SCOTT & MARILEE SERVANTS HELPING IN THE MINISTRY May - June, 2023 "For now we live, if ye stand fast in Sunday night at Calvary Baptist Church. What

the Lord. - I Thessalonians 3:8

Greetings From Tinian,

I may have mentioned this to you before, but almost since we arrived on Tinian, I have set aside Sunday nights to study the book of I Thessalonians. This book has had a profound effect on me as a preacher of the gospel and as a missionary. The more I study this book and the more I expound on it in my preaching, the more God uses it to encourage me in the work of missions. As we care for Calvary Baptist Church while the Workmans are on furlough, the above words explain our desire for the people here. But this statement also reveals our concern for each and every one of you. It is our prayer that you stay true to God, and stand fast in Him. Nothing encourages us more than when we see people taking a stand for Christ or hearing that our brothers and sisters are remaining true to the cause of Christ. Indeed our lives are renewed and strengthened if you stand fast in the Lord.

We are making this letter our May-June prayer letter because we will not be able to update you again until July. By the time this letter reaches you, our relief ministry here in Tinian will have nearly ended or come to an end. Please pray for us in our remaining days here in Micronesia. We will be leaving Tinian on June 17 and traveling to Saipan. While in

Saipan, I will have the privilege of preaching
Sunday night at Calvary Baptist Church. What
a blessing it will be to be back at the church where
we spent twenty years ministering for the Lord. On June
19, we will travel to Guam. We will be spending three
weeks in Guam, where we will be helping Family Baptist
Church. Family Baptist has been without a Pastor for
several years, and they need your prayers. I will be
preaching in all of their services, and helping during a
very difficult time. We want to be an encouragement
and help to these dear folks, and I ask you to pray that
God would use us in a mighty way. We will be departing
from Guam on July 6, and heading for the States. We
are scheduled to arrive home on the afternoon of July 6.

Our time here in Tinian has been a blessed one, and we ask you to please continue praying for the Workmans as they return. Pray for the church in general. May was an encouraging as well as an exciting month. Our attendance was good. It is always a blessing when all who come to church on Sunday mornings return on Sunday nights. This has certainly been the case for most of the people, and we praise God for our visitors. We have been especially blessed by the faithfulness of a Christian young man named Stephen. He is on Tinian indefinitely under contract with the U.S. military. He first came to the church on Easter Sunday, and then went to Japan. Since returning from Japan, he has been in every service. Pray for all the folks here that they will indeed stand fast in the Lord!

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We had a wonderful Mother's Day service on May 8, as we honored our faithful ladies in the church. They are pictured in this prayer letter.

The biggest event in May was super typhoon Mawar. While we are always prepared for typhoons, it is unusual to have a typhoon in May. For those of you who may not be aware, a typhoon is our equivalent of a hurricane, and Mawar was a category 4, packing 140 to 150 mile an hour sustained winds. As it approached, typhoon Mawar made a direct hit on the island of Guam. We experienced tropical storm force winds and escaped the worst of it. God graciously protected us. Guam did not fare so well. Our island neighbor suffered a great deal of damage, and is still recovering from the devastating effects of this powerful storm. Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Guam as they continue to recover.

Before the storm, our missionary friends at Calvary Baptist Church in Saipan, Matthew and Barbara Furan, flew to the States for their son's wedding. Because the Guam airport was closed for at least a week, they found themselves stranded in Houston. Because we are so close, God allowed me to fly to Saipan and help the church while the Furans waited to return. We moved our midweek service to Tuesday, and on May 31, I had the privilege of preaching once again at Calvary Baptist Church in Saipan. What a blessing to help this church and its people. It is what we do - - AMEN!

Pray for us as we pack and prepare ourselves for the next phase of our ministry. We actually have meetings scheduled in September and October as we will be resuming our deputation efforts. We are at approximately 92% of our needed support and would, of course, like to see that increase. Pray for us as we ship things back to the States and as we pack. We will be doing a lot of traveling, and your prayers for our safety are appreciated.

Because you will not hear from us again until July, I have a very special unspoken prayer request that I ask each of you to bring before the Lord on our behalf. This is an important as well as practical need, and we want all of our brothers and sisters in Christ as well as our supporting churches to have a part in praying for this.

Once again, I close with a grateful heart and thank each and every one of you for your prayers, your support, and your encouragement. May the words of I Corinthians 15:57-58, be an encouragement as well as a challenge to each of you. "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Sincerely In Christ,

Scott and Marilee Norman









