent on remaining in Jesus and not on ourselves, weak as we are and prone to wander. My prayer is that we not only know it, but live it in truth.

GUAM. We are thankful to have the Collins family: Amos, Heidi and children: Tommy, Raina, Honora and Theo spend a few days in Guam on their way back to Yap, after spending their vacation time with Heidi's parents in Tasmania. It was good to hear that Heidi's mom, who we have prayed for is better and that her cancer is in remission. Praise the Lord! It was good to be with them once again, and for this special opportunity to fellowship, spend time in prayer and sharing!

PHILIPPINES. Mercy Sulad, our head teacher at the PMA Academy in Patnanungan joyfully shared: "Daniela is the youngest pupil enrolled at the age of 2.11 months old. She attended our VBS last April and she and her parents wanted her to go to our school. At first I hesitated to accept her, but after a month of schooling she never cried, she got along easily with others. More than that, she was good in remembering the memory verses, and did well in academic performance attested by our 1st quarter assessment. One day, to my surprise, she imitated me and sat in front of the class with a story book and had her classmates listen to her. She told me that she wants to be a teacher when she grows up. We thank God that we can model good values for our children to catch. Our prayer is that they grow in wisdom, knowledge, grace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ."

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE. "We praise God for the smooth and orderly process of the abandoned, surrendered, IVC (Involuntary Commitment) and foundling case of 7 BK children! It's overwhelming to witness His glory through their lives. We also thank God: He healed 4 of our children from a series of sickness (cough, colds, fever, and boil). And then, we joyfully celebrated the birthdays of Anel and Luke! "~ Jeny Flores-Gutierrez

PALAU. Pastor Mike Hammond shares: "The church in Palau keeps moving right along. Our Wednesday night fellowship is really starting to attract more people. The kids group especially is growing. I always love seeing children learn about Jesus. There are times when they come to grasp the truths about Jesus, and their whole person lights up. That child-like reaction to Jesus is what we all should feel. The longer we know Jesus, the more we should be astounded by His love, mercy, and grace."

YAP, MICRONESIA. "Hello, my name is Marianne Dorn. Everything started one year ago, when a friend told me about Yap. He knew that I wanted to serve abroad as a nurse or to go in the mission field. He said, "Why don't you go to Yap? I was there and had such a blessed time." So he told me about Micronesia, PMA and the hospital in Yap and gave me contact addresses. With the caring help of the people from PMA, family and friends, the mountain of preparations went smoothly, and here I am. Right now, I'm doing a 4-week internship in the general ward of the Yap Memorial Hospital. I teach a class to students and nurses, accompany home visits, share experiences with the staff and enjoy Yapese hospitality. When I asked Pastor Petrus if I could help on Sundays, give guitar lessons to two amazing girls and share in the Bible study for the ladies group, he gave his support on these. I am enjoying my time here on Yap and building relationships, and Yap seems like home to me now." Shared to **Pastor Petrus Haleyalgiy**

POHNPEI, MICRONESAI. "Our youth group is growing and active. One of the couples from our PMF church in Pohnpei is devoted to ministering to the young people. Every Friday night 40-50 are coming to hear the Word of God. They wanted to raise money for a future retreat and organized a car wash and bake sale last Friday. The baked goods were donated by our church members. "It was a lot of fun and it's good to see the youth taking responsibility for the activities that they want to have", says Haser the Youth leader. "We were able to raise \$850.00 because people were eager to have their cars washed and contribute with a donation. This encouraged the youth to take responsibility and made the day a success in every way." Most importantly we want to minister to the young people and see them receive the Lord and grow in their declaration of Jesus being LORD of their lives. "How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word." Psalm 119:9 ~ By: Sylvia Kalau

As we serve the Lord in the islands, it is indeed important to remember that we do this not in our own strength and wisdom, but in the Lord alone. Reminds me of Proverbs 3:5,6 – to trust in the Lord with all our hearts and not to lean on our own understanding. That in All our ways, we acknowledge Him and He promised, to direct our path. It is not by might nor by strength that we reach out to our island friends. Please pray that our service will be one that is empowered by the Holy Spirit so that He Alone will be honored, glorified and be known.

Thank you for your faithful partnership and prayers. Together, we can share Christ and His amazing love!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

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