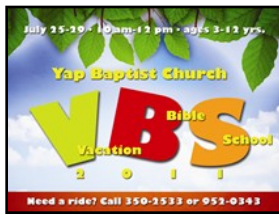




To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. -Luke 1:79

Dear Friends,

July 2011



Since our last update in April, preparation for summer activities has kept us hopping! Today our teen camp begins for the week and in 2 weeks we will have our VBS. We covet your prayers for these 2 outreach opportunities. Pray that lives will be changed and in turn impact our island for Christ!



We have been blessed to have some extra help this summer. In addition to our faithful assistant pastors, **James & Truly and their wives**, we also have 3 Harvest Baptist College girls staying here at our church: **Lucy, Stevelyne, & Stella**. They helped us paint the inside of our church which became a big project of having to scrape off layers of old paint, re-mudding, priming and finally painting! It looks great, though! In preparation for Teen Camp, our teen guys helped **extend our driveway/half-basketball court**, and James already has plans of putting it to good use tonight for a series of 4 on 4 tournaments.



You prayed for the funds for our **Kid's van** and **God has answered prayer!!** The VBS kids from Calvary Baptist in Simpsonville, SC covered the remaining money owed on the van, so it is completely paid for now! Praise the Lord! Our other van that has been in the shop since last July was finally repaired. We are now ready to pick up lots of kids for our upcoming **VBS the last week in July!**



Let's back up to **Easter!** We had a great service down at the beach and had the opportunity to **baptize several young people** who recently accepted Christ. Our daughter Cherith was one of those baptized and several of her friends whom she has witnessed to in the past few months! Many parents and grandparents of those baptized were there that day. Since then we have had **several of these parents make decisions to follow Christ as well!**

Many of the decisions made by these young people are a result of the teaching they are receiving on Thursdays at our Kid's Night. Since Lucy has returned from school this summer, we have been able to start back up a **Yapese speaking class** on both Thursdays and Sundays. Lency has also continued teaching an **Outer Island class** of Thursday nights. It is such a blessing that the **young people can hear God's Word in their own language!**



Sunday Yapese class taught by Lucy & Stevelyne



Thursday night Outer Island class taught by Lency

In May we had the opportunity of having **Pastor Dean Taylor, his wife, Faith, and their son, Luke, from Calvary in Simpsonville, SC** come for a visit. The ladies from Faith Baptist (Paul and Sherry's church) came down and joined us for a **combined ladies meeting**. Faith spoke on the tongue (yes, ladies struggle with that here, too!). It was a lot of fun and a great time of encouragement for all of the ladies.

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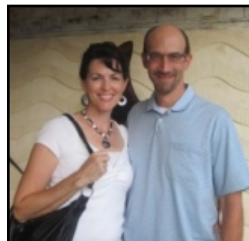
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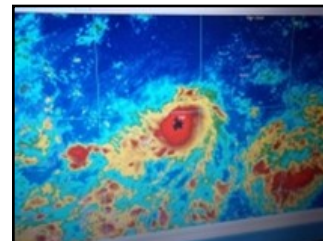
Faith Taylor speaks to the ladies



First time to put together a potato head, blindfolded!



Faith & Dean Taylor

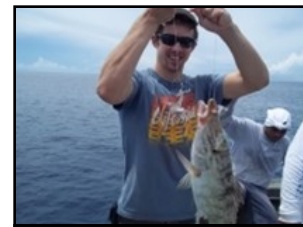


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What more fun could there be than to visit Yap when a tropical storm strikes!?! The Taylors got to experience a tropical storm, electrical outage, a noisy generator, and we even had to cancel church on Sunday. The worst part of that was that our church people were not able to hear Pastor Taylor speak! Their son, Luke stayed for an extra 10 days to help in the ministry here. We gave him the opportunity to do a little log milling and try his hand at all types of fishing! He was a natural!



Team work rolls the log



Luke Taylor crushes a big one!



Men's Bible Study



Ladies Bible Study

God is blessing the **Men's Prayer Breakfast & Bible Study** that we have the first Saturday of every month. **Please continue to pray for the men** who have decided to follow the Lord that they will be able to stand strong against Satan's arrows that he attacks them with. Diane also started a **Ladies Bible Study** during our Sunday School time. Several ladies have made professions of faith and are now learning how to grow. **Please pray for the ladies** to understand and be willing to follow Christ's leading in their lives.

For **Father's day**, we thought the men would most enjoy some fresh sashimi, so we tried for tuna and we were able to pass out a tuna to each father with a bottle of Tabasco! They said that was the best Father's day gift yet! I wasn't able to be in Yap for Father's day because I went to Guam to speak in a conference at Harvest Baptist Church. Diane didn't go with me this time. She stayed back with the kids and a single lady from Harvest, **Abby LaVigne**, came to stay here. Abby helped us so much while she was here! She is an expert photographer and computer designer. She was able to take family photos for us and design the new prayer letter banner above. She also helped to design the Teen Camp and VBS flyers and posters! She got to experience a lot of fun island stuff like diving and crab hunting in the dark!



Joseph, Abby, & Leney catch crabs



Chelyn, RJ, Angel, & Rol



Catch of the year!



John Mark hooked this shark while casting in low tide!

Our missionaries, Rol and Chelyn came on the ship from Fais last week for a little break and to get some more supplies for their house. Rol went back to Fais on the ship last Friday, and Chelyn went on the PMA airplane this morning. My brother Paul is going to Fais to work on their solar the end of this month and I will be going with him to help. Diane and our oldest son, Joseph, may also come with us to be an encouragement to Chelyn. We will leave July 29th and return August 1st. **Please pray for safety as well as that we would be a blessing and encouragement to them.**

James & Rol's parents came from the Outer Islands for a couple of months to help Masency with their new baby. They were affectionately called "Mom & Pops!" It was great having them around and "Pops" enjoyed some fun fishing experiences with us . . . like catching this 150 lb marlin! The best part of their stay was that **"Pops" accepted Christ while they were here! Praise the Lord!**

We are thankful for your prayerful support and know that God is using you to allow us to share the good news! On July 4th we remembered our homeland with a meal and some songs about America the Beautiful. While we continue to serve with thankfulness, our hearts still long for home at times! We covet your prayers!

With Christ's love,
Mark and Diane.