

# The Mark Zimmer Family

Serving in Yap, Micronesia

May-July 2009

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**Saying goodbye to Yap...for a time.**

In the month of May we prepared for our departure and said goodbye to many friends. In our first term we were blessed in so many ways to have been part of God's ministry in Yap. Here's a few highlights of our last month in the islands:

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## May Highlights

**In Yap . . .**



Mothers and Daughters made cards from supplies sent from friends in the states. This was the first time many of these ladies had ever done this type of thing and they had a great time!

**In Guam . . .**



We left Yap on May 24th and spent one week in Guam at Harvest Baptist Ministries. We had the privilege of attending the graduation of 2 of our Yapese students from HBBI. Lucy Nam and James Layomai each received awards and are now back in Yap serving at Yap Baptist Church. Lucy is teaching children's classes and James is serving as youth pastor. Praise the Lord for the great things He has done!

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We also had the honor of participating in the marriage of James and Masency Layomai. Pastor Roland, James' brother, also attended the wedding and their brother Patwin who is also a student at Harvest.

## June Highlights

**In the States . . .**

We arrived in the states on May 31st and enjoyed being greeted by family and friends. We spent the first 2 weeks in Greenville, SC with Diane's family. Mid-June we went to "family week" with our mission board and then traveled north and gave testimonies at Camp Chetek for one week and spent time at our home church in Chetek, WI.





Campers had lots of questions about Yap Pastor Randy, my former Youth Pastor

### July Highlights In the States . . .

The first week of July we were blessed to be part of a Zimmer family reunion in Michigan. We enjoyed visiting Lake Michigan, canoeing down the Boardman River, visiting the Sleeping Bear dunes, watching the fireworks, eating cherries, and much more. We even took the kids fishing a few times. We also visited friends in Chicago and North Carolina.

### In Yap . . . VBS and Teen Camp!

After 3 years of VBS at Yap Baptist Church, Pastor Roland and James led VBS during the 2nd week of July on their own. There were 3 classes led by different islanders. Lucy Nam taught a Yapese class, James and Roland taught an Outer Island class, and Chelyn and Masency taught an English speaking class. We are praising the Lord for how He used these young people to lead their own people.



Pastor James introducing some new games . . . Attendance was great!!



Lucy teaching Yapese class Pastor Roland teaching Outer Island class



Future leaders in Yap with Roland! Teen campers

Roland and James had another exciting week the 3rd week of July as they led the 4th year of **Yap Christian Camp**. They joined together with the church in Gagil for a couple of nights and several young people were saved during the week.

### Prayer and Praises

- Praise the Lord for the decisions that were made during VBS and teen camp.
- We made it back safely to the States.
- Please pray for our safety on the highways as we travel to report in our supporting churches.
- Continue to pray for Roland and Chelyn, James and Masency, and Lucy as they continue to take the leadership in the church. Pray for wisdom and strength and that Satan would not discourage them.
  - Pray for church members to remain faithful in attending church and Bible studies.
- Continue to pray for financial support for Roland, James and Lucy as they serve in Yap. Please contact us, if you would like to help these young people.
  - Pray for safety for my brother Paul and his family as they are heading back to Yap this month.

Praising the Lord,

Mark and Diane  
Joseph, JohnMark, Cherith, and Caleb