
THE WAGARS

To Chuuk, Micronesia

Praises

- 1) Baby on the way!
- 2) Ability to furlough

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There must be something about rainy mornings and prayer letters that naturally go together because it is once again a cold (78 degrees inside and 80 outside) rainy morning as I sit down to write. We have so much to talk about in this letter!

First, everything is going well. All of our regular ministries are continuing on and we are seeing God work in the church as well as the hearts of some people at Bible study and other places. Though, in all honesty, we desire to see more; Chuuk can be such a cold place towards the acceptance of spiritual truths.

The prison ministry that Pastor and I have been doing is really taking off. I go inside of the jail and preach to somewhere between 60 and 100 men tightly crammed into small cells. I've been walking them through the Gospel by looking at the Creation account and tracing the themes we find there through the Bible. Next week we will be talking about the promise of the Seed. Please be praying. They are beginning to look forward to my Monday visits and some are demonstrating a hunger for the Word of God.

On to the big news! Sarah and I are praising the Lord that after several years of asking the Lord, we finally have another little one coming along! Baby will be due somewhere towards the



end of September or beginning of October. We are immensely excited about this and cannot wait to meet our new little one. Right now Sarah is about 3 1/2 months along in the pregnancy and some of her rougher pregnancy symptoms are finally starting to taper off. Milena is also absolutely thrilled to be a big sister. She's really pulling for a baby sister.

Now, with the coming of a new little one this gives us more things to pray about. Our prayer is for a safe and healthy pregnancy, delivery, and baby. Both my little brother and I were born with severe health problems, so we are praying that Baby will be born healthy. We know God is sovereign and good and so we trust Him for all He will do.

With the coming of Baby in (most likely) October, and the need to be around good medical facilities in the event of any health issues, Sarah and I have clearly discerned that the Lord is finally calling us to take our first furlough after (what will be) 5 1/2 years on the field. We are excited to tell you that we will be coming back to the States on July 3 and will be basing out of Chesapeake, VA where our home church is located. Please be praying for this furlough and for all of the preparation that must be done for it. Furthermore, please be praying for all of the ministries here; I will be continuing in as many responsibilities as I can while on furlough in order to not have Pastor have to shoulder them all.

Our goals for furlough are simple but comprehensive. First, and obviously, we want to come back and have Sarah in a safe, healthy environment for giving birth. Second, we are looking forward to a little R&R and spending some time with friends and family. Third, we are very much looking forward to reporting to all of you, our supporting churches! It will be so good to see you after all of these years and to share the good things that our God has done. Fourth, we will be seeking to do some fundraising for some large ministries that we have in the works (see @MicroMissions on Facebook for more details). And finally, we are seeking to recruit more people to the field with us; we are entering into a phase of ministry where having another couple or two working along side of us would exponentially increase the amount of work that would be able to be accomplished out here. The groundwork is laid, the harvest is plenty, but the laborers are exceedingly too few.

We are both excited and nervous to return to the States. Life will be very different for us being off of a 7 square mile island. Milena is constantly asking us if such and such is "in America." For instance, "Dad, does it rain in America? Is there ice-cream in America?" We have a host of things to prepare for, but we are excited for what God will do. Thank you for joining us in prayer during this quite busy and crazy time. We do covet your prayers. And we look forward to finally being with you face to face. We cannot wait to share with you all of the good things God has done and all of the good things we believe He has in store for Chuuk.

Until the Islands Know Him,

Josh, Sarah, Milena, and Baby Wagar

Romans 15:21