

The Zimmers

Serving in Yap, Micronesia



To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace - Luke 1:79

July 2010

Dear Friends and Family,

The last few months have been full of many different adventures and blessings!

Opportunities for Praise!

In May, we packed our container, said good-bye to many of our friends and family, and then headed to our island home. Although the trip was long and tiring, we are thankful for the **safe journey** the Lord gave us. The flight from Dallas to Tokyo was delayed several hours. Then, with the 9 hour layover in Tokyo, you can imagine how happy we were to finally arrive in Guam! The kids and Baby Levi did very well on the trip! Thank you for your prayers! We spent 4 days in Guam visiting with our friends at Harvest. Levi enjoyed putting his feet in the Pacific Ocean for the first time!



It was a **joyful reunion** when we arrived in Yap seeing teammates, church members, and the islanders who led Yap Baptist Church so faithfully during the last year. Our first Sunday on island was so special as we got to sit back and watch as these islanders led the Sunday service. Several groups sang special music, and tears filled our eyes as we saw the spiritual growth of so many while we were away. God is so good!



It has been a thrill to see what the Lord has done in the **children's and teen's ministry** while we were away. The Lord has really used Pastor James who has such a heart for the youth. He continues to lead a Teen Night on Friday nights and also a Kids' Night on Thursday evenings. Masency and Chelyn teach children's classes in English, and Lucy is teaching a class in Yapese.



Kids' Night



Teen Night

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Our **container arrived** in late June. Praise the Lord that the funds needed to ship the container also came in! Thanks to all of you who gave to meet this need! We have been overwhelmed as we unpack the container, seeing all the things you gave to us during this past year! We are so blessed to be able to share your generosity with the people and the ministry here. We are getting ready to start our VBS and Teen Camp, and the supplies that were on the container are going to be a huge blessing.



Levi has been spoiled with all the extra hugs that he gets around here from the island girls! They are also a huge help to Diane. Lency graduated from HBBI in May, and then came back to Yap to visit before her wedding. She and Lucy are staying in our guest room. She has decided to get married here in Yap, so we will have our **first wedding** at Yap Baptist Church on August 1st. Her fiancé, Truly, also a graduate of HBBI, arrived last night. I will be doing some marriage counseling with them during the next couple of weeks. It is exciting to see what the future holds as these first generation Christians begin their Christian families!

Opportunities for Prayer & Future Ministry

Pastor Roland is excited about building his house and starting a **Bible study on Fais Island**. He will lay the foundation and do the cement work with help from his family and friends. For a couple of weeks we lined up his materials and supplies needed to go as cargo on the ship. He was all ready to go, but the ship has been delayed twice now due to mechanical problems and is awaiting repair. God's timing is best, and perhaps God still has a job for Roland to do here in Yap during his wait. I was thankful to have Rol here to help with unloading the container, and also thankful for his friendship and great attitude. Waiting on God's timing is so important in God's work.

Pastor James and Masency will stay on and work with the youth, as well as be the assistant pastor.

Please pray for **Teen camp and VBS** coming up. Teen Camp will be July 19-23, and VBS will be July 26-30. We are looking forward to seeing how God will use these events in the lives of the young people.

This year we have **3 new young people** interested in going to Harvest Baptist Bible Institute. **Lucy** will also be returning to continue her education at Harvest Baptist Bible College.

My brother Paul and I had an interesting opportunity to minister at a funeral in the **south part of the island**, where we buried our baby a few years ago. I brought a short salvation challenge, and then our group of islanders sang several songs. It seemed to be a great encouragement to these people, and we look forward to see how God will use this contact in the future.

I have started a **Men's Bible study** on Saturday mornings. We are dealing right now with breaking sinful habits. We are praying for and praising the Lord for several Yapese men who are making decisions to follow Christ in their lives. Please continue to pray that God will free souls from the bonds of sin and give victory for believers.

Thanks for your prayers,
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Puffer fish speared at Low tide



Lency & Levi



Turtle eggs brought by Lency from the outer island of Ulithi



Masency (James' wife) & Levi