



## Mark Zimmer Family *Serving in Yap, Micronesia*

*"Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me." Mark 9:37*

May/June 2008

Dear Friends,

**Summer time again!!** Camp and VBS are exciting summer activities on Yap Island. This summer, we were blessed to have some friends of ours join in the ministry and work with us to make our summer outreach programs an extra special time! The Brightons, Joel, Jo Ann, Casey, CJ, Micah, and Zach, came from Charlotte, NC and ministered in countless ways from cooking, teaching, entertaining, giving testimonies, singing, playing instruments, and making lasting relationships with the Yapese people. Our family and ministry were greatly blessed by their time here.

**Yap Christian Camp's** 3rd year got off to a great start with competition between the Manta Rays and the Stingrays. We combined youth groups with Paul's church on 3 of the days. Our church registered 35 during the week and when combined with Paul's church the numbers doubled. We played lots of fun games and the youth ate supper at the church. We traveled to locations away from the church for two of the days and did activities including tug of war, volleyball, spoke tackle, and many others. Each day the teens worked on a booklet given to them for Bible memorization and answered questions from their worksheets on the Wiseman vs the Foolishman. Our evening service involved singing and preaching, as well as testimony time. We praise the Lord for several salvation decisions this year and for many of our teens who resolved to take a stand for Christ and say no to peer pressure. (Special thanks to The WILDS for the t-shirts and for our camp booklet devotional material!!!)

### **Vacation Bible School 2008**

Our VBS was the largest in the three years we have done it here in our church. We started with over 60 children on Monday and on our largest day we had over 80 children. This year we had several moms come and join helping with cookies and crowd control. It was a blessing to meet many new contacts and we have already seen some new people come to church as a direct result of this outreach. I was excited to see two brothers come from a village we don't go to right now. When I took them home, I recognized their dad as one of the prison guards that sits in on my Sunday service at the jail!! I am praying that he will come to know the Lord as well.

The Brighton family transformed the front of our church into a puppet stage and performed a puppet show every day for VBS. The kids loved it! They also loved seeing the American ladies wear the traditional Yapese "grass" skirts everyday!

Casey Brighton, age 14, taught 3-6 yr olds Regina & Lucy taught the 10-12 yr olds  
Jo Ann taught the 7-9 yr olds as well as supervised "The Store!" Their church family in Charlotte contributed most of the prizes for which we were very grateful.

We were also blessed to have my brother John and his family come to Yap and spend a week with us. We had a great time with all three Zimmer families singing, playing, and doing ministry together . . . oh yea, a little fishing too!! It was such a blessing to see them again.

**Prison Bible study in Colonia on Sunday afternoons.** Please pray for these men. Satan has certainly hardened their hearts as well as blinded their eyes to God's truth. Some truly are seeking and asking many questions.

We started helping Roland build a kitchen/porch on the back of his house. Using our local wood we milled several weeks ago. We now have the foundation completed.

### ***Prayer and Praises!***

- Thank you so much for those who helped financially with our teen camp and VBS. God blessed and souls were saved and youth surrendered their lives to Christ.
- We plan to **return to the States in May of 2009**, less than 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. The church does not bring in enough through the offering to cover a salary for him. We would like to see him receive some stateside support to help with the needs of his growing family. His wife **Chelyn is expecting their 2nd child**. Support money 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. Praise the Lord for a \$100 per month increase in Roland's support. Please continue to pray for this need.
- Please pray for the men that are hearing the gospel in the **prison ministry**.
- 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 Mom and Dad** are coming to visit us in just two short weeks!! It will be a happy reunion as we have not seen them for over 3 years.

Serving the King,

Mark and Diane  
Joseph, JohnMark, Cherith, and Caleb