THE WAGAR'S

To Chuuk, Micronesia

Praises

- 1) 95%
- 2) Finishing up deputation
- 3) VBS went well

Requests

- 1) Preparation for move
- 2) Finish Deputation strong

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Dear Friend,

As I sit here at 2:46pm on Thursday, July 28, I have a freshly brewed cup of coffee (black, by the way), a sleeping baby upstairs, a wife out for some much needed "mommy time", and a pretty quiet house. I'm exhausted! But, it's the good kind of exhaustion the kind that comes from being busy for the Lord. The last few weeks, in particular, have been a blur of work, kids, home life, and meetings. At the moment we are preparing for our last day of VBS (Friday, July 29) at our home church in Chesapeake. I've been teaching the 5th and 6th grade class this week and Sarah has been with the 1st and 2nd graders. God has been abundantly good, as always, and we have been able to see him work. Thus far I have seen 8 kids come to know Christ from my class alone this week! Praise the Lord!

Sometimes writing a prayer letter is difficult because there just doesn't seem to be too much to talk about; at other times, however, it's difficult because there is an abundance of things that we would love to tell you. So, let me try to recap the last couple of months briefly.

The first part of June I was in Florida by myself for about 9 days for two meetings. I also had the privilege of catching up with some of our good friends at Memorial Baptist Church in Ocala, FL. It's a blessing to be able to see the people who have been praying for us. At the end of June, Sarah, Milena, and I went back down to FL to minister at First Baptist Church of Ocoee. A good friend of ours, Brother O'Malley, was preaching a revival at the church and Sarah and I were able to run the children's revival. Though we did not see any children saved, the Lord did move in some hearts, I do believe. That church also voted to take us on for support! We got back to Sarah's parent's house the first week of July after stopping over in SC for a meeting and had just a few days to recuperate before we began the VBS for Faith Baptist Church in Siler City, NC. We had a good group of kids come out! After VBS ended we headed home to VA after being gone for about two months. Sarah and Milena were able to take a week or so and rest at home while the Lord provided me the opportunity to do some work for people in our church; needless to say it was a busy week! Now we are in the midst of our church's VBS and absolutely loving it! God is moving in hearts and we are seeing kids make decisions that will impact the rest of their lives.

It's wonderful to be busy for the Lord, but please pray that we do not get sucked into the trap of "barren busyness." Being busy is great, but if we are too busy to set aside meaningful time for prayer, what good does the work really do? God has been teaching me much about prayer; please pray that I continue to listen to Him.

Since our last letter we have now rocketed to 95%! Thank the Lord. The end is in sight. God has also provided us the perfect truck. We knew it was the Lord's will for us to get this one because several very specific answers to prayer. Finally, we are able to say with certainty, we are choosing to leave in January. I know that we are close to 100%, but we have had some wise men suggest that we wait until the beginning of the new year. This will give us an opportunity to spend one more holiday season with our families before we move. It is both exciting and nerve wracking to know for sure the amount of time we have left.

Thank you for all of your prayers. Please continue to pray that the Lord provides the funds for our move. Several churches have generously sent us offerings to help with that expense; we cannot thank you enough. We look forward to seeing the Lord reward you. Also, as we finish out our meetings, please continue to pray that we would get to 100%. Really, I would love to see us reach 105% or more; pray that the Lord's will is done. Also, we would appreciate continued prayers as we make preparations for moving. Thank you so much for the part that you are playing in this ministry! We are ever grateful!

Until the Islands are His,

Josh, Sarah, and Milena Wagar