



Mark Zimmer Family *Serving in Yap, Micronesia*

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***"...His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness."
Lamentations 3:22,23***

Dear Friends,

I recently preached a message on the book of Lamentations and was reminded of the fact that even though we sin and do not listen to God's warnings, He continues to be merciful to us. Every day is a new opportunity to serve the Lord. These past couple of months, God has been faithful in sending to us some new opportunities for service. We are so thankful to be serving the Creator of the universe, the Great God, and our Savior, Jesus Christ!

Decisions for Christ

A dear lady, Theresa, that was pictured in our last prayer letter met me after the service and said she wanted to talk to me. She wanted to come over to our house the next day for some answers to questions she had been having. She came back on Monday with coconuts for Caleb and a Yapese "pumpkin." After sharing the story of Nicodemus with her, she stated that she wanted to pray and ask Jesus to save her. After praying in Yapese, she said to me in broken English, "I feel that my heart is clean now!" She and her neighbor, Regina, meet with Diane and Clara on Monday afternoons for a Bible Study. Both ladies have given a clear indication that they understand and have accepted Christ. They are studying *Basics for Believers* and Clara has been a big help with translating.

Using fish to fish for men

Recently God allowed Roland and me to catch quite a few fish and one morning we were able to use them for His service. In an effort to do some evangelism, we took many of the fish and shared them with families in villages near the church. We were able to make new contacts and establish friendships with many people, and we hope to see these people make decisions for the Lord in the future.

Visitors

In January we were fortunate to have Dr. Jack Mitchell, a dentist, come to Yap for a visit. He has all the equipment needed to bring a dental clinic across the world and set up shop right in the church!! He was able to give a temporary filling to Caleb, and teeth cleanings for all the rest of our family and also Paul's family. His wife Jennifer and Jennifer Pearson, a missionary nurse from Papua, New Guinea, came with him and they held clinics for a few days in various locations on the island. God used their talents and testimonies to reach many people while they were here.

We also were privileged to have Pastor Eric and Cindy Sipe from Heritage Bible Church in Greer, SC stay with us for a week in early February. We had a wonderful time of fellowship with them. They encouraged us in the Lord and inspired us with new ideas for how we can continue to reach this island for Christ. They ministered right along side us and touched the hearts of many of the Yapese people. Eric and Cindy both enjoyed some fishing, snorkeling, boat rides and WWII sight seeing as well.

Cary and Julie Smith, pictured on the left above, joined the fun a few days after Eric and Cindy arrived. Julie and Cindy are sisters. They were a blessing as well to both our ministry and Paul and Sherry's. They treated us to a Valentines dinner at a fancy local restaurant with all the couples while they were here.

Cindy spoke on God's Love at a Ladies Fellowship we had one evening and she and Julie taught all of us how to make a beaded bookmark. The ladies really enjoyed it, and it has been fun to see them using the beautiful bookmarks in their Bibles.

Finished projects

Roland and I were able to finish the open air Sunday School room and give it a coat of paint. It has been a blessing to see the children using it on Sundays and the teens on Thursdays.

We also finished Bob and Polly's kitchen cabinets and installed the floor units last week. We were both thankful to be able to finish the project so we can start on something else!

Opportunity for Roland and Family

God opened the door for Roland and his family to go back to Harvest Baptist Bible Institute in Guam for their homecoming. He will also stay for the missions conference next week. Harvest was able to pay all their expenses for travel, and we are looking forward to seeing how God uses this trip in their lives. Our Harvest students will be very excited to see their Pastor and his wife Chelyn, along with their little girl, Angel. She celebrates her one year birthday in two weeks. Roland also took fifty pounds of Tuna and fifty pounds of taro, yams, and pickled papaya for them to feast on!

Additional Prayer and Praises:

Please pray for a lady in our church, Jovita Masiwemai, who is having several surgeries in the Philippines on her back and neck. Her husband, John, is also recovering from recent cancer surgery.

Please pray for some recent contacts that will possibly develop into some Bible studies in villages nearby.

Please pray for the teens in our church who are struggling with submitting to the Lord and taking a stand for Him in their lives.

Praise the Lord for the Christian growth in the students at HBBI.

Praise the Lord for souls saved and Christians strengthened.

Again, thank you for your faithfulness to the Lord as you pray and support the ministry here in Yap!

Yours for Yap,

Mark, Diane, and kids