



## **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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Dear friends,

We are encouraged to report of God working on the islands and bringing lost souls into His kingdom!

We were privileged to be introduced to West Conroe Baptist Church Medical Missions through our friend Dave Morgan who is a Continental pilot who flies in our area. This was one of the most effective outreaches of our time here in Yap! We were blessed by these servants of the Lord who gave up their practices to come and minister to the people here in Yap. It was a great encouragement to us to see their servant's hearts as well as their desire to see people come to know Christ!

The team arrived on October 16 and we were able to pack in 6 clinics as well as a trip to an outer island of Yap in just 7 days. The clinics featured a dental clinic, optometry, and a medical doctor. Harvest Baptist Church sent 100 new Bibles and the Gideons provided around 200 more new testaments. All were given out to those who came to the clinics. God opened many doors and we are praising the Lord for a fruitful week of ministry.

### **Medical Clinics**

The Yap State police/fire department and prison: Some of the guys we have been praying for from the prison ministry had their physical needs met and 3 prayed to receive eternal life.

The Yap Baptist Church Clinic: We were blessed to have many of our church people receive glasses free of charge and many had teeth pulled and physical needs met by the medical doctor. We had 5 people pray and accept Christ.

Dr. Hart and team provide dental care Dr. Nell gave out hundreds of pairs of glasses

Monday: The Gachpar clinic: 162 patients saw a doctor and many Bibles were given to those who came. We met people who were seeking God's forgiveness, and using God's Word, the Bridge tract, and God's simple plan of salvation, we led them to Jesus Christ.

Tuesday: The Yap State Hospital Clinic: The hospital was a very fruitful clinic as we were able to talk to many people about Jesus. With 155 patients served that day, the community became more aware that we are here to serve them. It was an incredible outreach right near where we live. We were able to pray with one of the local medical doctors and he asked Jesus to forgive him of his sin. 26 others made professions on that day.

Wednesday: The Ningil Clinic: Over 100 people came to see the doctors. We gave out close to 40 Bibles and the chief of the village prayed to receive Christ!

Thursday: The outer island of Fais: God allowed us to take a trip to the island where Roland grew up. School was cancelled as we held clinics in the classrooms. My brother Paul was able to set up solar for these people before returning to the states, so the doctors were able to use their equipment plus run some fans. The people are living in great blindness, but God's light shined through the darkness. Roland led one of the chiefs to Jesus Christ, and I also prayed with another one of the chiefs. Even the Catholic priest named Moses prayed and accepted Christ. The high chief gave us an open door to return any time we want to. In all, 65 people prayed to receive Christ! This has opened a door for a church to be planted in Fais! God has been burdening Roland and his brother James, who will be graduating from Harvest in May, to plant a church on their home island. We will assist in any way we can and provide support for this great endeavor. Roland and I plan to lay the foundation for a house there in Fais in the very near future.

### **Prison Ministry**

The prison ministry continues to be a great opportunity to share the gospel with Yapese men. During our last service, one of the prisoners came over to me and said, "I know what you are saying is true, but if I follow Jesus, I will have to give up too much ground. People will think I am weak." God is opening the eyes of these men who are living in darkness as they hear the Gospel. Please pray that they will open their hearts to the Lord as well.

### **Bible Studies**

The Kosrean Bible study is going well. One of the young men attends church now, and on Sunday Jack told me he wants to bring his family to church with him. Lord willing, we will pick them up for Sunday school this coming Sunday.

On Sunday night I have been meeting with a group of people in a nearby village. Those attending have shown real growth and interest in knowing the Bible. This past Sunday there was a funeral in the village where we were meeting. Many of our church members were at the funeral. I stopped by with some rice and meat for the family and was reminded of the hopelessness of these dear people. The wailing and sobs of scores of people were ringing out as they wept for their lost loved one. Satan uses these opportunities to cause people to become discouraged spiritually and it is a time of great temptation for our people. Please pray that Christians will be a light in the darkness.

The Ladies Bible study that meets during our Sunday School hour is going well. Several new ladies have joined the study and we pray that they will see their need for the Savior as they study His Word.

A couple days after the medical team left, Harvest treated Diane and I to a week of R&R in Guam. We had a wonderful time of rest and fellowship with our friends there as well as our HBBI students. We were encouraged to see how the Lord is working in their lives and growing them to serve Him. We look forward to returning to Guam on our way back to the states in May of 2009 and attending the graduation of 3 Yapese students from our church. Lucy (far left), Romeo (center), and James (front right) plan to come back to Yap and help in our church during our furlough. James is the brother of Roland and will be getting married to Macensy (brown shirt) before returning to Yap. Would you consider being a part of supporting these young people during their year in Yap?

Our daughter Cherith turned 7 on October 5th and invited some of her Yapese friends over to play and celebrate with her. They had a great time and it was so fun to see these 15 girls having such a great time together.

#### **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. Praise the Lord for growth in our teen meeting.

Please pray that God will supply some needed support for Roland as he has been serving as a local pastor in our church for almost 4 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 any day now! Please continue to pray for their needs.

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.

Pray for God's blessing on the Fais Island church plant endeavor.

Praise the Lord for the lives that were changed during the medical missions outreach. Please pray that the seed will fall on good ground and that many of these who accepted Christ will grow and follow Christ with their lives. Please pray for wisdom as we follow up and disciple these new Christians.

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