

# *The Mark Zimmer Family*

*Serving in Yap, Micronesia*

*August / September 2004*

Dear Praying Friends,

Many of you have prayed for us these past few months concerning our passage fund to go to Yap. It is incredible to see how the Lord has met our needs whether great or small. Our passage fund need has been completely met as we recently received word that one of our supporting churches has provided the resources for our plane tickets to Yap! Praise the Lord for His great and mighty works!

Last month we were able to ship a 20 ft container from Chetek, WI to Yap with the help of our sending church family. We only had 2 hours to load the container before we would have been charged extra, but we had a large group show up for the loading and we easily made the deadline. The Lord allowed the group of men to be a witness to our neighbor, and before we left he said, "They really take care of you over there at that church!" The Lord's great name was uplifted in the eyes of our community through the testimony of faithfulness seen in these wonderful friends. God be praised!

We then packed the remainder of our things into two 14 ft U-hauls and headed south. I had big plans of driving a large truck and wanted Diane to follow me in our car. But when I got into the U-haul and took it for a test run, I soon realized it would never make it through the mountains without breaking down. I returned it to U-haul and was informed that they didn't have another large truck for the trade in, but they would provide us with two 14 footers with a car dolly all for the price of the other one! So, Diane drove one and I drove the other. We made it safely to Greenville, SC and without incident, so once again, the Lord answered prayer.

When we arrived in Greenville, we stayed with Diane's parents for a short time, then rented Bob Whitmore's house for the month of August, and we are now staying at Jan Joss's house for the month of September while she is away. We are so blessed by the Lord's provision of our housing needs during this time of "homelessness"! I have been able to spend time working with my brother Paul as he is home on furlough, and we are excited about our future ministry together in Yap. The kids have enjoyed being with their cousins again and have enjoyed several birthday parties since we have been together.

We plan to stay in this area until after the baby is born (due Sept 30th), and Lord willing, we will have our sending service at Faith Baptist in Chetek, WI on November 21 during the morning service. We would like to invite any friends that may be in the area to this service as I am sure it will be a special time for all of us. We plan to leave for Yap the end of November. Please notice the change of address and phone number listed along the side or bottom of this letter. We will receive our mail at this address until we inform you of our new Yapese address and phone number!!

We are currently at 85% of our needed monthly support and we are trusting the Lord that the churches we have already visited will consider helping us reach our goal as we only have a few meetings left. Won't you pray with us about this?

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for our ministry now in the States, but soon to be your ministry in the islands of Micronesia. May the Lord bless you for your faithfulness on our behalf!

Your Servants,

Mark and Diane, Joseph, John Mark and Cherith

Philippians 3: 13 & 14

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

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