

THE WAGARS

To Chuuk, Micronesia

Praises

- 1) Safety and good furlough meetings thus far
- 2) Uriah is doing much better

Requests

- 1) Knowing God's will for our return to Chuuk
- 2) Continued safety and blessing through furlough
- 3) Rest

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Dear Praying Friends,

I miss writing letters looking out my office window on a rainy, warm day in Chuuk. Though we miss home quite badly, we are also content with where God has us at the present! I am also glad to be able to share with you the way the Lord has been working as we begin 2023.



This furlough has been quite full thus-far. We have been able to visit most of our supporting churches in Virginia and Georgia, but have also had to take some significant time off from traveling following the birth of Uriah, as well as for the Christmas season. However, starting in January our traveling schedule is packed until the beginning of April at which time we plan to start tapering down and preparing to head back home to Chuuk (more on that in a bit).

In our travels we have been able to reconnect with many friends and churches that have been dear to us over the years. And we are encouraged and thankful to have two new churches take us on for support. One of the hardest parts of visiting many of our supporting churches is the fact that the time we get to spend together ends up being so short. Heaven will truly be a wonderful place where we will never be short on time for deep, meaningful fellowship with friends.

We were also able to spend time with both of our families over the Christmas and New Year season. It was refreshing to be around our home church family as well as our relatives after being gone for so many Christmases. Milena enjoyed Christmas here in the States



and we were excited for her to see some of the fun things that we grew up around. Nevertheless, I think we all had a hole in our hearts as we thought of Christmas back in Chuuk.

Speaking of Chuuk, we have several things to thank the Lord for. First and foremost, Pastor Mike and the church are all doing well! In fact, we recently had two of the young ladies in our church take the first step of obedience by being baptized! We rejoice in the Lord for this. All of the prisoners still ask about me and are waiting for my return - I miss them.

One huge praise was that some German friends of ours returned to Chuuk for a project and were able to stay in our house for quite some time. This was a blessing to know that the house was opened up and able to air out. However, while they were there they had some major plumbing issues through no fault of their own. I was trying to resolve it from 8,000 miles away, but the Lord used these friends of ours to fix the problem! This was a tremendous blessing and relief for which we praise the Lord.



If we've learned anything over the last 6 years it is that we must pray hard, seek the way of the Lord, and hold our plans loosely. Right now our desire is for me to head back to Chuuk in May to do some work on the house and (possibly) gym in preparation for my family's return. I will then return to the States to officiate my brother's wedding; and then, Lord willing, my family and I will return in June. Though this is still about 5-6 months away, we have a considerable amount of work to do between now and then and we know that this time will pass quickly!

As I draw this update to a close, I want to share a transparent prayer request. As you know from our communications before, we are still unsure as to how the Lord will prepare the way for us to re-enter Chuuk. As we enter these final months of furlough and try to prepare for our return, we are needing the Lord to show us clear direction. Though we have moments of doubt and fear, we trust what the Lord has shown us in

the light and believe that He will provide a way. Please be praying that the Lord makes the way clear, that we are able to know the Lord's will soon so that we can properly prepare and plan, and that in all things He receives glory. I do not know for sure what the Lord will do, but we do trust that His plan will be made known to us soon because we believe the promise of James 1:5. Please, brethren, ask for wisdom on our behalf - we know that the Lord hears His people.

For those of you that we will see soon at your church, we look forward to seeing you! For those that we have already seen, we are grateful for the encouragement! For those that we will not be able to cross paths with on this furlough, we are grateful for your love and support from afar. Thank you to each one of you who faithfully petitions the Father on our behalf; we are deeply and eternally grateful.

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