



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,

A few weeks ago, we received a phone call at midnight on Saturday night. It was the wife of one of our new believers. She said her husband needed to talk to me. I was reluctant to go out at such a late hour, but I went anyway knowing my friend was in trouble and needed my help. When I arrived, he was sitting in his small local house crying. He was obviously drunk, but in despair because he had fallen into sin after fighting this temptation for many weeks. "What do you want me to do, sir?" he asked and kept repeating. "The wages of sin is death; I deserve to die!" I told him we all deserve to die, but Jesus gives us a reason to live. I talked to him for over an hour until he calmed down and started asking God to forgive him. "Winig nom, Somol," he prayed out loud. (Forgive me, Lord.) He fell asleep and I went home and got a little shut eye before it was time for church.

I wish we both had the time for me to share many similar stories, but we will save that for our return trip to the States. That trip is coming up the end of May 2013 when we plan to return for our furlough.

Many things have transpired since our last update, and we would like to get you up to speed on our work here in Yap.



Yap Christian Camp 2012

The summer teen camp was a huge success, and many teens made professions of faith in Christ alone for salvation. The Harvest team from Guam was with us for part of our week, and Pastor Jared Baldwin was our guest speaker. Stephen Kopp and Doug Ables provided excellent entertainment for the week with all their hilarious skits (you will see them in the front of the camp picture.) So many gave to help with the "store" by donating clothes, school supplies, and things to make teens smell good (so important!)

We spent one afternoon at a nearby small island called "O'Keefe's," and then took 2 teens at a time for a spin around on our "missile" pulled by my smaller boat, "Old Glory." The teens enjoyed hanging out on our other boat, "Albatross" (pictured here). We may have broken some coast guard rules, but the teens had a blast!

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O'Keefe's Island Outing



Yap Sports Complex event



Teens enjoy singing together and eating, of course!



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We also joined up with Paul's youth group and had a combined teen activity at the sports complex, located in the northern part of the island.

Vacation Bible School

VBS was our largest attendance since we came in 2004. God blessed the week with all who contributed, including the team from Harvest for Monday and Tuesday. Our youth group teens and our ministry team gave of themselves to make the week a blessing to all who attended. Some of the children have invited their parents to church, and God has added to our church family as a result



"Bert and Matilda" (guess who?) came back to visit this year, too!

of the children's programs. Our Thursday night Kid's Night continues to be a highlight during the week for the kids.

Faith Baptist Church Project



Paul's New Church Building

During camp, the Harvest team was also helping my brother, Paul, build and install trusses on his new church building project. With God's help, we were able to mill the wood, build, and install the trusses during the week they were here. I came down with a nasty fever and chills on Sunday night. It lasted a full day, and I was weak for several days after.



"Brothers"- Paul, Mark, & John

My brother, John, came for a visit with his family the week after camp. They stayed with Paul for the first few days. We all spent a couple days at a "resort" on the beach, and then they stayed at our house for a few days. We had such a blast with all 3 families together again. Swimming, snorkeling, fishing, singing, and eating were the main events.

The prison ministry continues to be fruitful. We now have 3 men who are coming to church that have been released. Two of them have brought their families. We started to translate our Sunday morning men's Bible study into Yapese. Our interpreter, Mang, has been faithful in his service to the Lord. Mang was released a while back and has been living for God. He has been an encouragement to all of us.

Prayer and Praises

- Praise the Lord that Joseph and John Mark got to attend summer camp at Harvest in Guam.
- Praise the Lord that our HBBC students are doing well in school this fall, and we have 3 additional students applying for next year.
- Praise the Lord for continued growth in the youth group under the direction of Pastor James Layomai. Several teens have taken a real stand for the Lord at Yap High School and have started a Bible study during lunch time. They have had a lot of students interested in what they are doing and have wanted to join them when they hear them singing. The teens have also organized a group to help people in our church with yard work.
- Pray for some of our teens who are experiencing opposition from their family and friends.
- Praise the Lord for 4 of our children who celebrated birthdays in the past few months. Joseph is now 15 and approximately 6'2". John Mark is 13, Cherith is 11, and Caleb is 8. Levi is 2 and really enjoys his sister and all of his big brothers.
- We are so thankful for the team that God gave us this summer to work with us here at Yap Baptist. As the church grows, it takes more helpers. We are thankful that so many in our church are joining in to help with the load. We have seen many people, whom God has been working in their hearts, show a real desire to serve the Lord in the church. What a blessing and encouragement it is to us!



John's family visited from Palau

***Thank you for your prayer and support!
The Zimmers***

