



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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Happy New Year from The Zimmers in Yap!

Dear Friends,

We want to wish you a blessed holiday season. Please take a moment to share some of God's blessings with us!!

We are happy to report that Chelyn delivered a healthy baby boy, RJ, in mid-November. Although Roland hasn't been able to take him spear fishing yet, he is growing quickly! We praise the Lord for Roland's consistent testimony and his faithfulness to the ministry here. He is preaching every other Sunday now in preparation for taking over the ministry when we come back to the states in May of 2009.

Thanksgiving with fellow missionaries was a blessing and we heard a challenge from Bob Whitmore about giving thanks in everything. Polly had some fun games and even the adults got in on the fun! We sang a few songs and praised the Lord for His goodness to us. We ate turkey with all the fixings and pumpkin and pecan pies!!

We were sad to say good-bye to Regina, a young adult who helped teach our Thursday night kids class for the past few months. She headed to Guam to begin work on her Bachelor's degree in secondary education. Keep her in your prayers as she seeks the Lord's will for her life.

Some of the teen girls came over for a sleep over and pizza and Christmas cookie baking. They made their own pizza crusts and cut-out cookies and in the morning they had a fun time decorating the cookies. They enjoyed hanging out in our new guest room and it seemed to be a good bonding time for all.

A man that was saved while the medical team was here carved a canoe and gave it to us for Christmas! Martin and his family are from Satawol, an outer island of Yap. I have been able to start a Bible study with him and he recently attended a Sunday service along with 4 little children, his wife, his sister, and 4 of his nephews!!

Our **Christmas program** was a blessing and many people got involved in the service in singing songs in their own languages. We also had a huge feast after church and fed over 150 people. After the gospel message, several raised their hands indicating that they had prayed and asked Christ to save them.

Prayer and Praises:

- Our computer crashed and we had to send this update as a normal email. If you have a problem reading it, please let us know!!
- Pray for new Christians as they are learning and growing that they will not get discouraged and quit.
- Praise the Lord that our plane tickets have been completely paid for!!! Thank you!
- Praise the Lord we finally got the leak fixed in the baptistry after many unsuccessful attempts!!
- Praise the Lord for several hands that were raised for salvation after our Christmas service.
- Pray for several of our church people who are being pulled back by their sinful culture.
- Pray for some of our family members who are struggling with the flu.

May the Lord give you each a wonderful holiday season and continue to bless you for your faithfulness in praying for and giving to the ministry here in Yap.

Because of Christ,

*Mark and Diane
Joseph, John Mark, Cherith, and Caleb*