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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:

Isaiah 42:12 says, "Let them give glory unto the Lord, and declare His praise in the islands". Thank you for praying for the medical team! They flew 440 miles to the small islands of the Woleai atoll. Five of the islands in Walaoi were visited by the seven member medical team which was lead by Dr. Joy Angelea. They treated 159 people, each one received a gospel tract. Each evening during the week, missionary Bob Whitmore showed gospel videos. To our knowledge this may be the first time that the gospel has been presented publicly on these islands. When they returned to Yap, they saw 159 patients in two of our largest villages. In each of these clinics, the gospel seed was planted and watered. Please pray that we will be able to follow up with Bible studies in these areas so that God can give an increase and souls would be saved.

One bus load is not enough! A second trip is needed to get all of our young people to youth meetings which occurs every Thursdays afternoon. This summer we are averaging between 25 and 32 young people each week. At a recent meeting, we realized that half of the ones coming were new this summer. Most of them come from the island of Fais. Many of them have already left for their islands, but they have heard a clear presentation of the Gospel while they were here.

Safety is of the Lord, but some times He allows things to happen that we do not understand. In mid-July the Yap Baptist Church was broken into during the middle of the night. The next morning, Joe realized that the office door was open. Many things were stolen. The most important of which were our passports, and some personal checks. Among other things which were taken was our portable piano, our T.V/Video player, a new stereo system which Joe uses to record his radio message each week. Approximately three weeks later, the police arrested five people who they believe were responsible for the robbery. Praise the Lord, most of our stolen items were found and returned to us yesterday. Since our passports were reported stolen, we have applied for new ones. Please pray that they will quickly be processed and sent to us.

PRAISES

- 1. Missionary Paul Zimmer has returned to his ministry here on Yap, even though the doctors did not find the cause of his headaches. The Lord is Good!! Thanks for your prayers.
- 2. The Bible study in Maap is building a shelter, so that they can invite people from other villages.
- 3. Bob and Polly Whitmore returned from the states after Bob had successful knee surgery.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1. Please pray for Brother Paul Zimmer who is having a lot of back pain.
- 2. Please pray that we will be able to start a Bible study on the Southern end of the island soon. There have been a number of delays.
- 3. Please pray for souls to be saved throughout the island.
- 4. Finally, pray for the Yap Baptist Church and its members.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support as we continue to declare His glory in the islands of Yap State. Although most of what we are currently doing is sowing and watering the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we know that God has promised that He will give the increase.

Your missionaries to Yap,

Joe and Carolyn Cannon