

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

October-December 2010

Dear Friends and Family,

Happy 2011! It is hard to believe that we are beginning our 7th year in Yap! As we look back on another year, we are so thankful for God's providential hand in our lives. Half of our year was spent in the States, and the other half we have spent back on our island home. Let's pause to give God the glory for the "great things He has done!"

Fais Island Bible Study

God has allowed Roland and his family to move to Fais Island and start a Bible study with his people. He has completed the concrete work on his house, and we are presently working on milling his lumber for trusses and the roof system. We will send these materials on the ship the next time it goes to Fais. We have been able to ship food supplies and building materials, but it is hard to communicate with them since there are no phones or internet access on Fais. We are using the radio at Sea Transportation, but many times we cannot get through. Thankfully, I was able to talk to Roland this week to wish him a Happy New Year and also a happy birthday.



Brazing crew/contraption

Radio Tower project

The Joy Family Radio tower now stands at 200 feet! God granted safety and strength, as well as wisdom in getting the sections to the top. I am working on brazing together over 4 miles of copper wire which Paul is putting in the ground for radials. We are spooling the wire using an attic fan that my father-in-law sent in our container. It really is a redneck contraption! I've heard it said that "necessity is the mother of invention." Thanks, Dad!

Church and Home Repairs

The front doors on the church were in bad shape, so James, Truly, and Andrew assisted me in installing 2 doors given to me by my brother-in-law while we were in the States. We brought them in the container as well and were able to put them to good use. We also fixed a couple of roof leaks and patched a few tiles on the floor in the sanctuary. Painting inside and outside of our house, as well as putting in a new kitchen countertop, made a great Christmas present for Diane!



Putting up church doors



Singles Retreat in Guam

Singles Retreat at Harvest in Guam

God gave Diane and I the opportunity to go to Guam in November to speak at a singles retreat for a weekend. We took Levi and left the other kids with Paul and Sherry. It was refreshing for us, and we



HBBI girls enjoying food from home

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Patwin (James & Roland's brother)



Levi loved all the attention from the girls

enjoyed spending time with our friends in Guam. We also saw our HBBI students and spent time with them. We brought 75 pounds of fish and taro so we had a barbecue and sang songs and did some catching up. It was a great time!

Holiday Ministry Opportunities

During the holidays we especially enjoy offering more Christian fellowship opportunities for our people to offset the many negative temptations that plague them during this time of the year. One man who was saved during our last term and is now starting to show real spiritual growth called several times requesting help. At one point, he called a taxi to bring him to the church so that he could get away from the drinking around his house. Special activities also give us a chance to invite contacts we have made that might not otherwise come to a church service. The Thursday Kid's Night involves many kids whose parents do not attend our church. There are often around 50 or more kids who come to play games for an hour, have snacks & singing and then split for their different classes.



Thanksgiving Dinner at Yap Baptist with family, visitors & local pastors



Mother/Daughter Christmas Party
60 personal pizzas made and
over 100 cookies decorated



On New Years Eve the teens had a contest making their own personal pizzas and decorating Christmas cookies! The guys surprisingly had a great time decorating (and eating) the cookies!



Diane teaches a younger kids class, Masency teaches an older kids class, and Lency has been teaching a class in Outer Island. Each of these classes prepared a Christmas program that they invited their parents to attend. Even though we have had casual contact with all of their families, more than 5 new sets of parents came to our Christmas service and were able to hear the Gospel. Some of the ladies also came with their daughters to the Mother/Daughter Christmas party. Please continue to pray for these new contacts as we seek to build relationships and share Christ with them.

We could not have pulled off all of the holiday activities without the help of James and Masency, Truly, and Lency, and also our dear friends visiting from Chicago, Ricci and Debbie Del Priore. They worked long hours with us with great attitudes and servant's hearts. What makes it all worth it is seeing a soul come to Christ! Ricci had the opportunity to lead one of our teen guys to the Lord! Because of their love and service and your prayers, I believe we will see many souls in Heaven!



Our friends Ricci and Deb Del Priore visiting from Chicago



Cherith recently had the opportunity to pray with Rommean for Salvation

Additional Prayer and Praises

- I recently restarted my prison Bible study. Please pray for these men who are in desperate need of the Savior.
- In October, a husband and wife and their son as well as a teen and another adult man followed the Lord in Believer's baptism. Recently the couple has experienced some real attacks from Satan. Please pray with us for wisdom in how to help them and the strength that they need to fight temptation.
- 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.
- Thanks to so many who sent Christmas gifts to our family this year! What a huge testimony it is to our children to see how the Lord provides and blesses us through your generosity!

Have a wonderful New Year!!

Mark, Diane, Joseph, JohnMark, Cherith, Caleb, and Levi

