
THE WAGAR'S

To Chuuk, Micronesia

Praises

- 1) Pastor and Sophia made it safely to AZ
- 2) Good health

Requests

- 1) Pastor and Sophia's health
- 2) Chem's Health
- 3) Our family as we care for the church in pastor's absence
- 4) Legal case to finish

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Dear Friend,

There is something about rainy days and writing prayer letters that just seem to go together. Maybe it's just a coincidence; or, maybe it's just that rainy days cause me to have to slow down enough to focus on writing a few lines. Either way, here we are - you, me, and the cadence of a rainy May day in Chuuk.

After much deliberation Pastor Mike and his wife decided to leave about a week ago. He and Mrs. Sophia have traveled safely to Arizona to be with his sister while they seek medical treatment for his worsening condition. We are glad he decided to go to seek help; it was becoming quite evident that it needed to happen. But, as Pastor Mike is gone, this increases our work load here. Brother Chem and I will be sharing the load of preaching for the Chuukese side of the church while I will be taking the English side alone. (If you guys could hear and see the rain right now!) It has been odd not having Pastor here for the past few services, but we do trust the Lord to grow His church and do what is best.

In all of this, however, Brother Chem is also beginning to deal with some adverse health conditions that are possibly related to the open-heart surgery he had a few years back. As of late he has been experiencing pain and fatigue and has been admitted into the hospital twice over the past year. He is considering the possibility of also having to seek medical treatment outside of Chuuk. Please be praying for brother Chem.

I was able to visit Pito a couple of weeks back. If you remember, Pito was the man who had both arms scalded with boiling water and came close to death. It had been quite some time since I had been to see him, and in all honesty I went to see him out of sheer obedience to the Lord because it was not a choice I wanted to make. It's a difficult home to visit. I was able to visit for a little bit and to have a time of prayer while also going over the Gospel once again. They give ascent to the Gospel, but it is hard to tell whether they have truly accepted it or not. Thank you for praying for him and his family.



Sarah is getting ready to start up a summer tutoring program again at the Chuuk Women's Counsel (CWC). She will be teaching a group of boys and girls for several weeks and leading them through basic reading classes. Last time she did this she was able to show love and a desire to serve the community, which is a much needed avenue in spreading the Gospel here in Chuuk. Some of her students even attended our church's VBS that summer. To this day she receives warm greetings when she encounters her former students and their parents around town. We pray that this renewed opportunity will be another avenue into the lives of children and their parents so that we may have further opportunity to share the Good News!

Milena finished up her first year of school. I think we all breathed a sigh of relief on the last day! Only 13 more school years to go! Now come the days of summer fun, playing in puddles, making mischief with friends, and childhood happiness. She is doing well and glad to be free for a few months!

We press on with our monthly Youth Nights, though, in all honesty, I think we came close to putting a halt to them after April! The attendance has remained steady with around 20 young people that come out. We have started a new series about sowing good seed in our lives. This past youth night the kids were very attentive and seemed to grasp the lesson well. Along the lines of youth ministry, I wanted to share some encouraging news we received about a week ago. In 2018 we hosted a Teen VBS in which only a handful of teenagers came out every night. We saw a few girls place their faith in Christ, but they never really seemed to desire to grow. However, we recently found out that one young man that had attended, but has since moved to Hawaii, is now attending Bible study there with the sons of a faithful family from our church here. During their recent Bible study, he shared with his cousins that he had placed his faith in Christ during one of the services we hosted that summer. Apparently he is now seeking to grow in his faith! It's good to hear these things even if it takes several years to do so!



As I wrap up it's still raining hard and our road is now one big river! Summer is approaching fast with much to do and fewer laborers. We would covet your prayers during this time of ministry in which we are shouldering more responsibility that God has seen fit to place upon us. Without doubt He is well able to finish that which He has begun in us, but we certainly cannot do it without His strength. As we continue serving here in Chuuk, we are grateful for your prayers, love, and support in all of the forms in which it comes. Thank you for being faithful where you are at as we all seek to spread the glorious Gospel of our Lord and Savior - Jesus Christ!

Until the Islands Know Him,

Josh, Sarah, and Milena Wagar

Romans 15:21