



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

August 2013

Dear Friends,

The end of May was a bitter sweet time for our family, having to say good-bye to our dear friends in Yap, but being reunited with family and friends in the states. We are back in the states now for our 2nd furlough, and we look forward to seeing many of you in the next few months. We hope to return to Yap sometime in the spring. **Please continue to pray for the people in Yap, that many more will come to know our Savior and that the Christians there will be strengthened and encouraged.**



Yap Baptist Church Congregation



Finishing Projects

Before we left for the States, we were able to finish 2 new bathrooms on the church property. Several men in the church worked together and the bathrooms were finished in time for our going away service. Just weeks earlier, we finished our new koyeng (meeting house), and so we are praising the Lord for safety, wisdom, and strength to finish the work.



Local Leadership

Pastor James Layomai was welcomed by the church to his new role as the pastor. James has served at Yap Baptist Church learning all the different areas of church ministry during the past 4 years. Now God has prepared him to take the next step in his discipleship training and lead the church on his own. He and his wife Masency have already proved to do a fabulous job over the summer continuing with all the regular church activities. We are also thankful that many of the church members have stepped up to the plate to help him in many ways.



Pastor James, James, and Joe



Yap Christian Camp

James and Masency, along with a team from Harvest Baptist Church in Guam and several Yapese Harvest students, were able to pull off Yap Christian Camp 2013 with great success! Camp is the highlight of the year for many young people in Yap and they enjoy going to different locations in Yap and competing in games, Bible memory, bringing visitors, and completing devotional worksheets in their camp booklets. The fellowship of Christian youth on the island is so important and they also enjoy getting together with the youth from Paul's church in the north.



Please continue to pray for the teens who made decisions for Christ this summer that they will stay faithful to the Lord throughout the school year.

Francis Bechey (white shirt) has been a great leader in the youth group and has also been teaching the younger Yapese children for our children's ministries.



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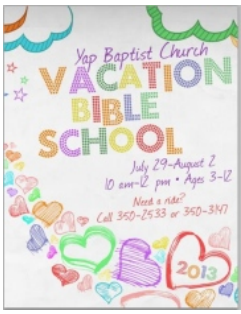
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Vacation Bible School

VBS went very well also as the Lord blessed with over 130 children in attendance! It was a joy for us to see pictures of so many in the church joining together to prepare food, serve, teach, lead singing, and do skits! This year VBS was run completely by only the local people! What a testimony of God's grace! Because of the increased number of children, the children were broken down into different classes taught by our Harvest students and graduates.

There were 3 Yapese classes:

Ages 3-6 was taught by Francis Bechey (above)

Ages 7-9 was taught by Stevelyne Chigiy (HBBC student)

Ages 10-12 was taught by Lucy Nam (HBBC 2012 grad)

An outer island class was taught by Stella Lamai (HBBC student)

An English class was taught by Patwin Hafeleichog (HBBC 2013 grad).

What a blessing that each child could hear the gospel in their own language!

God has brought back Patwin and Lucy to work in Yap as teachers in the same elementary school not far from the church. Patwin has been working with James helping with the youth and teaching a teen Sunday School class. Lucy has been teaching the children in the church and helping Masency. It is a blessing to have them both back in Yap to help out in so many ways!

New HBBC students

Justin Libyan and Joaquinne Bechey have joined the other Harvest students to further their education. Please pray for them and the others that they will continue to trust the Lord and finish the course.



Lucy Nam is back!



Patwin Hafeleichog (James and Roland's brother)



Back row: Edwin, Clinton, Justin
Front Row: Stevelyne, Stella, Joaquinne

All Zimmers Stateside

Back in the States our family reunion was very encouraging. We had a fun time reuniting with brothers and sisters, cousins, nephews and nieces, and of course Grandpa and Grandma. We sang around a camp fire each night, played games, went fishing, and of course ate many wonderful meals. We celebrated my mom and dad's 50th wedding anniversary during our time there as well.



Zimmer Family Reunion in Traverse City, MI

Family News

Our family enjoyed many fun places this summer, but the highlight was when we got to tour Washington, DC. We have also enrolled our son, Joseph, into his 10th grade year at Bob Jones Academy. We are thankful that while we are traveling he will have the opportunity to stay with Diane's parents who live in Greenville, SC.



Our children also enjoyed attending a week of teen camp at Camp Chetek in Wisconsin while we were the missionary of the week there. Another highlight of the summer was helping out with VBS at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Virginia Beach, VA.

Additional Prayer and Praises

- Praise the Lord that we were able to purchase a nice mini-van for our travels. Another friend donated a Chevy Tahoe for us to take back to Yap!
- Continue to pray for the ongoing Bible studies and ministries of Yap Baptist Church.
- Praise the Lord that we were able to get some dental work done by a long time friend!

Thank you for your continued faithfulness in prayer and support. We look forward to seeing many of you over the next few months!

The Zimmers

