



Mark Zimmer Family

Serving in Yap, Micronesia

*Isaiah 65:24 "Before they call, I will answer;
and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."*

September/October 2007

Dear Friends,

Another couple of months have rushed by with moments of joy as well as sorrow. During September our loss of an unborn baby turned into witnessing opportunities as well as a time of healing and thanksgiving for our healthy children. Life is fragile and only God can uphold and bring comfort to those who are grieving. Diane's testimony of God's grace has been preaching louder than words could speak. We are thankful that God sent Diane's Mom for about 2 weeks to be an encouragement to her after the trial. The day before we found out that the baby was not alive, God sent a girl named Nicole from Barbados who was able to help with house work and watch the children as Diane grew stronger. We have evidenced God's providence first hand although we have not always responded with gratitude during these moments of grieving.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The Lord allowed us to start a Saturday morning prayer breakfast and Bible study. We meet once a month and after coffee and rolls or a light breakfast, we then head out for a half day of activity. We went kayaking in September, and in October we went on a nature trail through the jungle. The trail is an ancient stone path that was laid by Yapese workers years ago. It was once their main road of travel.

Ladies' Bible study

Diane has seen growth in the ladies Bible study and God is truly blessing her efforts. The ladies meet on Monday afternoon and to show you how committed Diane is to sharing the gospel, the day we found out the sad news about the baby, she still had the Bible study with the ladies. They cried together, and when they asked why she didn't cancel, she said she wanted them to see "just how big her God really is."

Other Outreach opportunities

Jovita, a member of our church and a teacher at the local College of Micronesia, saw an opportunity to serve the Lord at her workplace. She started a Bible study during lunch and made it available to anyone who might be interested. Our assistant pastor, Roland, taught the first and second sessions. His first lesson was on Satan, our enemy and the second was on Jesus, our friend. After his second lesson, 11 of the students made a profession of faith. God miraculously provided Bibles through our friend Dave Morgan who delivered them to us from a church in Texas. What a great God we serve! Today I taught a lesson on "the new birth." The students listened well and had many questions. My brother Paul and also Bob Whitmore will be teaching sessions as well.

Addition on our home

We started an addition in September for the purpose of housing guests when they come to visit. Made out of mostly local mahogany, it is a one room suite with a bathroom. We are finishing the roof on it, Lord willing, in the morning, as Paul and Bob will come over to help me, Roland, and Edwin. We have worked many hours making the boards as well as installing them. It takes plenty of blood, sweat, tears, and a good dose of poison tree to appreciate the gift of local lumber! Please pray with us that the Lord will provide the finances to finish our project.

Prayer and Praises!

Continued emotional and physical healing for Diane

Outreach opportunities

Finances to complete our addition

Safety and strength as we work on the project

Praise the Lord for a lady named Angie that has started coming to church and Bible study, and also a man named George and his wife Chutey and their 4 children who have been coming as well.

Praise for many friends and family members that have sent comforting cards and e-mails.

Pray for several of our teens whose parents are no longer allowing them to come to our church because they want them to be Catholic. Many of these teens made decisions at camp this past summer. Please pray as they struggle against the pressures and temptations to fall back into worldly things.

Yours for Yap,

Mark and Diane

Joseph, JohnMark, Cherith, and Caleb

