

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

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Dear Friends,

Since our last update about the ministry on Fais island, we were privileged to have some visitors come and join us in the work here in Yap. In mid-February, **Stephen & Rebecca Pettit** took some video footage of various facets of missionary life on Yap. One highlight was the falling of a huge mahogany tree and the milling process!

Fais Island Medical Trip

The next morning, we boarded the PMA airplane to head to Fais for 3 days. Our friends in Fais were there to welcome us; then we began the trek from the airport to the school where the clinics would be held. Several guys with wheelbarrows transported our supplies and equipment.



Medical Mission Team

On March 16th, a team from **Grace Dental Mission** arrived to hold clinics in Yap, Fais, and Ulithi. Dr. Jack Mitchell, the dentist, a pediatrician and her family, 2 nurses, and 3 other assistants comprised the medical team. The first clinic was held in the northern part of the island near Paul & Bob's ministry. While the medical team was inside meeting physical needs, the missionaries were singing and sharing the Gospel with those who attended the clinic.

Dr. Mitchell set up shop in the school room with his portable dental equipment. The nurses, Sarah and Katrina, took blood pressures and gave medicine to patients as well as shared the Gospel with them.



Dr. Melanie Blackburn helped many children and adults with various physical needs and showed the love of Christ in all that she did.



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Outside, James & Jonathan Bailey were also meeting needs.



On Sunday, we had the opportunity to be a part of Roland's church service. Dr. Mitchell shared his testimony and Bryan Bell brought a challenge. I enjoyed spending some personal time with Roland and exchanging ministry stories.



Pastor Roland's congregation

Pastor Roland

Ulithi Atolls Medical Clinic

Monday morning the PMA airplane returned to take us to the Ulithi atolls. We held a clinic on Falolop, and they brought other patients from the neighboring islands by a small boat. It was an encouragement to see their openness to the Gospel. Both Pastor James and Lency are from Ulithi so we were privileged to bring them with us. They proved a valuable asset to meeting people and interpreting languages. We also took Truly; he helped with guitar music and worked with the dentist. We gave out many Bibles to people and many accepted Christ.



One of the team members, Bryan Bell, hooked this reef shark. This monitor lizard was caught in a tree near where we were sleeping in Fais.



Nimgil Medical Clinic

Upon our return back to Yap Main Island, the team got one day of rest, and then we had another clinic in the southern part of our island in Nimgil. Again, we were able to meet both spiritual and physical needs and make many new contacts.



Our son, Joseph, enjoyed helping the dentist sterilize his tools.

New Baby!



No, not us!! Pastor James' wife Masency was due on March 30th. James took the chance of still making the outer island trip, hoping Masency would not deliver early! 2 days after our return, early Sunday morning, March 27th, she delivered a very healthy baby boy, Matthew Joseph Layomia, 8lbs 10 oz. Both Mom and baby are doing well.

New Wheels

We have located a passenger van in Japan that we are in the process of purchasing. It has 21 seats and will be shipped to us from Japan. We watched the price come down from \$6,800 to \$6000. This will help with many of our transportation needs for our Kid's and Teen nights as well as Sunday services. We are praying for additional funds to meet this need. Our faithful church van, "Chitty-chitty Bang-bang," is about ready to fall apart!!

Thank you for your prayers and faithfulness in supporting the ministry here in the Yap islands! To God be the Glory!

Mark Zimmer and Family