



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,

As I sit here typing this letter, we are preparing for my departure tonight from Yap to a neighboring island called **Chuuk**. One of our assistant pastors, **Truly Erra**, is from that island, and he is **praying** about opportunities for service there. Truly and his wife, Lency, left last week for Chuuk, and I plan to join them tomorrow to see how we can help him begin his new ministry, should God call him there. Please pray for Truly and Lency, and for God's call on their lives.



**Please pray for Diane and the kids**, as they are staying back here in Yap. **There are some unsettling things going on right now here in Yap, and your prayers would be appreciated. We have had several earthquakes. One was a 5.8 on the Richter Scale, and there have been several smaller ones this past week. There is also a scourge of sickness going around, including Dengue fever and leptospirosis. That being said, we covet your prayers in my absence.**

I would like to share with you a few experiences which prove that God is still "on the throne":

#### ***Prison Bible Study Fruit***

A couple of months ago, one of the prisoners, who made a profession of faith a few years ago, approached me and said that he wanted to speak with me at a private window. After our service, I went to the window. He told me he was scared, because he was going to be released from prison, and he didn't want to mess up again. I told him that we would do whatever we could to help him. We started Bible studies with him, and he has been **faithfully coming to church**. So far, he has stayed faithful to God, and has been **making changes in his life**. Life-changing steps require new life found in Christ!! Andy recently told me that he thought **God wanted him to help me in the prison ministry**. He came with me a couple Sundays ago, and interpreted for me from English to Yapese! He has also shared with me that **God might be calling him to preach! Praise the Lord!! Pray for Andy's 12-year-old son, who is very sick in the hospital right now with hemorrhaging Dengue.**

#### ***Satawal Bible Study***

I continue to have a Bible study on Thursday evenings at a nearby outer island village, where the people are from the furthest outer island of Yap, Satawal. One of the Christian men, Martin, has shown significant growth, asks questions that prove he is reading his Bible, and invites people each week. For a couple of weeks, the chief of Satawal was on island and attended our Bible study, as well as asking some interesting questions. Continue to pray for more opportunities to reach these people for Christ.

**Teen Camp and VBS** were a huge success this past summer with our highest attendance yet. Praise the Lord for the opportunities to **share the Gospel and to provide serving opportunities** for many in our church. It is a joy to see so many serving to make these events a success. Several of the **teens made decisions** during camp, and as a result, we have seen a growth, not only in numbers, but also in their Christian lives. Pastor James desired to see these young people grow even

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more, so he has begun a **teen Sunday School class** in addition to their regular Friday youth night. Praise the Lord for James' vision and obvious love for the youth. The teens have also enjoyed special activities together like a water day, which included tubing on a "missile" behind the boat! The girls are having a sleepover here at our house with Diane and Masency while I am away.



### **Ladies Bible Study**

Diane started a Ladies' Bible study a few months ago. She spent the first few months primarily talking about salvation and spiritual growth. Many times, we encourage the children who come for our kid's night to invite their parents to church. So far, there have been **6 new ladies coming as a result of their children inviting them. 3 of those ladies have made professions**, and are showing signs of growth in their Christian lives. Diane gives the ladies little "homework assignments" each week to encourage the ladies to read their Bibles. One of the ladies told of how she reads her verses out loud to her children. She said she started noticing that her husband was listening as well, and each time she would read, he would move closer so that he could hear better! Many of the ladies are **praying for their husbands to accept and follow Christ** and are now learning how to be good Christian wives, so that by their testimony, they might win their husbands. It has been exciting to see the ladies getting a burden for their lost friends and families. We have seen new faces in our church service because some of the ladies are getting a burden for the lost! God is still working.

### **Projects**

My brother, Paul, sent a container from the States. My other brother, Dave, had put some **new roofing panels in, which we desperately needed on the back of our house.** I built a small addition that needed tiles, and the roofing on the rest of the house was in bad shape. We installed the roofing over the addition, and tore off the roof on the rest of the back of the house. God kept the rain away while we were working and we got down to the end and we used up the last piece of roofing. We had exactly enough to do what we needed!



We helped the church in Makiy to mill the logs Paul had cut before he left. The mill needed a new gear box, so we worked on it and got it installed. The motor had been running rough, so we called a friend to help us. **Thankfully, we were able to get it fixed, and we finished the huge logs** in one week. The lumber will be used to **help build one of the local pastors' houses** from Faith Baptist, and the rest will be used for **rafters on their new church building.** Parts and experienced mechanics are hard to find here in Yap, so it's really a miracle we were able to get it going!

### **Fais Baptist Church**

What a great blessing and encouragement it was for **me, Diane, Joseph, and my brother Paul to go to Fais in mid-July!** We were so thankful to see how God is working in the lives of the people of Fais and growing His church. They are working together to raise money to help buy the building supplies for their new church building. Roland came back this past week and purchased some of the supplies they need to start building. They are hoping to finish their building in time to have a Christmas service in the new building. **They have asked that we come back and share that special day with them. We are praying about the possibility of taking our whole family with us this time. We would need to raise approximately \$1,000 for tickets and supplies.** We were also able to help **my brother, Paul, install solar panels on Roland's house,** so that he can have some electricity. He reported this last week that the solar panel is working great, and that the batteries are fully charged by 9:00 in the morning!



### **Additional Prayer and Praises:**

Please pray for **my parents, whose house was broken into a few days ago in Puerto Rico.** Their laptop, money, and jewelry were stolen from their house while they were sleeping. Praise the Lord that they were not physically hurt. Pray that the Lord will supply their needs during this time.

Praise the Lord that during recent **evangelistic meetings at Harvest, several of our Yapese students made decisions for Christ.** Continue to pray for their Christian growth and strength to say no to sin.

Thanks for your prayers. God hears and answers!  
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