
THE WAGAR'S

To Chuuk, Micronesia

Praises

- 1) Good Christmas and New Year Season
- 2) Milena accepted Christ

Requests

- 1) Hearts to be opened
- 2) Pastor Mike's health
- 3) Chuuk to open back up

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Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! It's a beautifully sunny day as I write this letter - a nice reprieve from the overly wet weather we have had over the past couple of months. Nevertheless, I'm sure we will all miss the cool rain sooner rather than later! The rainy, cool weather of our winter months does, in a weird island phenomenon, make it seem a little bit more like the Christmas and New Year season. But now, with the recently arrived sunny weather, it feels like we are moving into the new year and a new season of work and ministry.

November and December brought both blessings and a little extra busyness! Sarah worked hard at preparing a church Christmas program that combined both the children's Sunday school class as well as the larger congregation. We had a great service that combined both the English speaking and Chuukese speaking congregations; the program went extremely well and the food afterwards was quite delicious!

On Christmas Day our church held our annual jail service. We had quite a few of the church folks show up at the local jail and a

good amount of the inmates attended. Brother Chem preached a solid Gospel message, and though nobody made a profession of faith, the seed was planted and I believe hearts were encouraged.

Leading up to Christmas, Pastor Mike, Brother Edgar, Tokoro, and myself were all occupied building our new outdoor pavilion in order to accommodate the growing number of children that we have attending children's church. The classroom, a 20 foot container cooled by a temperamental air conditioner, was no longer adequate for seventeen kids. We worked several long days spread out over about a month to complete the project and our church now has a pavilion that can function as a classroom, extra meeting space and activity area as needed.



Sarah is keeping busy with homeschooling and ministry. Milena is doing well and progressing through her first year of homeschooling. In November we celebrated her 5th birthday with a small birthday party and a movie outside with the neighborhood kids. (To the left is the annual birthday picture with Brother Arvin, a Filipino brother who also shares the same birthday). We would like to praise the Lord that on December 7, Milena made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ as her Savior. We are excited to have her come to know the Lord and excited to present to you your newest little sister in Christ!

January 29 marked four years of ministering here in Chuuk. God has done such a work in both of us over these past four years, and as life-long students we know He has much more to teach and work in us. Chuuk and all of the FSM remain closed in light of COVID. March will be one year since they closed the borders, stranding many citizens outside and away from their families for far longer than they anticipated. As small quantities of the vaccine just begin to arrive, it is being administered in Chuuk. The President of the FSM announced his goal of seeing 70% of the FSM's population vaccinated in order for the borders to be opened.

Pastor Mike is still struggling with numbness and pain on one side of his body. On February 4 he will receive the results of some recent tests; from there he will determine whether he needs to leave for further medical attention. Lastly, we are still waiting to hear from the Supreme Court in regards to our final appeal, now submitted over two years ago.



Thank you for your continued prayers and support. Continue to pray that the Lord would lead us in wisdom as there are so many things to do here in Chuuk, but only so much time in a day. We seek to do God's will - not simply what seems good. Pray for Pastor Mike. Pray for hearts to be opened. Pray for Christ to be known. Pray for willing laborers.

Again, to each of you reading this, we are grateful for your love, prayers, and support. As we continue here in Chuuk, stand fast and firm as you hold the ropes wherever you may be; your labor is not in vain.

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