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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

*“...Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.” Psalm 30:5b*

Recently, the PMA family and in particular, our Director for Aviation Maintenance, Simon Hammerling, went through the tragic and senseless loss of his wife. This has brought a lot of sorrow, pain and questions – Why? Why did this tragedy happen? Why would anyone do such an atrocious act? Why did God allow this? During this difficult time we find rest in God alone. The Truth remains that He is in control even when circumstances are difficult to understand. Through grief, hurt and distress, our Lord Jesus Christ has made us to understand that trusting in Him requires unanswered questions in this life. We believe our Shepherd will guide us through this darkness. His sustaining grace, strength and His unchanging Word with promises that never fail, the support of family and many friends, have been such a great comfort.

**YAP, MICRONESIA.** Our hearts are heavy and broken as we share this news: On the evening of October 14th, PMA pilot Simon Hammerling’s wife Rachelle Bergeron, the Acting AG for Yap State, was shot outside their home while returning from a run. Simon and Deesha (the Yapese girl they were caring for) and Rachelle’s family had their lives changed forever in an instant. They lost a wife, a mother figure, a daughter, sister, and countless others have lost a good friend in Rachelle. She was beautiful inside and out; a fearless advocate for the powerless, and possessed a true servant’s heart. She was an exceptional woman. Her memorial service in Yap was attended by hundreds of people who had been touched by her life and came to mourn with Simon and Rachelle’s family in her death. We know that Rachelle loved the Lord, and is safe in His arms even now, but even so, we hurt for our brother Simon and Rachelle’s family and friends, who have lost someone they loved so dearly. Please pray for them. The local law enforcement with the help of the FBI recently arrested two men and charged them with her murder. Please pray that justice will be done. ~ **Heidi Collins**

**POHNPEI, MICRONESIA.** At the beginning of November a delegation of the Pacific Judicial Council in Guam will hold a 3 day conference for the justice officials of the Federated States of Micronesia. This is the second time they have chosen our church auditorium as their venue. With multiple power point presenters and forum discussions the council takes pride in growing the judicial awareness and practice in Micronesia. In a significant way, PMA is contributing to the practice of justice not only through the teaching of the Bible throughout the week, but also in

these special times when we are called on to assist the islands with our auditorium for the nation building process. **By: Sylvia Kalau**

**PALAU.** We are looking forward to the arrival of **Brock and Rachel Welge** and children: Garrett (10), Caleb (7) and Jane (5) first week of November. The Welges have committed to serve for six months, with Brock, a pilot and aircraft mechanic serving in PMA's aviation internship program. He and wife Rachel will also be involved in PMA's Pacific Mission Fellowship church as they use their gifts to serve the body. Please pray for them: for safety, health and strength during the long flight from the Seattle U.S.A. to Palau, adjustment to island life, new culture, and new relationships. Pray that they may be a blessing and that they will experience the Lord's blessings as they obeyed His call to serve Him.

**PHILIPPINES.** This is from **John Mark**, one of our interns assigned to pastor our PMF church in Guinaygayan: "I praise God for His enabling power allowing me to minister to the members of the church as a young pastor. It is of great praise to God that I have not felt home sick and He gives me daily strength to minister, encourage and equip the body. How grateful I am that He has called me and that I serve here in this island. Please pray for good health, wisdom every day and for the Lord to help me in my relationship with everyone – in church, the family that I stay with and the community.

**BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE (BK), PHILIPPINES.** We give thanks to God for a successful review of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). BK has received 3 awards: (1) Invaluable implementation of Alternative Parental Care Program as a Child Caring Agency; (2) Most Expeditious in processing of Foundling and Surrendered Cases; and (3) the Most Responsive Caring Agency! What a great testimony for our Lord! We thank God for our staff at BK headed by **Jeny Gutierrez**. Continue to pray for them as they continue to love, care and meet the needs of the children under our care! Thank you dear Partners for your faithful prayer and support!

**GUAM.** It is a great praise to the Lord that He has provided Guam HQ with a Team that serves Him efficiently and faithfully. I was blessed to take a vacation to "Follow the Footsteps of Paul" in the Mediterranean and had the confidence that they would continue with the day-to-day work of the Office. It was great that I had internet access and could communicate with them, PMA staff in the islands, as well as answer all incoming emails. God is good!

**Of course, receiving the heartbreaking news from Yap from miles away (while on vacation) was very disquieting. Prayer, was my first reaction, while emails, messaging were the only ways I could reach Simon and all concerned. The event is so overwhelming and shocking. Who would believe that something like this would happen in Yap, Micronesia, and so close to home? This would have been unbearable had it not been for God and His Word – He reminds us that He holds the present and the future in His hands and we can consider this terrible tragedy in the light of His presence, glory, love and grace! Thank you dear Ones for your outpouring of love and prayers. God bless you more!**

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

**Melinda R. Espinosa, CFO/Administrator**