

Serving with World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions

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"Let thine eyes be on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them..." Ruth 2:9

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Dear Friends and Co-Laborers,

September again! What reminders come with that observation. Here in the States, officially the vacation season seems to have ended with the passage of Labor Day. The nights begin to cool, the days shorten, and this year the hurricanes seem to stand in line to have their "whacks" at the Southeast. But it is also the time when school opens and students begin to trudge back to class. Even though we are now some 8000 miles from Majuro, to us September brings something of a longing to hear from the church and school in the Marshall Islands. We know school has started and the faces of the kids and their parents come before us with a longing to see them again. This morning after the church service, a group of children were waiting to get on the bus to go home. Marvaine turned to me and said, "With their darker skin they remind me of our kids in Majuro." We both miss them.

We have been working with Pastor Helmer Lang to get books and supplies ordered for the classes. We placed the order and hoped they would arrive in time for school. However, Helmer told us that they had not been received. We called A Beka to trace the shipment and found out that the vessel the order was supposed to go out on suffered some delays and would not arrive in Majuro until October 4th. This means a real hardship on the teachers and a crowded schedule for the rest of the year. Perhaps one of the greatest problems will be for the new 5th grade because they don't have any materials from last year. A projected figure for enrollment was 175-185. "What hath God wrought!"

Please continue to pray for the work there – that the books may arrive soon; that Helmer and his staff may have wisdom, guidance, and strength for a great year for the glory of God; and that many of the students may come to receive the Lord Jesus as their Saviour and be passed "from death unto life." Pray too that not only the children should be saved but many of their family members as well. We do not believe that God gave us that school just to teach the three r's, but that souls should come to the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. He Himself said, "No man cometh to the Father but by me."

We have continued with meetings here. Some have been pulpit supply and some are specifically missions oriented. In three days we leave for another missionary conference in N. C. and after that we have several meetings in eastern N. C. In October we plan to be at Bob Jones University for their missions emphasis week and will be contacting many students and seeking to challenge them to consider the possibility that the Lord may want them in missions to take the Gospel to a lost and dying world. We have also been in other meetings with pastors including the recently concluded (and very informative) meeting of the Va. Assembly of Independent Baptists. We found this to be very helpful in bringing us up to date on recent developments that profoundly affect our churches and their ministries.

As always we are deeply grateful for your continuing interest and concern for us and the ministry to which the Lord has called us. If we may be of assistance to your church, it would be counted an honor and a privilege.

In Him for the harvest,

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