

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. **1 Peter 1:8, Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:** It is with joy we know that some day we will see the Lord Jesus Christ face to face. What an example we have in Peter. Even during all the trials and tribulations he went through he could still "rejoice with joy" in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is hard to believe that we only have less than 6 months before our assignment in Yap is finished. The Lord Jesus Christ has made His presence known to us through out ministry in Yap. It is **"with joy unspeakable"** that we serve a Loving, Faithful and Holy God .

The Lord has been good to us while we have been filling in for Joe and Carolyn Cannon. Church attendance has stayed up and we still meet with the Youth every other Thursday. Renee has been getting people to provide special music for us for the Morning Worship Service. There are six young people that would like to attend HBBI, so we have been meeting with them once a month to try to prepare them if they are accepted. HBBI is an extension of the Harvest Baptist Church and Christian School in Guam. They provide a work scholarship/education for the Micronesian Student that qualifies for the program.

Since our last report, the Island of Yap has celebrated "Yap Day". Three days are set aside for village competition and speeches. Yapese competition is mostly dancing performed by the people in their traditional dress from the different villages. They also had "The Tattoo Man" competition, with two types of tattoo's. The upper body for the Chief's and the lower body for the warriors. One young man was tattooed both upper and lower body so he was definitely of the high cast. Yap does still practice the cast system, although it is not as forceful now as in the past it still exist.

During "Yap Day Week", we had a couple from Guam visit with us, Mark and Jennifer Thompson. They were a real blessing and we had a much desired week of fellowship. While here Mark and Jennifer scrubbed the entire outside of the church and dug a flower garden along the front of the church. We also had time to take them around the island and show them the various sights.

Looking ahead;

On Easter Sunday, we will have a dinner on the church grounds. It will be a time of fellowship for the congregation and any friends that they might bring. We considered a Sunrise Service, but quickly dismissed that idea when we realized that we would have to start picking people up at 4:30 am for a 6:00 am service.

In June we will have an outing with the Youth Group. During our Youth Meetings we have competition where the teams earn points for attendance, bringing a Bible, bring a friend, Bible Trivia, games, and singing during the meeting or during the Worship Service. The winning team is treated with drinks for the outing by the losing team. So far it looks like the Caps will be the winners, unless the Snickers decide to get busy and start catching up and getting ahead.

Blessing's from Yap:

Three new families attending regularly. One family we gave a Invitation/Tract to, two months ago.

Five salvations in the last two weeks. Hillary (new man) has a lot of questions.

A young man attending (Mohammed) from Bangladesh. He has a Moslem background but desires to learn and live for Christ. He is one who wants to attend HBBI.

Our average attendance is now 55. Two weeks ago we had 61, praise the Lord.

Our Prayer Meeting is averaging 45.

We now have four Sunday School Classes. Chick teaches adults, Renee teaches Jr./Sr. High and College age, Ana Marie teaches ages 7 thru 12, and Erica teaches small children in Yapese. Small children in Yap do not speak English.

Four containers painted by Juleto, Baptismal repaired and painted by Simon.

8. Twenty-one Outer Island people are now attending.

9. Our congregation is made up of American, Yapese, Outer Island, Filipinos, Bangladesh, Chinese and Vietnamese.

Please pray for:

- continued safety and good health.
- staying faithful as we complete our ministry on Yap.
- another driver with a vehicle.
- the Lords leading for our next assignment..
- wisdom to know the Lords will for our next assignment.

To all of our faithful fellow laborers in Christ, may our Heavenly Father bless you abundantly. Thank you so much for your faithfulness both prayerfully, financially and for all the packages you have sent. Praise God, our fruit will be your fruit.

Pressing toward the mark,

Chick & Renee