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"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." Isaiah 26:3

Although our world knows little of true peace, what a comfort it is as believers to know that if God is in the center of our thoughts we may experience perfect peace as we trust in Him!

Peace . . . in the Storm

Shortly after sending our last prayer letter, **Typhoon Sudal hit the island of Yap** causing severe damage to the island. **80% of the housing on Yap was completely destroyed** as the eye of the storm passed directly over the island. God protected the missionaries, and Paul's house was untouched by the fierce winds! The Lord is using this event to cause many Yapese people to consider their ways. Relief efforts have provided some much needed supplies for the inhabitants of the island, but there is much work to be done. I look forward to getting to Yap to see how the Lord might use us to help rebuild not only their physical homes, but also their spiritual lives.

Peace . . . through answered prayer

At the end of April we put our house in Chetek, WI up for sale by owner. Within 10 days we **received an offer on our house for the full asking price**, and, Lord willing, the closing date is for the third week of July! This is a wonderful answer to prayer and we are excited to see God's hand at work on our behalf. We have found out that we can **pack our container in Wisconsin** and ship it to Yap from our back door! We are planning to be back in Chetek on or around July 4th and we will begin packing at that time as we finish up some meetings in WI and MN. The buyer would like to take possession of the house around mid-August, so the timing seems to be of the Lord.

Peace . . . through uncertainty

We continue to trust the Lord for His direction as we move toward our departure for the field. Our **support level remains at 65%** and our **passage fund is around 38%**. We are encouraged by the Lord's continued provision and for the fact that we have heard from some churches that they plan to begin supporting us this summer. **We are still praying toward late August as a target date** for departure. Should the Lord provide the need by this time, we plan to be ready and willing to go. We are waiting for our marching orders, and we are excited to see what the Lord does in the next few months!

Peace . . . through travels???

In the month of May we traveled to **Colorado, Michigan, and Florida**. In June we have meetings in North Carolina, a "Family Week" / **Candidate school with our mission board in NC**, then on to **Indiana**. When driving across the country with three small children, most would not say that the noise level in our Explorer is very peaceful! We try to make the traveling bearable for all of us, though, by stopping at hotels with indoor pools and we even had a really fun time at the Omaha Zoo as we passed through that area. We are **enjoying spending time with our families** again as we pass through the SC area and we will even see Mark's parents in July as they return for a short time from Puerto Rico.

Ladies Corner . . . a special note from Diane

I have been so encouraged by many ladies who have been concerned for my pregnancy and my possible delivery in Yap! The Lord has blessed me with another healthy pregnancy and the traveling has not bothered me at all. I am not afraid to have the baby in Yap as there is a medical facility there as well as trained doctors. The Lord is ultimately in control and His protection exists not only in the States but also in the uttermost parts of the earth. The airline company allows me to travel up until 2 weeks before the baby is due with a physician's permission. We will trust the Lord for His timing and His will for my place of delivery whether it be here or there! I appreciate your prayers . . . please continue!!

Thank you for your prayers and support on our behalf! May the Lord bless each of you for your part in our ministry and give you His peace that passeth all understanding.

Mark, Diane and Family