



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

July 2012

Dear Friends,

In Psalm 9 David encourages us to "Sing praises to the Lord, which dwelleth in Zion; declare among the people his doings." We praise the Lord for all He has been doing here in Yap!

Summertime in Yap means more rain and stormy weather. So far, God has spared us from major storms, but we have had some near misses.

Summer Outreach

All year our kids and teens look forward to the summer when we have our VBS and Teen Camp. Next week, **July 23-27, Yap Christian Camp** will kick off with lots of games, water activities, Bible memory, prizes, awards, devotional worksheets, skits, food, and preaching. Our primary aim is that the Lord will change hearts and lives! We are looking forward to our guest speaker, Jared Baldwin, and a team from Harvest in Guam coming to help for the last 3 days of camp and the first 2 days of VBS. **VBS, July 30-August 3**, is also a huge highlight for our kids with many of the same type activities. We also give our teens opportunities for service during our VBS. Please pray for our strength and stamina during these busy weeks and for lives to be changed for His glory. A couple of weeks ago we joined with Paul's church for a teen activity on the beach, and **2 of the girls in this photo prayed and asked the Lord to save them!**



Building Projects

... at Yap Baptist



"Koyeng"

In May, we were able to **finish our local meeting house called a koyeng**. The people have enjoyed using it for Bible studies, Sunday school classes, and a place to spend time fellowshiping before and after church. Our village chief helped us build it, and when it was finished he came over and gave us 4 authentic stone monies, one for each corner.

We were also able to **install 24 solar panels on our church building**. My brother Paul brought a crew of guys over, and we assisted them in putting up the panels as Paul wired them in. We now have a large 6KW system that is helping with the extremely expensive power bill. Praise the Lord for gifts and abilities that He can use for His purposes!



Church Solar Panels

... at Faith Baptist

In May and June, we have also been helping my brother, Paul, **build his new church building**. We have helped with the block laying, setting forms, pouring the cement floor, as well as pouring the beam. A team came from Greenville, SC, and we worked together to pour the slab. It was a 2 day struggle against the rain, heat, and exhaustion! All the cement was mixed by using cement mixers and then pushed in wheel barrows to be poured. It is very labor intensive work, so we asked for volunteers, and both churches brought men together to help with the work.

God provided some huge trees for our project right in our back yard! Our village chief gave us the trees, and so last week some of the church guys helped as Paul and I cut 7 Gumar trees and about 10 Mahogany. We need the wood for



The Logging Crew: James, Truly, Francis, Romeo, and Edwin

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trusses, since the next step in the process is the roof. Our church team labored in the hot, humid conditions last week, and completed cutting and sectioning the trees. We then got an excavator to make a road into the jungle to drag them out, load them in dump trucks, and deliver them up to Makiy, the location for Paul's church. It is amazing how God provided them just as we needed them. Next week a team is coming from Harvest in Guam to help mill the lumber and put up the trusses. **Please pray for strength and healing for those of us who are suffering from the effects of poison tree that we contacted in the jungle.**



I looked pretty small next to these monster trees!



Summer Help

We are so thankful to have Stevelyne and Stella back from college and staying with us this summer. They are teaching children's classes in their own language. **Stevelyne teaches in Yapese and Stella teaches in Outer Island.** We had a party for all the HBBC students at the beach and celebrated their birthdays. Roland and Chelyn were back in Yap at the time to get supplies for their first VBS and Teen Camp in Fais. Roland was able to bring a challenge to the other HBBC students to take the Gospel to their own people.

First time Fais Christian Camp

Pastor Roland has been doing well, and his church continues to grow. He held his first teen camp in Fais this summer, and we sent a team from our church to help him. Pastor James and his family went, as well as Klinton and Stella. We heard great things about the camp and many decisions were made for Christ.

New HBBC students

This coming fall, **Klinton and Edwin from Fais, and Justin from here in Yap** will be joining with the others to attend Harvest Baptist Bible College. **Please pray with us concerning the cost of their plane tickets (\$250 each), and we would also like to give these students an extra \$200 each to help pay for their books and other school supplies.** If you would be able to help, it would be very much appreciated!



Fais Christian Camp 2012



Pastor Roland



Jay, Brian & Dr. Bower

Visitors

In May, a couple of my fishing buddies, Brian Babin and Dan Bower, came to do a week of intense Yap fishing! We "crushed it" on several occasions and had a blast doing so! Brian also brought his son, Jay, who was a lot of fun for our boys that week. A week after they left, James, Truly, and I brought in 2 huge marlin! The Zynda family from Guam was also able to spend a week with us in June. We always give our visitors a chance to share their testimonies in our church, Bible studies, or teen activities. Each of their testimonies were a great encouragement and convicting to the hearts of our people.



Kip, MJ Zynda & Family

Additional Prayer and Praises:

- **Teen Camp: July 23-27**
- **VBS: July 30- August 3**
- **Harvest Camp and Construction Team: July 25-July 31**
- If God lays it on your heart to help with the **financial needs** that accompany our Teen Camp and VBS, we would be very grateful.
- **Truly and Lency are making plans to start their ministry in Chuuk.** God has laid it on the heart of a faithful servant to help them get electricity through hydro-power. I'm praying about going to Chuuk to gather information for the engineer if the Lord provides the money for my plane ticket. Please pray also for financial support for Lency and Truly as they go to their mission field.
- Praise the Lord for God's continued work in the lives of the men and women who come to our **men's and women's Bible studies.**
- Praise the Lord for continued work in the **Prison Bible Study.** We have shown some Christian films recently to the prisoners. Another prisoner who was released has come to church. Praise the Lord for God's working in the lives of Andy and his family. He has been translating for me in the prison Bible study.
- Praise the Lord for the opportunity **our sons** had to go to **camp in Guam.** They are currently there and we are thankful for how the Lord is working in their lives.
- **Kid News:** Our kids have had a lot of fun with different animals God has allowed them to be in contact with in recent months. Our dog, Lassie, had 3 puppies and our cat had 4 kittens. The sad news is that the momma cat was found dead in our shop, and the kittens were only a few days old. Cherith has kept them alive for a week now by feeding them through a medicine dropper! Edwin shot a monitor lizard with his slingshot, and Caleb and his friend, DanDan, had fun playing with that for the day. It is currently in the freezer since Caleb wants to show John Mark when he comes home from camp! Pictures of these creatures are on Diane's Facebook.



Two twin Marlin

Thanks once again for your faithfulness in prayer and support! We couldn't do it without you holding up our hands in prayer.

In Christ,
Mark Zimmer and Family