



Mark Zimmer Family *Serving in Yap, Micronesia*

"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created". Revelation 4:11

July/August 2008

Dear Friends,



HBBI students from Yap Baptist: Angelo, James, Lucy, Lancy, Patwin, & Romeo

Two of our young men, Angelo and Patwin, went to join the other 4 students from our church at Harvest Baptist Bible Institute in Guam. We are excited to see these young people go to Harvest to study the Bible and be placed in a God-honoring environment. We are looking forward to going to the graduation of James, Lucy and Romeo in May of 2009 before our return to the states for furlough. We are praying that they will be able to come back and help in the church while we are away. Please pray for these young people that God will strengthen them in their studies and in their walk with the Lord.

Parents Come to Visit

We were incredibly blessed to have my mom and dad come for a visit in July. Our time with them was so short, but in the 5 days that they stayed with us, we made many wonderful memories. They spent 5 days with Paul and his family as well as John and his family in Palau. My dad preached in each of our churches and the people loved seeing my parents. They enjoyed spending time with 13 of their grandchildren and even doing a bit of fishing!

Prison Ministry

The prison ministry is going well and the men seem to be getting more involved in the service. Several have indicated that they have accepted the Lord. We started singing some hymns and I play the ukulele for an accompaniment. I was very encouraged to have one of the men who was released 2 weeks ago join our Sunday service for 2 Sundays in a row now. We are trusting the Lord that he will continue to stand strong for the Lord. Last week as I was leaving the prison, I heard one of the men singing "Amazing Grace" to himself and was impressed with the potential that each of these men have for God's kingdom. Another prisoner told me that the men are starting to read a chapter of the Bible before lockdown. God's Word will accomplish its purpose: to point men to Christ!

Bible Studies

God opened a door to start a Bible study with our neighbors who are Kosrean. They have come to our church occasionally, but now Jackson and Jack were interested in studying the Bible with Roland and me. We had two morning sessions last week and we plan to continue this effort to see the Gospel work in their hearts.

On Sunday nights I have been meeting with another man recently saved and going through the "Basics for Believers" book with him. Please pray for George and his family that they will grow and be faithful in following the Lord.

Another extended family in our church has asked that I come to do a Bible study with their family and others in their village. Please pray that God will work in the hearts of these people and draw more to following Him.

We are starting a Wednesday night prayer service for adults in our church to give us the opportunity to get together and pray for each other and the lost here in Yap. Won't you also pray with us that God will soften the hearts of the Yapese people and show them their need for Christ?

Construction Project

Patwin, Edwin, Roland and I finished putting in windows, roofing, and siding his kitchen addition several weeks ago. Recently, we installed some wallboard on the ceiling and walls and put in a light and sink. The

hardware store was having a sale and we purchased all the wallboard plus a front door for 20% off. God had impressed it on someone's heart to give Roland \$250 toward his project, and guess what? All the wallboard plus the door was just under \$250. This was a real faith building experience for all of us.

Welcoming the Schell Family to Yap

A few days ago, Mike and Ruth Schell and family arrived in Yap to relieve Paul and Sherry as they head back to the states in a couple of days. The Schells will be assisting in Paul's church while they are on furlough. We are so sad to see Paul's family leave, but so thankful that the Lord has brought the Schells to help in the work here.

Upcoming events in September and October

In September Diane is planning to start another Ladies Bible study using the book *A Look Within by Faith Taylor*. Please pray that the ladies will participate and grow through learning about women in the Bible and developing Godly character.

A medical missions team of 17 from Texas will be coming October 15-22 to hold vision and dental clinics as well as general healthcare. Please pray specifically for the evangelism at the clinics as well as evangelistic meetings we will be holding on 3 of the days. A trip to the outer island of Fais is also planned. We are really looking forward to how the Lord will use this opportunity to lead many to Christ.

Additional Prayer and Praises

Please pray for the youth in our church that they would be able to stand strong in their high schools and colleges this year.

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. 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 temptations that surrounds them every day.

Praise the Lord for the new Bible studies. Pray for lives to be changed.

Isama Welles, a local pastor from Pohnpei, was able to spend a few days with us while he had business on the island. We greatly enjoyed the fellowship with him and the encouragement he was to us in our ministry here. Pray for many who are sick in Yap right now. The cold flu is rampant as well as boils on many people's skin. Thank you so much for your faithfulness in praying and giving to our ministry.

Serving the King,

Mark and Diane
Joseph, JohnMark, Cherith, and Caleb