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# THE WAGARS

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## To Chuuk, Micronesia

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### Praises

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- 1) Pastor Mike and Ms. Sophia back
- 2) Good Christmas church service

### Requests

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- 1) Christmas Day jail service
- 2) Josh and Sarah's health
- 3) Resolution to legal issues

### Contact Us

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Dear Friends and Family,

Merry Christmas! The King has come! The Christmas season is always one of excitement, joy, *lots* of cooking (for Sarah), and additional activities. Yesterday the church had their annual combined Christmas service with a meal to follow. I was able to preach the Gospel and we had two people at least recognize their need for salvation. I will continue to follow up on them to see where that may lead. Sarah cooked her heart out and, of course, everything she made disappeared with no left-overs. I married up!

We also rejoice that, as of last week, Pastor Mike and Ms. Sophia are back on island and out of quarantine. It's wonderful to have them back home. We have seen each other at church and had some small conversation, but I haven't yet had the opportunity to sit down with Pastor Mike and catch up; I look forward to doing so. Nevertheless, simply having them here is an answer to prayer.

November also brought joy and work. We celebrated Milena's 6th birthday on November 24th. We had a great day of taking her to a restaurant, a scavenger hunt to find her present, and sharing cake with the Wednesday evening crowd. I can't believe we have a six year old! We also had a big church work day in November in



order to prepare for the Christmas season. As you can see in the picture, we did a lot of trimming and we demonstrated that there aren't too many safety rules here in Chuuk when it comes to how many kids you can pile into the back of a truck! All went well and the church building looks beautiful for Christmas.

The Tunnuk Bible study with Martina's family is going well. We did have about 3 weeks where we were unable to meet due to various health issues or trouble up on the compound. Martina also was dealing with some concerning health issues recently. At our Bible study I was able to pray with her that God would see fit to heal her of the issue that was at hand. They called me the next day and told me that she had drastically improved which was a direct answer to prayer and a testimony to the family. Please continue to pray for them. Martina desires to serve the Lord, but she lives in an incredibly difficult situation surrounded by ungodly family members who have no interest in the Gospel. Many of them rely on their own "righteousness" and are slaves to their flesh. Pray for Martina, that she would continue to allow Christ to transform her so that she may be a shining light amidst the darkness of the people surrounding her.



Also, if you think of it, please be praying for our annual Christmas Day jail service. The church will meet at the jail and conduct a service on Christmas Day. We will sing, Pastor Mike will preach, and we will also give them some rice and chicken for their Christmas meal. We have seen professions of faith before at the jail, so please be praying for the hearts of the prisoners; not only to receive Christ, but also to be willing to become a disciple of Him.

And as for our family update, we are all well. Today is the first day of Milena's Christmas break so she is happy (and so are Mom and Dad!)? Milena continues to grow; she has a sweet heart for those around her and a fiery zeal for right and wrong! Sarah is doing well though she has been dealing with a mild sickness for the past week or so. Christmas brings some extra work for her as she does much cooking for the seasonal activities. I'm also well, though I have had chest congestion off and on for several months now that I cannot seem to shake. I think we are all looking forward to the small break that Christmas and New Year's will offer as we slow down a little.

Thank you for your prayers, love, and support. We are truly grateful for you and pray that the Lord repays you in a way that we cannot. We trust that you will have a Merry Christmas as we reflect on the good Savior who came for us all.

Merry Christmas,

Josh, Sarah, and Milena Wagar

Romans 15:21