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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 Supporters, family, and friends:

Philippians 4:19 says “But my God shall provide all of your need according of His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” After Typhoon Sudal, we saw God provide all of the materials and the money necessary to repair our house roof and the main church roof, as well as a temporary roof for our largest SS classroom. A special blessing came when we had seven men from the Faith Baptist Church on the Northern end of the island repair the damage we had to our roof. It was a blessing to find that all of the roof did not have to be replaced. We were also blessed to have David and Jonathan Joyal here from Ohio. They helped with the repairs to the house, the main church roof, and the building of the temporary roof over one of our class rooms. David also taught some of our young men to hand sheetrock to replace the ceilings and walls that were lost during the storm. The Lord sends the right people at the right time. David, a college student, has had a lot of experience with structural building. Truly God provided all of our needs for money, materials, manpower, and the knowledge to get the jobs done. Now we are painting the new walls and ceilings. As far as we know our church is the only heavily damaged church to be repaired as of now. After the materials arrived from Guam, our computer went down so we were unable to give you updates. Praise the Lord we are “on line” again.

We would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all of our church members to thank each of you who prayed for us, and those who gave materials, money, or time. Without your help we would not have been able to continue our church services. Our large Sunday school class room was heavily damaged. Lord willing, by the time you receive this letter, we will have begun replacing the ceiling and walls in it. Later we plan to put a permanent roof over all of our class rooms. This can wait until we have Mark and Paul Zimmer on the island. Paul is currently on furlough and his brother Mark Zimmer is due to begin his ministry on Yap in November of this year.

We are happy to have Rolence Lugg, a recent graduate of Harvest Baptist Bible Institute, join us here in the ministry of the church. He is working with our youth, driving one of the church bus routes, as well as helping with the repairs of the church.

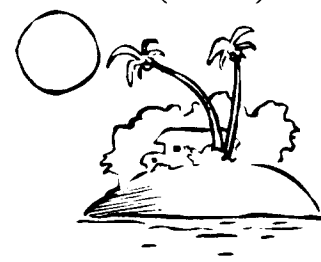
In August Rolence made a trip to his home island of Fais. When he arrived, he found a small group of people who had been saved and were meeting together weekly. Each evening while he was there he held Bible studies with them. He also found another group of people who were very confused and were trying to follow some “literature” left them by the Charismatic preacher who came to the island. Please pray for all of these folks to either be saved or the ones that are to begin to grow spiritually.

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In our last letter, we mentioned that three H.B.B.I. graduates were planning to come to Yap to help with the ministries here. The couple that was planning to come went to his home island of Pohnpei where he is teaching and working with the youth group of a local Baptist church. Rolence has been a blessing to all of us here!!

As a result of Typhoon Sudal, many of our people were left to rebuild their homes. The outer island people who lived in the Colonial area before the storm are rebuilding in new villages on the Northern end of the island. This is taking a lot of our teens and church children away from our area. Please pray that we will be able to continue to minister to these dear folks, as well as seeing new people saved and coming to the church. Everything from building materials, gas, and food have gone up in price since the storm. Please pray that our Lord Jesus will be merciful and allow our main crops of Toro, breadfruit, bananas, and coconuts to soon come back. Almost all of it was destroyed by the typhoon.

Prayer Requests:

1. Joe is having continuous allergy problems with hives ever since the storm. Please pray for him! He cannot safely take any more medicine.
2. Please continue to pray for people to be saved!!
3. Please pray for Rolence Bible study with some people from Fais who are living here on the main island.
4. Please pray for "good weather" so that we can complete our repairs.

Thank you for being God's channel of blessing to us for all of these years. Thanks again for all of your prayers, help and support during and after the storm. God has truly used you to provide all of our needs.

Your Missionaries on Yap,
Joe and Carolyn Cannon