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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Partners,

“Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.”
Habakkuk 3:18,19

Habakkuk, a prophet wrote this book as a dialogue between him and God. He saw leaders oppressing the poor, and asked why wicked people prosper. The Lord responds by informing him that the Babylonians would come to punish Judah. What? Habakkuk could not understand this – the Babylonians were more wicked than the wicked leaders! The Lord’s answer? “...but the righteous will live by his faith” (2:4b). As we continue to live through these pandemic, we may ask God, “Why did you allow this? When will this be over?” His response to all of us? Walk by faith. He is Lord over everything, even of this pandemic – it will be over when He says it is. All we need is to trust Him. And Habakkuk professed His faith in Him in Chapter 3:18,19. No matter what we go through, we choose to rejoice in God our salvation!

GUAM. Our fiscal year is over and we begin a new period. How did we fare? We saw a decline of support by 3% - it could have been worse! User charges for aviation saw a 28% decline. This supports all our free flights and services, but praise God, we continued to provide free transportation to pastors and workers to do outreaches in the outer-islands, transportation of patients and their attendants to receive needed medical help, transportation of food, supplies and medicine, brought loved one’s body back to be buried in their home island, provided subsidized rates for islanders and so much more! With the help of faithful partners, our missionaries have been provided support, ongoing Palau Hangar project continues and our Philippine mission was fully funded. The work goes on because we have a God who makes all things possible!

POBLACION, PATNANUNGAN, PHILIPPINES. It was with joy that our PMF church overseer, Bryan Bantucan reported that this Pandemic has given them more open doors. Teacher Mercy and her able assistant Lyn, have been visiting young people and conducting discipleship Bible studies with their parents. Amor saw an opportunity when she visited her relatives at Sitio Lumon and saw many children there. She asked the parents if they would allow the children to attend Sunday school and the answer was “yes!”. So every Sunday afternoon, Amor goes and teaches approximately 20 children who are hungry for God’s Word. Please pray for the Lord to give wisdom and strength to Mercy, Lyn and Amor and for the young people and children they disciple and teach to grow in the Lord!

BAHAY KALINGA ORPHANAGE (BK), MINDORO, PHILIPPINES. We have two brothers who have been with us for nine months. Since they have not been surrendered to BK, they are classified as temporary shelter. Because of this pandemic, it took a while for Jeny, our Center Head, to visit the home of the boys so she could make an assessment of the home life. In a meeting with the parents and local social services a parenting capability assessment was prepared for the parents and after 2-3 months, if they still are unable to effectively care for the boys, social services will intervene. Please pray for the boys and their parents that their home would be a place of love, care and growth.

PALAU. *“Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.” Psalm 119:89-90* The One who promised is faithful — for 24 years, the Lord has and is continuously sustaining Pacific Mission Fellowship (PMF) Church in Palau. We had a simple celebration attended by nearly a hundred. How blessed it is to be able to continuously gather together despite the fact that PMF needed to move out of the church building as the government took it over to prepare for incoming travelers to Palau and use this as a quarantine facility. Glory to God because we continue to be an island nation that is Covid-free! **From: Catherina Claveria.**

YAP, MICRONESIA. The end of Summer is usually a busy time for flights here in Yap. Students and teachers returning to school from their summer holidays, and lots of cargo being flown to prepare for the school year. Another factor that plays a part is that September is the end of the government fiscal year. So many government agencies have funds remaining in their budgets that they need to spend. And since COVID-19 prevents any outside travel, there seems to be a lot of extra traveling going on within the state to each of the three islands with runways. Last month I flew 60 hours in one month and July was 40 hrs. I am expecting September to continue to be fairly busy. We praise God for safety of flights, and that we are able to be a vital connection to these isolated islands. **By: Amos Collins**

POHNPEI, MICRONESIA. Lilly came to PMA’s eye clinic for glasses. She recently had a stroke and moved very slowly with her crutches, I was so happy to help her with her vision and gave her an eyeglass for distance and reading. As she was leaving, she said with tears in her eyes, “Thank you for the Cross Radio. Because of my stroke I am homebound, so I listen to your station all through the day and into the night. The teaching from the radio encourages me so much. Thank you for the radio.” Praise the Lord! ~ **Sylvia Kalau**

As you will note from the preceding updates, we continue to serve our island communities, bringing hope and changing lives despite this pandemic. We in PMA can press on, making use of our time in reaching people for Christ, because, as God’s Word says, the days are evil. Our secret? Habakkuk says it clearly: “The Sovereign LORD is my strength. He makes my feet like the feet of the deer. He enables me to tread on the heights.” (3:19) The LORD indeed is our strength and great Motivator. And our reward? Jesus Christ is our Joy, our Hope and our Reward! Praise God and thank you dear friends and partners – you encourage us with your prayers and support. The Lord bless you more!

In Him we live and move and have our being,

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