Servants Helping In the Ministry

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"Finally, Brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you." II Thessalonians 3:1

Hello From The Tropics,

In December, I began an expositional study of the book of I Thessalonians on Sunday nights. While introducing this book and studying chapter 1, God led me to II Thessalonians 3:1. This verse has had a real impact on me, and as Paul asked the believers in Thessalonica to pray for him, so we are asking you to specifically pray for us that the Word of God would indeed have free course. Pray that while we are here ministering in Tinian that the Word of God would indeed be glorified. Pray for us as we witness, as we invite people to church, and as we pass out tracts. The people of Tinian so desperately need the Word of God, but unfortunately their Roman religion has blinded them to the truth of the gospel. Our enemies - the world, the flesh, and the devil - are doing all they can to keep the military personnel out of the Word and out of church. There are many false religions on this island, and the spiritual battle rages on. Please pray that we would continue to be faithful in our proclamation of the Word of God! Pray that God would give us more opportunities to witness and that our testimony will have an effect on the dear folks here in Tinian.

The blessings of the Lord are innumerable and unfathomable, and we thank him for showering us with some of those blessings. At the beginning of February, I received a call from the Mayor of Tinian. He asked if I would be willing to take part in the annual Pika Festival held here on Tinian. He specifically wanted me to open the festival in prayer. I was humbled by the request, and it was a blessing to be around hundreds of people and try to be a testimony to them in prayer. Now I realize that to most of the folks here, this was a religious exercise, but for me it was an opportunity to be a testimony to those who need Christ. We can only hope that our presence at the festival had a positive impact on some. Pika means spicy and this festival is held yearly to celebrate the island's most wellknown commodity - - the Tinian hot pepper. One of the

ladies in our church (Joanne) set up a gift booth at the

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pass out tracts and witness to those who came by the booth.Please pray for one young lady in particular who gave attention to the gospel. Her name is Angela. She is not saved, but open. Pray for another in our church (Josie) as she and Marilee will be visiting Angela witnessing to her one on one.Another blessing in February involves Rey Asahan. In my years of pastoring in Saipan, Rey was my song leader. Rey works for an

festival, and Marilee and I helped her "construct" the

booth and set it up. Marilee helped this lady throughout

the festival, and both had some wonderful opportunities to

of pastoring in Saipan, Rey was my song leader. Rey works for an energy company, and recently the company sent him and his fellow employees to Tinian to install solar panels at the public schools here. He will be here for a few months. When the Workmans left for furlough, so did our piano player. Since arriving in Tinian, Rey has been attending our services, and I have asked him to lead singing while he is here. He plays the guitar, and what a blessing the music services have been. But there's more. Rey has been witnessing to the men who are with him on this solar project. His fellow employees have agreed to have a Bible study at their dormitory residence. Praise the Lord! Starting in March, I will be conducting this Bible study. Please pray for these men. Pray that this Bible study will be the means to bringing many of them to Christ. Pray that God will give me wisdom in what I say and what I teach. Pray

We thank you for your prayers, and want you to know that we are doing well. God continues to bless us with good health, and we are excited about the way things are going at Calvary Baptist Church. Pray for our people. Pray that they would continue to grow in grace. Please pray that God would help me as I study the Word of God, and as I prepare for each service. God is richly blessing our time here, and we praise Him for the opportunities that He continues to give us as we seek to be a shining light on this small island. God bless each and every one of you in the days to come. I close with encouraging you to pray that the people of Tinian would respond to the Word of God just like the Thessalonians did in I Thessalonians 2:13.

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