
THE WAGAR'S

To Chuuk, Micronesia

Praises

- 1) All is well
- 2) New couples in the church

Requests

- 1) Easter service coming up
- 2) Court case to be resolved
- 3) Pastor's health

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Easter! Celebrating our Lord's resurrection should light a fire in each of us and remind us of our calling whether we are at home or abroad! I'm so grateful we serve a living, victorious God.

At the risk of sounding cliché, life plods along - though not in a bad way by any means. As in any area of work and life, there are seasons of intense productivity, and then there are times of simply working through the tasks at hand. I guess you can say that's where we have been at these past two months.

April will mark two years of hosting monthly youth meetings and we're grateful to see a core group of 15-20 young people attending. Between preparing the lesson, cooking, spending time playing activities with the youth, and (as Sarah experienced last week when I had to make a quick run to the store) even breaking up the occasional fight, these youth nights are a worthy investment of energy and time. In all of this, we are still waiting for the Gospel and all of its implications to really click in the lives of these kids. We anticipate the day where it goes from head to heart and stays there. Be praying along with us- specifically each second Sunday of the month.



Another project currently being worked on is the translation of the book *Done* by Carry Schmidt. This book is an excellent guide to the Gospel for people who think that their religiousness is equivalent to righteousness. Pastor Mike, myself, and a dear Chuukese pastor friend in Portland named Pastor Sippa are each translating portions of the book right now. We are excited to get the project done so we can distribute this to Chuukese folks wherever we can!



Our family is doing well. Right now part of our focus is on figuring out what we need to plan on doing for the summer. Sarah has been asked to return to the Chuuk Women's Counsel in order to tutor. This is a great opportunity, and now that she has been homeschooling Milena for this past school year, she feels even more equipped to go in and teach the basics of reading. On top of that, we are trying to figure out if we could logistically work a vacation Bible school or back yard Bible club. At the moment, it would end up just being the two of us trying to wrangle a bunch of rowdy kids! We are seeking the Lord's will and wisdom for our summer activities.

Finally, the church is doing well. Two new Filipino couples have been attending the English service; one of the couples has become very faithful and even attends our Wednesday night prayer meetings if they have available transportation. Next Sunday we will combine the English and Chuukese speaking congregations for our Resurrection Day service and potluck. Please pray for me as I will be preaching in both languages that day; I desire the Gospel to be presented in a clear and concise manner. Our great desire is to see lost souls surrender to be saved.

Pastor Mike continues to struggle with his health. He is still undecided as to whether he will seek medical treatment outside of the FSM. The difficulty right now is that the president of the FSM has decided that in order to even begin repatriation the entire country must reach a 70% vaccination rate, and currently we are sitting at about 13% after several months of pushing for people to be vaccinated. It looks like we may have a long wait ahead of us to see the borders open. This makes arriving at a decision for treatment difficult for Pastor Mike and Sophia.



Though this letter isn't full of exciting news, it reminds me of the way that Christ said the Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed - small and imperceptible and taking time to grow. Thank you for being faithful even in the slow seasons. Thank you for your love, prayers, and support. Though growth is slow and labor is hard, the reward is worth it and we are glad to share in that reward with you.

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