

# THE CANNONS

## MISSIONARIES TO MICRONESIA

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

June 2004

Dear Fellow helpers of the Truth,

Proverbs 21:31 says: " Safety is of the Lord". On April the 8<sup>th</sup>, Typhoon Sudel approached Yap. Only a few people believed that it would continue towards Yap. They expected it to turn North towards Guam. The next day the typhoon turned south, gave us a direct hit, and then sat on us for eight hours. The sustained winds were approximately 140 m.p.h. with gusts up to 180 m.p.h. Also it hit at high tide and produced 25 to 35 ft. waves along our coastal sections and in our lagoon. Carolyn and I were in the church office during the storm which was good because one of our local families came to the church in the middle of the storm after their roof blow off. Bang !Bang! Bang! was the sound that we heard all night long and most of the next day. By this time many of the church roofing tin had blown away. It was raining inside. Then we heard something that sounded like a train coming down the tracks, but it was the wind blowing away the roof off of our container class rooms. After the storm, we saw that the roof was wrapped around two cocoanut trees near our neighbor's house. Finally, we could open the back door of the church. We saw many big trees down and roofing tin every where. We could see that the house roof was peeled back on the front side over the kitchen. Inside the house we found that the kitchen ceiling had collapsed and everything was wet. Praise the Lord, four days later the power came on and everything that got wet worked. As a result of the storm, 48% of the houses were completely destroyed according to the Red Cross. 75% of the remaining structures lost their roofs. Many people lost everything they had. We were blessed to have a home we can repair and live in. one end of the church to meet in, as well as electric and water which was restored quickly. Thank you for your prayers. Amazingly, no one was killed during the storm.

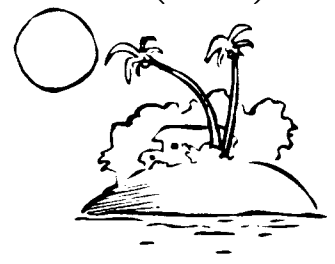
Five days after the storm ended, Dr. Marty Herron from Harvest Baptist Church on Guam came to see the damages and bring the first relief supplies. After that it was decided that Carolyn and I should go to Guam that day which was a week before our already scheduled doctor's appointments to help coordinate the beginning of the Baptist relief efforts. After looking at all the damage at the Yap Baptist Church, we estimated that it will take approximately \$ 9,000.00 to repair or replace every thing that was damaged on the property. Help came with Dr. Herron in the form of generators, pampers, candles, and lanterns from the Harvest Baptist Church. Upon our return to Yap, the Lighthouse Baptist Church on Guam sent 750 lbs. of clothing and food items. We distributed these goods between 18 families from both the Faith Baptist Church and the Yap Baptist Church. Most of these families lost every thing that they had. There will be more relief supplies coming soon from Guam.

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It is with mixed emotions that this week we will be losing Sarah one of our HBBI graduates who is going off to Maranatha College in Wisconsin. As she leaves, three more HBBI graduates will be coming to help us with the ministry of the Yap Baptist Church. We praise God for His goodness!

As you can see all of us here must have your prayers and support. During the storm, both Bob Whitmore and Paul Zimmer's houses did not suffer any real damage. Praise the Lord!! The Paul Zimmer family will be leaving for their furlough at the end of May. Bob and Polly will be ministering with the Faith Baptist Church in their absence.

If you would like to help us with the expenses of the repairs to the church and house you may send your donation to WWWNTBM Yap Baptist roof fund. You may contact me at [jcannon@mail.fm](mailto:jcannon@mail.fm). Thank you again for your faithful prayers and support as we continue to shine the Light of Jesus Christ on Yap and beyond.

Your missionaries,

*Joe and Carolyn Cannon*