
THE WAGAR'S

To Chuuk, Micronesia

Praises

- 1) Church doing well
- 2) Many opportunities for outreach

Requests

- 1) Continued strength to lead while Pastor is gone.
- 2) Disciples
- 3) People saved

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Dear Praying Friends,

It's the quiet of the morning as I sit down to write to you and tell you about the work that God is doing here. I love the quiet hours of the morning here; most days there is no noise other than the birds and the wind. It's a gentle reminder, for which I am profoundly grateful for during this busy season, of the quiet that Christ offers to our souls despite the turbulence around us.

The work continues to go well here, both in the community and with the body of Christ. Pastor Mike has now been seeking treatment in Arizona for about two months. We miss him deeply and he and his wife are already anxious to return home. We praise the Lord that they did not find anything wrong with his heart, but they are still puzzled as to what seems to be causing these concerning issues. We are praying that clarity will come quickly and that a treatment plan can be decided.

We praise the Lord that the church continues to do well. There seems to be some growth happening spiritually as well as (a little bit) numerically. Our English service has been well attended. Usually, when it's time for the kids to go to their children's church class, half of the church ends up going outside because they are all kids! But for this we praise the Lord; it is no light task to raise



up and train the next generation of Christ's disciples. And, speaking of Sunday school, part of the spiritual growth that we are seeing is that we have had another lady volunteer to be a teacher in the Sunday school program. This is huge! We are so grateful that God is moving the hearts of people in the church to serve Him; this is what we teach, preach, and practice and it is rewarding to see it coming to fruition.

Sarah has been tutoring at the Chuuk Women's Counsel for the summer. Originally there were only supposed to be 15-20 kids allowed to sign up, but I believe the final count was about 29! She will be wrapping up the program over the next week and a half. Our goal for this session of tutoring, other than teaching kids the basics of reading, was simply to be active in the community and to create opportunities for influence and

witnessing as the Lord brings them along. Sarah has done a marvelous job with teaching and Milena has had a blast having classmates throughout the summer months.

With pastor gone for the time being, Sarah and I have certainly been keeping busy (what an American thing to say!). There is a regular schedule of preaching and teaching for me, teaching Sunday school and tutoring for Sarah, and a host of other ministry activities that happen between the both of us. I have also begun coaching several young men (ages 14-16) three times a week. They came to me and asked if I would do some sort of physical fitness with them. It's been a great opportunity to get involved in their lives. Achilles and Ri-S are my two most faithful students - they hardly ever miss a session. Please pray that Gospel opportunities would come from this since they are both nominally Catholic. A group of men and I have also been practicing Brazilian Jiu Jitsu together as well. Each of these activities are just another way to involve ourselves in the lives of those around us. Please pray that we would see fruit.

I had a neat experience a couple of weeks ago. There is a food here- called Kon- that comes from breadfruit. You simply steam the breadfruit and then pound it with a special stone. A couple of weeks ago I was finally invited to partake of the pounding of breadfruit up at Martina's place (this is the family with whom I have been holding weekly Bible studies for over a year). It was a blast! And it was a special moment for me to be invited to partake in some of the family work. I'm grateful for the opportunity.



I'm not sure if we have mentioned this specifically in a letter yet, but I want to take the time to thank you for something in particular. Though the affect of COVID out here in the FSM has been unique (our borders remain closed), to say the least, I know that the affect that many of you have dealt with has been far more frustrating and difficult with the shut-downs, possible job losses, and other difficulties that have arisen. We want to sincerely thank you for your continued financial support during this time. We are not unaware of the sacrifice that many of you have made on our behalf and though we cannot repay you in this life, we know that the Father can and will in the Kingdom to come. With deep sincerity, thank you.

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