



"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Dear Friends:

As we reflect on God's greatest gift to us, salvation through His Son, we are reminded of your generous giving and prayer support for our family throughout the past 10 years that we have had the opportunity to serve the Lord here in Yap. We are blessed to have you partner with us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the Yapese people. Here are recent blessings of God's working here in Yap.

Pastor James Moves to Falalop, Ulithi

We had a going-away service for Pastor James and his family in early September. The men in the church prayed with him, and we commissioned him to go and begin his ministry on his home island, Falalop, situated on an atoll group of islands called the Ulithi Islands. We said good-bye to James as he loaded their things on the ship headed for the outer Ulithi Islands. Please pray for the Lord to open ministry doors for this family. James is helping at the high school on Falalop, and this allows him to have contact with and an impact on the local teens.



Milling in Progress

God allowed us to transport 10 trees to the property behind the church that our chief is allowing us to use for the sawmill. He also gave us the trees to use and we have milled some 17-foot 2x6s and 2x4s for the Ulithi project. While cutting trees in the village, I have had the opportunity to meet other men as well. I appreciate the help of my friend, Andy, and our assistant, Patwin, in the ministry here.



Typhoon Hagupit — A Dangerous Path!

Shortly after Thanksgiving, Typhoon Hagupit passed just 30 miles south of Yap causing high winds and heavy rain, but no major damage. Our power was out for 16 hours, but the day after the storm, the sun was shining, and we spent most of it cleaning up debris on the church property.



Will Galkin Evangelistic Meetings

Will Galkin came for a 3-day visit and held evangelistic meetings at Yap Baptist Church. His daughter, Anna Grace, accompanied him. We praise the Lord for many decisions that were made as God used Will's preaching to meet many spiritual needs of our church people. Seen here is the men's singing group.



Kid and Teen Outreach

Cherith joined her two older brothers in the teen group and celebrated her 13th birthday with a teen girls picnic. The girls enjoyed a barbecue, games, swimming in the ocean, and a "flip-flop" birthday cake. Although it is hard for us as parents to believe that three of our children are already teenagers, we are thankful for their part in the ministry during this time in their lives.

Fall months are birthday months for four of our five children. **Caleb** celebrated with more than 20 of his Yapese friends by water sliding, enjoying trailer rides pulled by the 4-wheeler, and devouring mounds of spaghetti and a Captain America "shield" birthday cake. We are thankful for Caleb's testimony and friendship with the boys here in Yap!

Additional Praises and Prayer

- **Ministry in Guam:** The training with Chuukese pastors was a blessed time! We're also thankful for the time spent with friends, the opportunity to get a serious tooth problem fixed, and a few hours on an enjoyable fishing trip!
- **Adult Bible studies:** God is working in hearts, and through trials and temptation, we are learning to depend more on Him! Pray the Islanders will have the power to fight strong temptations during the holidays.
- **Bibles:** Praise the Lord for those who met our need for Bibles! We are so thankful that everyone now has the opportunity to have a copy of God's Word to read and grow.
- **Health Issues:** Praise the Lord for healing of my mom and Diane's dad as they both went through physical difficulties back in the States. Please pray that the Lord will continue to give them strength.
- **Christmas Service:** Our annual Christmas service at Yap Baptist Church is scheduled for December 28. Pray for those who visit and hear the message of salvation.
- **Need:** Church van

**May the Lord bless and encourage you throughout this Holiday season.
And may you truly know the peace that can only come through Jesus Christ.**

Mark, Diane, Joseph, John Mark, Cherith, Caleb, and Levi

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