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Serving in Yap, Micronesia

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." Psalm 126:3

As we reflect on what God is doing through our deputation ministry, we continue to marvel at His Greatness! These last two months we have heard of **two young people that have come to Christ as a direct result of our salvation testimonies. Praise the Lord!** Often as we travel we are asked many questions about deputation. Here are a few:

"Where have you been?"

In **February** we visited several churches in Minnesota. We saw a lot of snow and experienced some bitter cold temperatures. We experienced car trouble for the first time since we started deputation in June. We were fortunate to be heading to a church that had several auto mechanics who attended there! Our vehicle was fixed and we were back on the road with out any delay. **Praise the Lord for His protection!**

In **March** we had the busiest travel month yet, as we had meetings in South Carolina, Indiana, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. In **April** we will be spending most of our time in Wisconsin having meetings closer to our home in Chetek. **May** will be another big travel month with meetings in Wisconsin, Michigan, and Florida. **June** will mostly be spent in NC and SC.

"So, How are you feeling?"

Diane has been asked this question most frequently since we have started to announce that we will be **expecting our fourth child September 30th**. February was a rough month for her with all-day "morning sickness!" She has come out of the sick part and is now experiencing a growth spurt! **Please pray for continued strength for both mom and baby.**

Everyone experienced the stomach flu in February, and in March we passed around various cold symptoms. All in all, the Lord has protected us from any serious illness and no one has had to miss any meetings that we have had scheduled.

"What is your support level?"

This month we received new support from several churches and some individuals who have become burdened for our ministry. We praise the Lord that we crossed the 50% mark and we are currently at **65%** of our needed support.

"When are you planning on going to Yap?"

The original date that we set was January of 2005; however, **we are praying about the possibility of leaving as early as August of 2004 should the Lord supply** our support by that time. Since our original date was set, my brother Paul's furlough date has been moved to this June. We desire to get to the field sooner in place of his absence if the Lord wills.

We have **set up a passage fund** through our mission agency that would enable us to purchase and ship our container and purchase our airline tickets. We currently have around **30% of our needed \$15,000**. We have begun purchasing some items for our house in Yap that we will pack in the container. Our home pastor was able to take us to a window wholesaler where we were able to purchase vinyl windows for \$50 each! We found some pre-hung interior doors and toilets on sale as well. We also found 8 school desks for the Zimmer home school in Yap, and some home school supplies and curriculums were given to us!

"How are the kids?"

The kids have been real troopers in the past couple of months with all the sickness we have experienced. This past month they enjoyed meeting Patch the Pirate and a distant cousin of Davy Crockett!

Please pray that the Lord will continue to supply for the needs we mentioned and for wisdom as we prepare for His timing in our departure.

Mark, Diane, Joseph, JohnMark and Cherith Zimmer