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# THE WAGAR'S

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## To Chuuk, Micronesia

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### Praises

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- 1) Enjoyable Christmas season with family
- 2) Settled into house

### Requests

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- 1) Ability to learn more of the language
- 2) For God to work in some situations that have arisen

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Three Generations!



Our Dear Praying Friends,

Happy New Year! For us, January 2018 marks one year here in Micronesia - that's hard to believe. What a year it has been! We want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for praying with us through our highest highs and our lowest lows. I don't think that we could have truly imagined what this first year would have been like, and I am certainly glad of that because God has stretched us well past our comfort zones as He patiently works us as the potter works clay.

Sarah's parents were able to come and visit us during the Christmas and New Year season. They were here for just shy of one month. It was a nice treat to have family around. My father-in-law and I were able to work on some projects around the house that I have been needing to get done but required a couple of more hands than I have and a little more expertise to get them done right. Milena loved having Abi and Bampaw here as well!



Sarah was working on the garden and the boys wanted to help. So each got two cups with their name so they can watch the plants grow!

As we look to beginning a new year of ministry, Sarah and I were discussing where we think that the Lord may be leading us at this time. We believe that He is directing us to stay with Grace International Baptist Church for the time being as we try to assist in the growth of the church. This past year the Lord had us focused on settling and preparing our home and property for life-long service in these islands as well as gaining a rudimentary knowledge of Chuukese. Though there will always be work to do here around the property, we are now able to look towards being even more involved in the church and other outreach ministries. Please continue to pray as we plod on in our Chuukese learning. It is coming along - just much slower than we expected.

One final thought: Psalm 118:5-6 says, "I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, and set me in a large place. The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?" The answer to David's question, in part, is that man can do a lot! Look at how many times he was chased, mocked by his own family, ridiculed, and abused. Look at Joseph, Paul, Stephen, Able, and Jesus. Men can do plenty to us. But I believe that David's question goes far deeper than

surface level. What can man *really* do to us? Can man separate us from the love of God? Not according to Romans 8. Can man take away our salvation? Not according to I John 5. Can man take away our joy and happiness? Not if we have our eyes focused on God like Philippians 4:4 says. While man can do many physical things, it is only by the permission of God. And if it has God's permission behind it, then we know that it can and will work for His glory and our best. As we (you and us) begin this new year, let us be more aware of what God can do *through* us than what man can try to do *to* us. The battle is very evident here in Chuuk between Light and Dark. As we face situations that have arisen or that will arise, as I am sure they will, please be praying that God's hand would be mighty and that He would get the glory when everything else seems impossible.

We are grateful for each of you. May your new year be more than happy; may it be filled with the presence and joy of God!

Until the Islands Know Him,  
Josh, Sarah, and Milena Wagar  
Romans 15:21