



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,

I often marvel at the grace of God reaching down to sinners like you and me. What an awesome God we serve! He allows us to bring glory to Himself as we surrender ourselves to Him. The past few months have been busy, but fruitful. We have much to be thankful for.

***The Brooks Family Visited in Mid-February***

We had a wonderful visit with our friends, Pastor Dan Brooks and his wife, Kristen, as well as two of their children, Haley and Seth. We were encouraged by the joy they have in the Lord, and we had a great time of fellowship together. Pastor Brooks shared a message in our church service, and Kristen spoke to the women during their Bible study. They brought "goodies" with them from our friends at Heritage Bible Church, and we are thankful for their investment in our lives.



***Fresh Water Retreat in Guam Beginning of March***

Harvest Ministries in Guam invited us to come and speak at their Fresh Water Retreat, which is a time of Bible teaching and spiritual refreshment for their students at HBBC. We had a great time fellowshiping with many of our Yapese students, who are attending there, as well as many of our friends there in Guam.

***Pastors' Workshop in Chuuk End of March***

I spent the last week of March in Chuuk, teaching a pastors' workshop. It was a great privilege to share God's Word with the men and with many of their wives. We were able to give out two boxes of Bibles to people who wanted them. Pastor Truly went with me, and he commuted on a boat back and forth to his home island of Fefan. I stayed at the Blue Lagoon Resort, and was able to look across the lagoon and see his house about two miles away. God also opened a door for evangelistic services for two nights. The third night was canceled, as a group of men were fighting with machetes and throwing rocks just outside the church. The police were called, but they never came.



***Diane's Parents Visit Mid-March through Mid-April***

Diane's parents came to spend time with "their favorite son-in-law," and, oh, to see their daughter and grandchildren. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary while they were here, and were a blessing to us in so many ways. Mom taught the Thursday night children's class, and also shared during the Ladies' Bible study. Dad preached in church while I was in Chuuk. He spent much of his time building us a beautiful dining room table. Pastor James worked alongside of him, and learned some valuable tips on wood working. James was able to finish 2 matching chairs for the

table after Dad left. He must have had a good teacher, because the chairs look nice!

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### **Trip to Fais Early April**

On April 5th, we took Mom and Dad Seeley to visit Pastor Rol and his family on Fais Island. The islanders were so friendly and treated us to a lobster dinner! They showered Mom and Dad with locally made gifts, and left an impression on us we will never forget. We were led on a tour of the island by our tour guide, Jesse, and we saw evidence still lingering from the Japanese occupation during WWII. We even took a moment for a swim, and all of us got scratched up pretty good on the coral!



Fais Baptist Church's new church building and a picture of their congregation at the beach in Fais

### **Easter Sunday at Yap Baptist Church**

We celebrated our risen Savior at YBC with singing from several groups, as well as a baptismal service. Two men and four ladies followed the Lord in believer's baptism. It was a great time of reflecting on all that the Lord has done through the lives of the people in Yap. Martin, who was saved during a medical clinic held here during our last term, gave a powerful testimony of God's work in his life.



### **New Local Meeting House (Koyeng) for YBC**

For the past three weeks, we have been working on a local house, which will be used for church activities. It will be our "Family Life Center." The village chief, Manuel Pong, as well as some men from our village are helping us build it. We have enjoyed getting to know some of these men better, and pray that our friendship will bring long-term fruit. We are getting ready to pour the floor very soon. The ladies, and even some of the men in our church, worked hard on weaving the thatch that we used for the roof.



### **Prison Ministry**

Yesterday, I took a Christian movie with me to the prison to show the men. I used my projector and brought a small dry erase board for a movie screen. I had an amp that my home church had given me while we were on deputation, and we brought it for audio. The movie, *Courageous*, was perfect for both the guards and the prisoners. The men were moved as they watched, but we had to stop the movie before it was finished, because our time slot was over. The men were disappointed, so I promised that we would finish it next week. Please pray for these men to make life-changing decisions in their hearts, beginning with accepting Christ as their personal Savior.

### **Additional Prayer and Praises**

- You may remember that one of our Harvest students, Lucy Nam, returned to Yap before Christmas to be with her terminally ill father. John Nam passed away the end of March while I was in Chuuk. I was disappointed that I could not be here for the funeral, but Pastor James, as well as some others from our church, stepped up to the plate and were able to sing, bring a short message, and encourage the family during this time. We were encouraged that John had prayed to accept Christ back in November.
- Please pray for our upcoming summer activities, including our Teen Camp and VBS.
- Please pray for three young men who have surrendered to the Lord and plan to go to HBBC, that they will continue to follow Christ through the summer.
- Praise for the work that is being done at the church on our meeting house.

Thank you for your part in bringing the Gospel to Yap!  
The Zimmers