



The Mark

Zimmer Family

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"For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee." Isaiah 41:13

Our baby Caleb celebrated his first birthday and has recently started walking. As we watch him stumble at times, we reach out to help him and take his hand just like the Lord has done so lovingly for us in the past few months.

Highlights!

- **Harvest Baptist Team from Guam** came less than a week ago and made such an impact during their short time here. 7 men came last Saturday with the goal of making major progress on the Whitmore's house. They certainly did; however, their trip had to be cut short because word came that after Wed night all flights from Yap were going to be suspended indefinitely due to mechanical problems at the airport. Instead of staying through this Saturday, the team had to leave early on Wed night. 3 additional men had come in on the Wed morning flight and ended up leaving that night! It was disappointing to all of us, but we know the Lord was in control.
- **Progress!** Mark and Paul with the help of some of our local men worked on getting the roof system put on before the team came. The team helped with putting in doors and windows, putting up most of the sheetrock in the house, milling more lumber and running most of the electrical.

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- The Harvest team was also a huge encouragement to our ministries here as they helped teach Sunday School and church. A huge highlight was when they brought along **22**

ukuleles to share with our churches!! One of the team members even gave uke lessons each night they were here. Our people really loved it and we are looking forward to having a ukulele choir in each of our churches! Mark and Paul have both taken up the new hobby, too! It is a blast and has brought a lot of excitement and encouragement to our people.



- Our three boys each celebrated their **birthdays** during the past two months! John Mark turned 6, Joseph turned 8, and Caleb turned 1. Cherith will turn 4 next week!



- Did we tell you that the **fishing** is AWESOME in Yap!? Diane's brother Don and his wife Ashley came the beginning of August and Mark enjoyed them as fishing partners! They also helped us do a lot of projects on our house like trim work, painting, and framing up our

driveway for concrete. Rolance (our assistant pastor, pictured with his shark) and Mark enjoy fishing together for fish and for men!!



- A **driveway** with a sidewalk to our house became inevitable during the rainy season as most of our yard became a swamp! Several men from our church and also from Paul's came to help. Mark also did a project for the kids . . . a tree fort!



- On September 4 we had **Family Fun Day Sunday** which was a church outing at the park that is close to our church. We gave boat rides, had a barbeque, played volleyball, and heard a gospel message. We all ate too much, but had a wonderful time. The two girls are graduates of Harvest, Sanserina (left) is Rolance's wife and Stella (right) helps Sanserina teach the children in Sunday School and Children's Church.



Prayer Requests

Answered prayer!!

- We found our digital camera (can you tell?!) and Diane's wallet!!
- The family who we asked you to pray for in our last letter whose son broke into our house is continuing to grow and come faithfully to church. Mark has spent much time with the dad allowing him to work with them and also taking him fishing. He seems to really desire to lead his family for the Lord. Continue to pray for growth in their spiritual lives.
- Priscilla and Ronnie did come to church and Priscilla has continued to come faithfully. Please continue to pray for Ronnie to accept the Lord as he struggles with drinking and hanging around the wrong crowd. Pray for Priscilla to have the right testimony in front of her husband. She still has not had her baby, but should deliver soon.
- We started visiting people who have come to our church in the past and some families have begun coming to church again. We are excited about the future of the ministry here as every Sunday the church continues to grow. Praise the Lord!
- Progress and Safety on building projects

Please Pray!!

- **Sickness** has hit our family!!! It began a couple of weeks ago when Mark came down with a fever for a couple of days. Next was Joseph who struggled with a fever for almost a week. Caleb then started with the fever, gave it to Mom the next day and then they both struggled with the cold flu for a few more days. Cherith then got the fever and also developed an ear infection! We thought that JohnMark survived without getting it, but as I was writing this, he has woken with a fever as well! The rest of us are doing better, so pray that we don't pass it around to too many more people. There is a lot of flu sickness on Yap right now. We are so thankful that our hospital here has good doctors that have been able to get us the medicine that we need.
- Continue to pray for **safety** on building projects. Mark read in a magazine recently that the number one most dangerous job is logging and the second is fishing. Mark and Paul do plenty of both of those!
- Remember JoAnn and William who made professions soon after we arrived in Yap? After not seeing them for several months and not knowing where to find them, Diane saw JoAnn at the hospital the other day. She is expecting a baby in December. Please pray that we can get back in contact with this couple and see them follow the Lord.
- Joseph and JohnMark both started homeschool in August. Pray for them to do their best and for Mommy to be patient!

Thank you so much for your continued support of our ministry here in Yap! We appreciate your prayers and words of encouragement!

Yours for Yap,
Mark and Diane
Joseph, JohnMark, Cherith, and Caleb