

**August 2015**



Dear Friends:

Through the past few months we have seen God at work in mighty ways, and we count it a privilege to be a part of His wonderful plan to bring the gospel to every nation! We have much to praise Him for and a few of the latest blessings are highlighted in the next few paragraphs.

We were able to see God's great power first hand as we went through, what we respectfully call, "Typhoon Season." After Typhoon Maysak devastated the Chuuk Islands where Truly and Lency Erra serve, the Ulithian Islands where James and Masency Layomai serve, and Fais Island where Roland and Chelyn Lug

serve, Typhoon Noul barreled toward Yap and ended up passing just to our north. The high winds were stronger than what we had experienced with Typhoon Maysak. Through these typhoons, God gave grace, strength and provision through the prayers and giving of His people all around the world. We also praise Him for the open doors of ministry that were a result of the typhoons.



Offloading donated supplies to the island of Falalop, Ulithi, with the help of our friend Arthur Tretnof's boat. Sectioning trees with James Layomai to assist in cleanup on the islands of Ulithi. Easter Service held at the beach in our village, Believers follow Christ in baptism Arngel, Delipebnaw

Both Roland and James have returned with their families to Yap for a visit since the typhoon. James and his family went on to Guam for a couple of weeks to attend the graduation of his sister, Stella, and his brother, Edwin, from Harvest Baptist Bible College, and has since returned to Ulithi to continue working on his house and helping those around him. During the time we spent with them, God encouraged us by their example of faithfulness through their trials, and through your giving, we were also able to encourage them by providing their needs as we worked diligently to assist them in the recovery.

We continue to work on milling lumber for James' new house as well as making plans to assist Roland in rebuilding a new church building. We are actually considering taking the portable mill to Fais on the ship to mill some of the downed trees on their church property. They will then be able to use that wood to help in reconstruction.

In between trips to Ulithi and Fais to help in the relief efforts, we held an Easter service on the beach in our village of Arrngel. Three couples and a teen girl followed the Lord in baptism and gave a testimony of their faith in Christ.



We were blessed to have a work team from Harvest in Guam come for a week to help us with some milling projects as well as cleaning and preparing the church building for repainting. The team of 25 consisted of sponsors and teens who all worked together doing physical labor by day and the evenings were filled with church activities where they performed puppet shows for the children, games for the children and teens, as well as sharing God's Word through preaching, teaching and testimonies. Their service was a great boost for our entire church family!



Joaquinne Bechey teaching the younger Yapese Klinton and Jackson helped make this incredible class. Joaquinne was a child in our first VBS. It is so puppet stage for our VBS. exciting to see them now teaching the classes in their own language!



Patwin Hafelichog left for Fais to work with his brother Roland. We were so blessed to have Klinton and Jackson return from HBBC to help us with the ministry this summer and share the work load in so many ways. Joaquinne also returned and has been involved in teaching and helping with the teens and children's ministries. After Stella had a successful ear surgery, she also returned to help us with teen camp. She is hoping to return to Fais and teach school there on the island where her family lives.



Happy VBS kids pack into the church. We are thankful for the new church renovation that gave us more room this year.

The McKee family from Fort Mill, SC came to help with VBS.

VBS was another highlight for the kids on our part of the island! With our daily high attendance of 120 kids,

we were thankful for the help of visiting friends Chris and Eugenia McKee and their children. Through puppets, pirates, Bible stories, and Bible memory, the children were encouraged to Choose God's Way as they sought for clues on the treasure map of God's Word. Our Harvest students, visitors, and church members all worked together to make this year memorable! What an encouragement it was to us to see kids who used to be children in our first VBS now teaching and serving as leaders!







## Yap Christian Camp 2015 Soy Sauce Wars

### College Camp Team

This past week we had an exciting Yap Christian Teen Camp. A team of 7 college students came to help us run this exciting event. The teens had a great time competing in this year's "Soy Sauce Wars: Kikkoman vs. Yamasa!" (only in Yap!) We praise the Lord for souls that were saved, lives that were changed, and the great work that God did in the hearts of all those involved.



### Additional Praises and Prayer

On May 8th, we celebrated 20 years of marriage! Praise the Lord for the years he has allowed us to serve together and we look forward to many more!

If you would like to see more pictures of the activities here in Yap, please request our friendship on Facebook: MarkandDiane Zimmer.

Coveting your prayers here in Yap, Mark and Diane and Family

**Dr. Les Ollila:** We look forward to having Dr. Les Ollila with us August 8-11. Please pray that lives will be changed for God's glory!

**Health Issues:** During the past couple of months, our family has had various health problems. Three of our children had strep throat and just recently Caleb developed it again. Mark also developed some skin issues, but with antibiotics, we are thankful that all have recovered. Diane also experienced low hemoglobin, but has improved now. Thank you for your prayers for healing and protection.

**New Convert:** Praise the Lord for a lady who recently began attending and accepted Christ a couple of weeks ago! Continue to pray for repentance, revival, surrender, and growth of those around us.

**HBBC Students:** Harvest Baptist Bible College accepted 3 of our young people to attend college there. We are thankful for this opportunity for these young people to learn more about following and serving Christ in their lives. Please pray for Francis, Phil, and Jaylyn as they begin this new stage and also for Klinton, Jackson, and Joaquinne as they return to continue their education as well.

**Church Van:** Praise the Lord for providing a new church van! It was extremely helpful in transporting all of the children for VBS and teens for teen camp! Lucy is also thankful to be driving a more reliable vehicle now for her church route!

