



We Arrived on Yap!

Dear Friends,

It has been a busy few weeks since our last update. With the last week of summer camp at Servant's Heart Camp ending at the beginning of August, we turned our focus toward putting some of our belongings into storage while we packed the rest for our trip.

In the weeks before our departure, God gave us the opportunity to share the work on Yap with two different churches that are close to our hearts. The people at Faith Bible Church and Riggles Gap Bible Church each were a blessing in their heartfelt response to our ministry. So many people encouraged us with their promises of prayers.

On August 24th, we said our goodbyes to family as we checked in for our flights from Harrisburg International Airport. We praise God that even though the trip was long, it was also uneventful. On one flight we had the opportunity to talk to a young man who said he believes in a "higher power", but feels that the religion of buddhism makes the most sense to him. Even though the conversation was short, we were able to communicate to him that God's Word is the place to look for life's answers.

After 24 hours of travel, we arrived safely on Yap. The first few days were filled with settling in to our house and adjusting to the 14 hour time difference. Over the next week we gradually transitioned into ministry activities. Nathan has started working in the radio station and has quickly acquired a pile of work in updating the programming. Many of the programs have not been updated so that old programs are being repeated. There is also plenty of work around the church property including preparing the old radio station building to be used as a school room. This has included tearing out old termite infested wood, tearing out carpeted walls, rewiring lights and installing a new door.

As we begin various projects and ministries at the church, we are getting reacquainted with people we met last summer on our trip to Yap, as well as gradually building new relationships. Several of the teen boys have come by the church to help, and Nathan

has been able to get to know them while working with them. Hannah also has been able to reach out to several of the ladies in the church.

This week, Faith Baptist Church started up school with 6 students in a new homeschool group. Lord willing, this will turn into an official Christian school next year. As part of this years school, Paul Zimmer (our missionary co-worker) is teaching a class on electrical wiring to a few of the young men in the church. Nathan has joined the class and is not only learning but finding that it is another avenue of building relationships.

Thank you for your prayers as we get settled into ministries on Yap and try to set up a daily routine. So many of you have blessed us with your prayers for us. We would love to hear from you, so feel free to respond to this email or contact us through our Facebook page.

A Little Bit of Life on Yap

Even though all the cars drive on the same side of the road as in the US, many of the cars have the steering wheel on the right side of the car. This includes the car that the Lord has given us to use. Unfortunately that means many of the controls are also reversed. We think Nathan is rapidly gaining the reputation around town as the crazy American who uses his windshield wipers every time he makes a turn.



Our first service on Yap, the church people greeted us with these beautiful and lovely smelling leis and marmars. It is the way the islanders express their greeting.



Our first Sunday on Yap a lady in the church gave Hannah this locally grown squash.



The young men of the church were excited to gather together one Saturday evening and construct a makeshift basketball court.