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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

“And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus” Ephesians 4:19 NLT

The first book I read when I became a Christian, was the biography of Hudson Taylor. It inspired me in so many ways and helped me (aside from the Bible, of course) in my Christian walk. It was in 1853, Hudson Taylor, a 21 year old British missionary, set sail for China and began his ministry there. Almost immediately, after landing in Shanghai, Taylor made a radical decision (at least for Protestant missionaries of the day): he decided to dress in Chinese clothes and grow a pigtail (as Chinese men did). This enabled him to go into the interior, learn the language and reach the Chinese with the Gospel. When the Chinese Evangelization Society, which had sponsored Taylor, proved incapable of paying its missionaries in 1857, Taylor resigned and became an independent missionary; trusting God to meet his needs. This is what he said: *“Depend on it. God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply. He is too wise a God to frustrate His purposes for lack of funds, and He can just as easily supply them ahead of time as afterwards, and He much prefers doing so.”*

GUAM. One of the many things that inspired me to serve with PMA, was that its founder, Edmund Kalau and the Board, made it a policy not to owe anyone (Only the continuing debt of love – Romans 13:8). And so, during these difficult times, we are not saddled with obligations, and are blessed to be able to continue the ministries in the islands of Micronesia and the Philippines. The Lord has seen it fit to faithfully provide for the support of all our missionaries and staff, for the ongoing projects and operations of all our ministries. He has also blessed us with faithful partners and supporters who continue to give even during challenging times as this. Praise God! To Him be the glory!

PHILIPPINES. We are thankful for our scholar for this year – Ruth Genotiva, the daughter of Ed Genotiva, our Calutcot PMF Pastor. She will be taking up Education with the purpose of being part of PMA Academy in Patnanungan. In the Philippines, there are no face-to-face classes, so she is stationed right now in Patnanungan for her on-line classes. She will be assisting teacher Mercy during this time not only with the Academy with its module classes, but also our PMF church in their children and youth programs, which teacher Mercy spear heads. Pray for her as she studies, grows and be a strong part of our team.

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE, NAUJAN, MINDORO, PHILIPPINES. We thank God for his protection and guidance every day. With the threat of Covid 19 upon us, it is with great assurance that we know our Lord will be our safe and strong tower. Of course, we continue to implement strict hygienic rules especially with our caregivers who are not stay-in and therefore are exposed. We continue to care for 15 children, as well as one child in a special facility who we continue to support financially. We are so

thankful for all our partners who continue to give so that our care for children who are neglected, abandoned to poverty and desperation can go on. Thank You Lord for 258 children we have cared for so far!

PALAU. As the nine months of 2020 ends and the tenth begins, we find ourselves grateful once again that the virus remains far from us in Palau. Though our economy has been shaken, PMA Palau has had an increase in flights during this past month. The U.S. military has chosen to partner with us as we transport some of their personnel to the outer island of Angaur and back to our base. We have also had the opportunity to fly the U.S. Ambassador, and it has been good to see how God has used this time to build a relationship with both the military and embassy here in Palau. In other news, our hangar project has been moving along more speedily as of late due to God's provision of a very capable private contractor and his associate. They have completed a great deal of work on our lobby and front office which includes a great deal of painting. **By: Stephen Newton**

YAP, MICRONESIA. One of my favorite resources for teaching children Bible memory verses right now is "Seeds Family Worship" (you can find their videos on Youtube). We've been learning Scripture set to music, along with actions to keep the kids engaged. The Sunday school learners are preparing to present their Bible memory verse in church this Sunday, and we also learn a new Scripture passage every week while homeschooling. It is much easier to remember the books of the Bible, for instance, or a long passage of Scripture, when it has been turned into a beautiful song, with actions to match! The kids really enjoy it and remember the verses even months later, and the teachers also end up memorizing the Word of God alongside them: win-win! **From: Heidi Collins**

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. My dear friends from Ladies Bible Study are learning a lot as we are studying the "Signs of the End Times." So many things happening right before our eyes that herald the soon coming rapture of the church. We are reminded to pray fervently and share urgently the life-saving Gospel of grace with our families, relatives, coworkers and island. This is a new topic for many of the ladies and they are loaded with questions, eager to learn! ~ **Sylvia Kalau**

Taylor has been referred to as one of the most significant Europeans to visit China in the 19th century. Historian Ruth Tucker summarizes his life: "No other missionary in the nineteenth century since the Apostle Paul has had a wider vision and has carried out a more systematized plan of evangelizing a broad geographical area than Hudson Taylor. What a life, what an impact for eternity!"

Like Taylor, it has been PMA's experience that when we do His work His way, we never lack His supply. We have tasted and seen His faithfulness and goodness through the 45 years we have served in the islands. We pray that as PMA missionaries and staff carry out PMA's mission and vision for the island people, we may, by God's strength and grace, have a great influence in the islands where we serve as we bring hope and change lives for eternity! And as we love all people, build the body of Christ and disciple the faithful! Thank you dear Partners for your prayers and support. God bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

**Melinda R. Espinosa
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