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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

“They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep.” Psalm 107:23, 24

Every time our ship M/V Sea Haven leaves its Pohnpei, Micronesia home port, the above verses come to our mind. During our prayer time over Skype – Sylvia mentioned, “Can you just imagine the Sea Haven, a tiny speck in the vast ocean sailing toward its destination with no island or any other ship in sight?” Yes, we could imagine and realize the dangers that they may encounter, and yet we know they are in the Hands of our God. The Sea Haven crew indeed is able to experience the works and faithfulness of the Lord as they trust Him for protection from bad weather, for good health, alertness during the night shift, oversight of the engines and safe arrival at their destinations. We do have an awesome God who when He was here on earth showed His disciples that He could command the seas and the waves to obey Him! So we trust Him as we commend the Sea Haven to His care!

GUAM. We are so thankful for a week’s visit by Amos and Heidi Collins, together with their children Tommy, Raina, Honora and Theo. They were on their way back to Yap after their 3-month furlough. They were also accompanied by Amos’ parents: Millard and Virginia who, themselves are missionaries stationed in the Philippines doing Bible translation for a tribe in southern Philippines. It was a joy to be with everyone, listening to stories and experiences. We thank God that the Collins have returned refreshed and eager to be back in their home island, Yap. The children couldn’t wait. They missed their friends so much. Thank You Lord for the Collins! Please pray for them ~ Amos as Director for Flight Operations, and Heidi will commence home school, not only for her children, but also for Pastor Petrus’ sons and some other Yapese children!

PHILIPPINES. “Two successive typhoons hit the Philippines and we were affected in the Polillo islands. This left me stranded in the islands as there was no boat going to Manila for two weeks. But God had a better plan. I was invited to speak at the Family Development Session attended by 4 Barangays of Jomalig (Note: a Barangay is a village composed of 1000 families) by the local Department of Social Welfare and Development. It was a privilege that I was able to share the Gospel during the sessions and there were some individuals who came to know the Lord. I have asked Pastor Jun Mandreza (PMF Jomalig) to follow up these individuals. Please pray that they can join the church and grow in the Lord.”

From: Pastor Marty Lumigis

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, NAUJAN, MINDORO OR. “Praise God for the successful appearance of one of our girls at the Department of Foreign Affairs. She has been given a passport and now she awaits the arrival of her adoptive parents from the Netherlands! Please pray for her preparation, the meeting with adoptive parents, her travel to a foreign land and adjustment to different culture – there will be a lot of changes in her life. Pray that she will be able to adapt well. Thank you for your prayers!”

By: Jeny Flores-Gutierrez

REPUBLIC OF PALAU. To “Live the Gospel of Jesus Christ” was one of the sermons preached by Bro. Ken, one of the elders during our Sunday worship service. It is a challenge for believers to live this truth: *“Love the Lord your God with all heart with all your soul and with all your mind”* and *“To love your neighbor as yourself”*. 2 months ago we met Sam, a teacher in Sonsorol State, a believer. Her life had an impact on us. She is courageous in taking the challenge to teach the children on an island with a population of less than 20 people. She spent her summer break in Koror and attended the PMF church. Her stay in Koror was extended waiting for the boat to be repaired and for clear weather. While waiting for the boat schedule, she was allowed to stay at the PMA apartment with us girls. One of the first steps in being a good neighbor and loving others as yourself is be perceptive of other’s needs and respond immediately. The challenge for us is to be sensitive enough for what God is asking us to do. Live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ! ~ **Monena Borromeo**

YAP, MICRONESIA. The dengue fever outbreak that I described last month slightly affected our flight operations beginning September. A few charters were canceled and a lot of individual people changed their reservations with us because they didn’t want to be the ones carrying the dengue fever to the outer-islands or the outer-islanders didn’t want to come to Yap and catch the fever. Fais is an island we don’t fly to every week. So it was surprising to me that despite all cancellations that came in, we were still flying to Fais almost every week. Our PMF Pastor Petrus was able to come along on those flights which was really encouraging for our PMF group in Fais. I thank the Lord for His promise that His Word does not come back empty and it’s amazing to see the growth and the changes in the people out there. I continue to pray for strength and endurance for Pastor Petrus and all the visits he’s been doing in the islands with us. A trip to the islands including the flight and Bible study takes more than half a day and this can get physically demanding. Please pray for those in Fais and Ulithi that they would continue to grow in their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ! **By: Simon Hammerling**

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. Wednesday, Sept. 18 was an emotional day. Sea Haven was en-route to the Equatorial island of Kapingamarangi with 3 new crew members. Nob, training Markes to do all the mechanical checks in the engine room...the checks that Edwin used to make. Paiten standing watch and reading the instruments... and Apsalim putting out the line for trolling... tasks that Edwin loved to do. You see, Edwin went to heaven last year and Wednesday was his birthday. A wonderful day to remember a faithful servant that would have been so excited to arrive on the atoll of Kapingamarangi on his birthday. Here on the island of Pohnpei, I made Edwin’s favorite food: 2 large pepperoni pizzas, for his family to share. Today, Sea Haven is on their way back, the seas are calm and the weather good, with all systems go. We thank the Lord that He is in control of our journey and of our very lives, whether at land or at sea, you see, Jesus is our Captain... He's the Master of the ocean, our Refuge and our Rock, a Harbor that we turn to, our Anchor at life's dock! **From: Sylvia Kalau**

Proverbs 30:18-19 says: “There are three things too wonderful for me to understand—no, four! How an eagle glides through the sky. How a serpent crawls upon a rock. *How a ship finds its way across the heaving ocean.*” Isn’t it amazing that such a vessel should be supported upon the sea; that it should be steered through the trackless ocean to distant islands and, there is no path to be seen in which it goes; there is no beaten road made by it? We thank God that He guides and guards our ship and her crew, just as He does in our life’s journey here on earth. And He promises to bring us safely home, even if we experience rough sailing. Thank you dear Prayer Warriors for praying with and for us. Thank you dear Partners for your faithful support of our Missionaries and ministry in the islands! God bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

**Melinda R, Espinosa
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