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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

“The righteous man will flourish like the palm tree; He will grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Planted in the house of the LORD. They will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still yield fruit in old age; they shall be full of sap and very green.” Psalm 92: 12-14

I recently attended the 100th birthday celebration of my friend Wilma’s mom. What impressed me was that “Mamang Ciping” (as everyone called her), walked her way up to the stage. She did not want to use a wheel chair and was active that evening (even danced when her great granddaughter gave a special number. In her younger years, she served as a “Bible Woman” bringing the Gospel to her small town in Ilocos. She continued to serve faithfully in church and was a school teacher for many years. Many came to greet her and share testimonies on how she had influenced their lives. Psalm 92 tells of the blessing of a righteous person – one who continues to be used of God in their old age – still yielding fruit, fruit that lasts. May the Lord enable us to be like Mamang Ciping faithful, even in our old age!

GUAM. Just got back from an internal audit and review of operations of our Pohnpei field Office. Sylvia Kalau takes care of our books involving General Fund, PMF church, Good News Press, Sea Haven and The Cross Radio. So thankful for her diligence in following policies and making sure findings are corrected immediately. Thankful for the time with our staff – and especially with Nob and Sylvia Kalau as every morning after breakfast, we spent time in prayer. Had a wonderful time with the Bible study/prayer meeting with the ladies. My time there was short, but a fruitful one. Thanking God for endeavoring to be accountable in all we do!

PHILIPPINES. “I am very grateful for the privilege of sharing the Word of God with drug Surrenderees (a government program where those who were drug dependents and want to have a new life). One of them is Dan. He and his family are now attending our worship services. They have placed church as a priority by closing their small convenience store on Sundays. Please pray for this family that they will grow in their faith, knowledge and love of our Lord Jesus Christ.” **By: Pastor Jun Tayangona**

PHILIPPINES – BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE. “Children close their ears to advice but open their eyes to example.” This was a good adage as we brought up Luis. He was the naughtiest boy and every problematic. What to do? We continually prayed for him and praised him every time he behaved well. We showed him what he did that was good and making sure that he knew why he was applauded. We praised him even for his efforts in trying to be obedient – and little by little the Lord is changing him! Praise God! ~ **Jeny Flores Gutierrez**

PALAU. “Spiritual growth is evident with the young adults and most of them are involved in existing church ministries. Aside from the Friday night Bible study, they often meet and have fellowship any time during the week. Spiritual parents – Markus and Prisca Klassen, the Folkers and lately, Amos and Heidi Collins, have been significant in their growth in terms of relationship with one another and their daily journey with the Lord. With the Klassens on furlough, the Collins have been in charge of the young adults – gathering them and planning field trips and coffee nights to catch up especially with those who can’t make it to Friday nights because of their work. Thanking God for each one!” ~ **Kring Claveria**

YAP, MICRONESIA: All honor and Glory belong to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! The group leaders, who had their training in July, are back on their home islands with their small groups doing devotion and Bible studies. Both groups from Ulithi and Fais are growing spiritually and in numbers as well. We continually fly to these islands to carry on the teaching and supporting these leaders and their groups. We are grateful for our pilots, the hanger team, and the aircraft the Lord provided as instruments to make our ministry in Yap easier in reaching the lost. I give thanks to our Mighty God for providing all needed resources for our outreach and ministries in this group of islands. Last week there were some new believers who accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior and there was also a baptism in Ulithi. The other groups, islands of Woleai, and Elato are farther away and they often report to us their progress and their needs by radio. They are doing their best and we are still working out a better plan to reach them more often. I also thank everyone for your faithful prayers. By **Pastor Petrus Haleyalgiy**

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA: We are truly thankful for the elders in our church who are eager to serve in the areas of teaching and administration. Nob often has to travel. He can travel with peace of mind knowing that pulpit is filled by Burnis and Epel on Sundays. The youth meeting is led faithfully by our elder, Haser and Wednesday night Bible study and men’s prayer group continue to be well attended and a blessing to all who come to worship and learn. We are thankful for the faithful leadership that God has provided for us at our PMF church in Pohnpei. Hebrews 13:11 “Remember your leaders who taught you the word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and follow the example of their faith.” ~ **Sylvia Kalau**

The Lord’s promises are true and we can depend on them. Psalm 92:12-14 reminds me of the promises in Psalm 1:2-3 –one who delights in the law of the Lord, and meditates on this day and night is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers. May we be like the Psalmist in persevering in our walk with the Lord – spending time with Him in His Word and prayer – and especially living His Word that it may go well with us.

Thank you dear Partners for your prayers and support – you have been such a blessing to us and an inspiration to not give up! Thank you for sharing our vision of bringing hope and changing lives of the island people we serve! God bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

**Melinda R. Espinosa
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