



SERVANTS HELPING IN THE MINISTRY

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*"Whereby are
given unto us exceeding
great and precious promises: that
by these ye might be partakers of the divine
nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through
lust."
II Peter 2:4*

Greetings From Tinian,

Nothing reminds us more of God's promises than the beautiful rainbow that He has placed in the sky. On April 14, while Marilee and I were mowing the Workman's yard, God gave us one of the most beautiful rainbows I have ever seen. The rest of the time I mowed, I could not help but reflect on the exceeding great and precious promises that He has given us. God is good, and we thank Him for the promise of eternal life, the promise of His protection, the promise of His provisions, the promise of His peace, the promise of His presence, the promise of His providence, the promise of prayer, just to name a few. By God's promises we can go through each day knowing that God is in control, and that we have absolutely nothing to fear. The promises of God are a constant source of encouragement while we serve Him on the mission field.



God richly blessed us during the month of April. Easter Sunday was an incredibly wonderful day. We celebrated the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ during our morning service. Thank God for many who came to our services that morning! After the morning service we had an island style lunch on the church grounds and then closed the day with an afternoon service, which concluded with the Lord's Supper. Praise God! We had seven visitors come on Easter Sunday. Three of them have returned and have started attending somewhat regularly. We ask you to pray for us as we minister to these new folks. Pray that the others will return. In particular, please pray for Jerome. He is saved and has been able to bring at least two other men to church with him. These men need Christ, so pray that the Word of God will truly wake them up to their need of the Savior.

We have had an American couple visit a few times, and we are hoping that they will make this their church home. Pray for Ron and Jillian. At the moment they are in the states tending to some medical needs of Ron.

One of the blessings of this month is that we have been able to teach some new songs and hymns to the congregation. What a joy it is to hear our folks sing. God has certainly put a song in their hearts. One of our most faithful Filipino ladies called me right before Easter Sunday and asked if she could sing a special on this resurrection day.

Her name is Josie. She has since sung one more special for us. While this may not sound all that important, it becomes tremendously special when you realize that she has never done this before. God certainly has given her the grace and courage to be used of Him.

April has been a great month. Our church services have seen visitors come, and then return. Our people continue to be faithful not only in their attendance but in their attentiveness. The fellowship has been especially sweet, and we have seen God's presence in a most unusual way. God continues to bless me and help me in preparing messages, and I have felt His power in an unusual way throughout this month.

We are well as God continues to bless us with good health. We are busy, and God continues to give us a settled peace while we are here filling in. Thank you so much for your prayers and your financial support. You will never know just how much we appreciate your sacrifice of love and your willingness to partner with us. It hardly seems possible that April is past, and that we are moving into our final days here. We are scheduled to leave here on June 17. We will say more about this in our May prayer letter. In the meantime, keep us ever in your prayers. God bless each and every one of you in the days ahead.

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