



Joseph
Diane~Mark
John Mark ~ Cherith

The Mark

Zimmer Family

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Serving in Yap, Micronesia

For ye have need of patience (endurance), that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." Hebrews 10:36

Dear Praying Friends,

During this Thanksgiving season we look back on the past 6 months that we have been on deputation and praise the Lord for the many friends we have met along the way that continue to uphold us in prayer. Your prayers are a great encouragement to us. We have many things to thank our Lord for!

Thanks to God for the lessons we are learning through our deputation process. When the way seems rough and often times slow, the Lord has taught us to wait upon His timing and endure with patience through this time. We praise the Lord for how He has taught us to trust Him and depend completely upon Him for our strength and for His will for us. We are so thankful for how He has used many new friends along our path to offer encouragement and an example of service and hospitality as they minister to us.

Thanks to God for safety as we covered many miles and several states during the months of October and November. What a blessing it was to see God's beautiful creation and His majestic handiwork as we looked out of our car windows. We spent October in North and South Carolina and Wisconsin, and in November we found ourselves enjoying the awesome beauty of the Rocky Mountains of Colorado, the Black Hills of South Dakota and we were even caught in a blizzard in northern Minnesota! The Lord gave us great meetings in all of those places and a little vacation time along the way!

Thanks to God for the opportunity to present our burden in 3 missions conferences and over 12 churches in the past 2 months. Although our current support level continues to remain at 15%, we are encouraged by the fact that several churches have promised to begin supporting us at the beginning of the year. We continue to trust the Lord for His timing in getting us to Yap. We recently received word from my brother Paul that they would like to be back in the states in October of 2004. Should the Lord supply our support by that time, it would be an added blessing for us to arrive in Yap earlier than our original date of December 2004.

Thanks to God for happy moments! We praise the Lord for our children who help us find joy in all of our circumstances. In October Cherith was able to spend her 2nd birthday at her Grandma and Poppy's house in South Carolina. Now whenever someone asks her what her name is, she says, "Two!" Upon arriving home after our 3 week trip out west, JohnMark commented about how he loved our house so much that he wanted to take it to Yap with us. When Diane told him that it would be too heavy, he said, "All the people will help us carry it!" On the night of the blizzard in northern Minnesota, we arrived back at the mission house and all started piling out of the church van in a hurry to get out of the wind and heavy snow. We turned around to see where Joseph was and found him lying in the snow making a snow angel! One night in the car after a meeting, Joseph took the only money he had in his wallet and said, "Dad, I want to give you my dollar so that we can get to Yap soon!" We thank the Lord for our children and we consider them a vital part of our ministry

May you all have a blessed Holiday Season as you reflect on the goodness of our Great Lord! "Be thankful unto Him and bless His name!"

In Christ's Love,

Mark, Diane, and Kids

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