

THE CANNONS

MISSIONARIES TO MICRONESIA

II TIM. 2:2 “. . . THE SAME COMMIT TO FAITHFUL MEN WHO SHALL BE ABLE TO TEACH OTHERS ALSO.”

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Dear praying friends and supporters,

As you will recall from our last letter, Joe fell on November the sixth and hurt his leg. First he was told by the doctor that his leg was not broken. Later the surgeon on Yap had an X ray of his back done and told Joe that his back was swollen and that the pain in his leg was coming from a pinched nerve in the lower back. We decided to go to Guam to a chiropractor. We were on Guam for four days before a super typhoon hit the island. It was the strongest storm, with 165 mile per hour winds, to hit the island since the sixties. Because this storm caused so much devastation, we were forced to return to Yap without Joe getting sufficient treatment.

When we returned our teenagers were busy preparing a skit for the Christmas program. What a blessing it was to have seventy-one people at our Christmas celebration. This was a good number considering the fact that the from the North had their own services in the village of Amun.

Just after Christmas Joe had such excruciating pain in his lower leg that he could not stand up to preach. He got a number of messages from some of our outer island friends, but they did not seem to help the pain. After we prayed, we were encouraged to return to the states by some of our church members. What a blessing it is to have missionaries Bob and Polly Whitmore already on Yap to take our place. From all reports they are doing a great ministry.

We arrived here in North Carolina on January the eleventh and proceeded with Joe's doctors appointments. After a week of adjustments by his chiropractor, it was discovered that Joe's swollen back was not causing his lower leg pain. An X ray of his leg showed that the small bone was broken. The bone specialist said that the bone was healing itself and that Joe needed physical therapy treatments. The therapist said that the muscles in the leg were extremely tight, the ankle muscle was extremely weak, and that his sense of balance was bad. After eight sessions (three each week) the muscles are beginning to respond, but Joes has not gained his sense of balance, and has a very weak ankle. This coming Wednesday, (Feb. 19th) the doctor will decide how many more pt sessions he will need.

It has been such a blessing to be back home at the Calvary Baptist Church. Last week (February 9-14) we were able to enjoy a God given revival/evangelistic meeting with both Hal and Barry Web. At least twenty people were saved during the week. This included some children, teens, men and women. What a blessing it was to have the Holy Spirit working in our hearts, other believers, as well as the lost.

From E mails that we have received the Holy Spirit is really working on the island of Yap. Several chiefs have requested Bible studies. One new Bible study has just started in Maap located on it's own island. The island is connected by a bridge to our main island. We are looking forward to getting back just as soon as Joe is able to walk properly.

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. SOULS TO BE SAVED
2. CHRISTIANS ON YAP TO GROW STRONGER
3. PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MANY VISITORS THAT WILL BE COMING TO YAP IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.
4. PRAY FOR THE MEDICAL TEAM AND THEIR TRIP TO THE OUTER ISALAND OF WOLEI IN JUNE.
5. PLEASE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR PAUL AND SHERRY ZIMMER'S MINSITRY IN THE NORTH BECAUSE SATAN IS OPOSING IT.
6. PRAY FOR JOE'S LEG AND ANKLE TO HEAL.

Your missionaries to Yap,

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