

To: "WWNTBM" <WWNTBM@shelby.net>
Subject: Re: Prayer Letter,

Dear Co-laborers in Christ:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. *Psalm 73:26, "My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever."* As we look back over the year 2000, how grateful we are that we are laboring for a God that knows all and cares about each one of His children. He is our strength as we face each new day.

The topic of this Prayer letter is what a typical Lords Day is like for us here on Yap. We feel that knowing what we do on the Lords Day will give you more insight on how to pray for us.

Our Sunday morning starts around 6:30 A.M. as we prepare to start the worship services for the day. Sunday School is 10:00 A.M. and Worship Service is at 11:00 A.M.. Juleto (Filipino) will arrive about 8:00 A.M. to head out (with a 93 Mitsubishi pick-up) for the northern island of Gagil & Tomil to pick up people for Sunday School and the Worship Service. He will return about 9:45 A.M. in time for the Sunday School classes. Although Gagil & Tomil are a separate island (separated by a narrow river) it is connected to Yap proper by a short bridge. Gagil and Tomil are two islands that are connected by land. While Juleto is picking up his people, I (Chick) will leave at 8:50 A.M. (with a 90 Toyota Van) for the west side of the island (Yap Proper) and then back to the village of Colonia to pick up more people for the morning services. I will then arrive back at the church about the same time as Juleto, depending on how many are ready when we get to their houses. When the Sunday School starts Renee teaches the Youth , Ana Marie (Filipino) teaches the younger children, Erika (Yapese) teaches the really small children and I teach the Adult class. Following Sunday School, Renee takes the children for Children's Church (13 years old and below) and the rest attend the Morning Worship Service. Occasionally we will have some of the Chinese Factory workers attend the Morning service. They don't understand English, but our song books are also in Chinese so they can at least enjoy the singing. After the services we load up the people and return them to their homes. We don't have an Evening Service because of the time involved to get the people to the services. Juleto's round trip is about 55 to 60 miles, but it takes an hour and forty five minutes to two hours to complete, depending upon the conditions of the roads that day. My round trip is about 40 to 45 miles and takes about an hour or hour and ten minutes to complete depending upon the roads. The Lord has been good to us as we travel our routes. We have had no major failures with the vehicles during the times we are out picking the people up. Any problems that we have had, we were able to have fixed before going out again. We do repeat the same schedule on Wednesday evenings for Prayer Meeting.

During the month of December Renee's sister Hazel went home to be with the Lord. It was a difficult time for Renee as she could not be with her family at that time. One comfort Renee had was the fact that she led her sister to the Lord through a letter and a tract. While in Pohnpei Renee wrote to Hazel and sent a tract with the letter. After a period of time Renee received a letter from Hazel with the tract signed stating that she had accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal savior. Although Renee went through the grief of losing a sister it was a comfort for her to know that Hazel is in the presence of the Lord.

Please continue to pray that;

The Lord will use us to accomplish His will while we minister on Yap.

Revival may be seen in individuals, the church and then on the island.

We will be sensitive to the needs of the people.

Continued safety on routes as well as no major vehicle problems.

We have continued good health and daily wisdom.

Thanks again for your support, both prayerfully and financially and may our Heavenly Father continue to bless you richly.

Secured By His Grace, Resting in His Promises,

Chick & Renee