



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."*

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"...Let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified..."
Psalm 40:16b

Visiting from Chetek, Wisconsin, our home pastor and his wife, Bruce and Tammy Schmidt, spent a week with us and were the first to stay in our finished guest room (pictured on the right). They were such a blessing to both Zimmer families as we are both privileged to be sponsored by them. God allowed them to stay with John and Jamie in Palau as well, so they saw all three Zimmer families out here in Micronesia.

Tammy spoke to a ladies fellowship and the ladies worked together to decorate the church "island style" for the Easter service. Pastor Schmidt brought the Easter service challenge and many different groups volunteered to sing special music.

Joaquinne (left) has been witnessing to her friends at school and inviting them to church. She and two of her friends that she led to the Lord sang a special number on Easter Sunday.

Chad and Kelly Filipiak and their two sons, Luke and Jeremy, from Harvest in Guam came for a visit as Chad was interviewing future HBBI applicants. Angelo and Patwin, Roland's brother, are planning to attend in the fall. Pictured on the right, I am singing with Angelo, Michael, Patwin and Roland. Roland came up with "God is So Good" in 8 languages, all represented by church people. We sang it in all those languages and each group cheered us on.

Visiting short-term missionaries, Pastor Jerry and Dawn Walker, are staying out at the Whitmores while Bob and Polly are in the States. We were blessed to have them come and minister to our church on a Sunday morning.

We have been working on cutting some trees for our village chief, as well as helping Paul put up the 100 foot radio tower we took down about a year ago. All those years of roofing came in handy with the extreme heights involved! Paul plans to put up another 100 feet of tower making this one 200 feet tall. Please pray that God would give us wisdom and safety as we work.

We had a baptismal service in the church last Sunday. One of our church members said he knew how to fix our leaky baptismal, so he worked on it for a week or so. 5 recently saved Christians followed the Lord in believer's baptism. Pictured above is Roland's brother, Patwin (left), and Romeo's mom, Theresa (right). 3 teenage girls who recently accepted the Lord were baptized also. The tank still leaked a little, but I just told the people that the tide was rising so they might want to take their shoes off!! We were able to finish and empty the tank before it got out of hand!

We have a goal of inviting each family in our church over to our home in order to get to know each of them more personally. Diane has been wanting to know how to make some of the delicious Filipino food that several ladies bring to our church feasts. Elna and Mirricci came over one Saturday afternoon and cooked for 5 hours. All of our families enjoyed Pancit, Lumpia, Buko-Pandan Salad and LeChe Flan. Pictured on the right, Roland and Chelyn's little girl Angel turned 2 and we celebrated her birthday at our house.

Prayer and Praises!

Please pray that the Lord would provide the necessary finances for teen camp and VBS scheduled for June and that the Lord would work in a mighty way in the lives of those who attend. If some would like to help support a camper for \$50, it would be a great blessing.

We plan to return to the States in May of 2009, just one year from now. We are praying that God will allow some of our HBBI students to finish the course and graduate, then come back and help Roland as he steps up and oversees the ministry while we are gone. Presently Roland is running the Thursday night teen Bible study, an Outer Island Bible study, and preaches one Sunday every month.

Please pray that God will supply some needed support for Roland as he has been serving as a local pastor in our church for 3 years. We would like to see him receive some stateside support and it could be sent through us or to the mission. Up to this point, Roland has been supported as one of Harvest's missionaries, as well as we have personally supported him.

Please pray for the men that are hearing the gospel in the prison ministry. Last Sunday there were about 25 men and they had some great questions about the Bible.

Praise for our men's Saturday prayer and Bible study last Saturday. Afterward we took the men spear fishing and then went trolling, looking for tuna. On Sunday some of the men gave a testimony of the great time they had together.

Please pray for new and growing believers that they would be able to resist the temptation that surrounds them every day.

Praise the Lord that my brother John and his family from Palau are coming to visit us tomorrow for a week. It will be a great time of fellowship for all 3 of our families.

Praise the Lord that the guest room has been paid for completely and over the last 2 months we have been blessed to have 3 different families stay with us. Thanks to all who helped!

Yesterday four of us went out to sea and Paul hooked into this lunker. After a 20 minute struggle it was apprehended and brought in the boat. It's a Pacific Blue Marlin and weighed 155 pounds!! Pray for Valentino (back left), a relative of Roland's, whom he is witnessing to.

May the Lord find us faithful,

Mark and Diane

Joseph, JohnMark, Cherith, and Caleb