

# 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*

September 2010

Dear Friends and Family,

The last 2 months have been full of activity and wonderful opportunities to live for Jesus. We are so thankful for God's protection and leading as we attempt to share the good news of the Gospel. God has blessed our church with 3 graduates from Harvest Baptist Bible Institute in Guam: Rollence, James, and Truly. Along with their wives and families, they are faithfully serving in many ways. Much of what we will report in this update is a result of their hard work and faithfulness. Thanks, Guys, we praise the Lord for you!



Shortly after our last update, we unloaded this trampoline from our container that we brought from the States. The youth group from our sending church gave us this incredible gift that has offered countless hours of fun for both young and old!

### Yap Christian Camp 2010

Teen Camp was a huge success this year with our largest turnout yet! We were privileged to have Pastor Don Eckert from Harvest Baptist in Guam come as the special speaker. He is a well-loved teacher at HBBI and the teens responded well to his fun attitude and his genuine concern for their souls. We saw souls saved and teens taking a stand to live for the Lord. They had a great time playing the games and fellowshiping with other Christian youth on the island. Thanks to Trinity in Flushing, MI for the water bottles they donated! The teens loved them (as CJ, one of our deaf teens, shows in the picture)!



### Vacation Bible School

VBS was another highlight as our ministry workers jumped in and ran the whole thing, from teaching the classes and craft time, to running games, and preparing and serving refreshments. Diane and I did a little skit each day for the week. Here, I was serenading "Madeline" with the uke. The kids loved it! The team jerseys were donated from a fellow missionary and many clothes that were given to us in the States were used as prizes for points earned by the children and teens. Mrs. Geri Duffy gave us the incredible backdrop that she painted. Thanks, Mrs. Duffy!!



### Wedding of Truly and Lency Erra

On August 1st, our church got to be a part of a special event in the lives of this young couple. Lency is from our church and met her husband, Truly, at HBBI. He is from the neighboring island of Chuuk. Roland and I had the privilege of marrying them, and now they are staying here and serving in our church for a while before they plan to go back to his island. Truly is a gifted guitar player, and it is a blessing to have him playing for our congregational singing, as well as helping out in so many ways. Lency is a huge help to Diane, and is also teaching Sunday School and an outer island kids class on Thursday nights.



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### Visit from my brother Georg and Pastor John Vaughn

My brother Georg came to visit in August along with Pastor Vaughn. We had a wonderful and fun time with them. Georg was able to use his computer expertise to fix some problems we had and got us a wireless network for our church. This is saving the pastors money as well, since they don't have to buy internet cards anymore! Pastor Vaughn has had such a huge impact in my life, as well as my brother's. It was like having a dad come out to see us. Thank you, Pastor Vaughn, for your great encouragement to us!



### Ship leaves for Fais carrying 1st shipment of supplies for the Fais Church project



After many delays because of mechanical difficulties, the crowded ship to the outer islands finally left mid-August. Lency and Truly went to her island of Ulithi to visit her family, and Roland went to Fais to deliver his first shipment of supplies to start his ministry there. Because the ship was so full, only about half of the materials and equipment made it into the cargo. The ship is due to leave again when some more mechanical problems are fixed. This time Roland will take his family with him. Praise the Lord, God has provided the things he needs for the foundation. Paul and I will go out when he is ready to frame up the roof.



### Men's Bible Study Fish Fry

The mackerel are biting, and we were able to take some of the men out for a night of fishing. Roland, Truly, James, Mr. Salik, Jack, David, and I went out one night, and we ate the mackerel we caught for breakfast with the men. We also continued our book study on "Winning the Inner War". Please be in prayer for these men and their families. Several have accepted Christ and are now facing the trials and temptations that try their faith.

### Prayer and Praises



- Praise the Lord for several souls He has brought to Himself in the past couple of months. Please pray for these new believers to grow in their Christian life and fight the temptations that plague them daily.
- Praise the Lord for 3 believers who took the step of obedience to be baptized. Pray for others who are learning and preparing to make this decision in their life.
- Please pray for our students at Harvest Bible Institute that God will provide all their needs spiritually and physically.
- Please pray for the Fais church project that God will lead, direct, and provide for Roland and his family.

- Praise the Lord for the church members who have gotten behind Roland and taken him on for financial and prayer support. The men of the church gathered around Roland and prayed for him that God would bless his journey. Yap Baptist sees Roland as "our missionary and church planter," and the people are excited to be a part of this endeavor!
- Please pray for Joy Family Radio's tower project as we attempt to raise the tower another 100 feet. We do not have the luxury of a crane, so the tower is going up in sections using ropes, pulleys, and Paul's 4-wheel drive van. So far, we have stayed safe. I don't know if OSHA would approve our methods, but we are trying our best to be careful.
- Praise the Lord for good health in recent weeks. During July and August, our family had some sickness, including Dengue fever, but praise the Lord we are currently all well. We covet your continued prayers!
- Each of our children have had birthdays in recent months, and even Levi has reached his 6-month mark! Thanks to many who sent cards and gifts to make their day extra special!



*Pastor James and I in close quarters at 100 ft!*

Serving Him,

Mark, Diane, & Family

