



News from
The Mark Zimmer Family
Yap, Micronesia

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Dear Friends:

Recently the statement Jesus made in Matthew 28 has become more real to our family. He said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age."

Surgery for Diane

Many of you have been aware through past prayer updates of Diane's physical problems in recent years. Her situation has continued to deteriorate and on a recent trip to Guam in mid-December, we were able to see another specialist who insisted that she be admitted to the hospital where she received 4 units of blood. Her hemoglobin had dropped to a 6 and he advised that she would need to get a hysterectomy. For several weeks she felt stronger, but in late January, her condition worsened and we realized that she needed to seek medical help immediately. She, along with our oldest son, Joseph and youngest son, Levi left for the States to her parents' home in Greenville, SC, and I stayed in Yap with John, Cherith, and Caleb. We are praising the Lord for His direction in leading her to good doctors who were able to stabilize her and get her into surgery quickly. She is scheduled for surgery on February 15th at 8am and, Lord willing, she will return with Levi to Yap in late March after her recovery. Joseph plans to attend college in the fall, so this summer he will be staying with his grandparents in Greenville.

During our time apart, God's comfort and His presence is promised to us and that is what supports us on our mission here in Yap.

Christmas

Christmas time was a highlight for us this year as Diane's parents joined us for about a month. We enjoyed many fun times together and also got some much needed work done on the house and church buildings. Dad and Jack painted the whole church and house, and Klinton and I replaced the screens and windows. It was a big project that I have wanted to do for a long time.

The people in the church were also blessed and encouraged by their ministry during our Sunday School time as seen in the photos.

Diane directed a Christmas play this year and it presented the gospel along with the real meaning of Christmas. We had an outreach service on Saturday evening and our regular service on Sunday evening. Many visitors attended both nights and heard the teen group and some of the other church members perform the play; the children sang so well. There was a clear presentation of the gospel. It was well attended both nights of the production and we plan to do it again in the future. Please continue to pray for those who visited for the first time, some who have returned, and others to whom we are reaching out.

Jack and Dad Seeley

Edwin returned to Guam and was planning to come back to help me but his plans changed and I was without a helper around the church. Thankfully, God had been working in Jack's heart and he was willing and able to start helping me full time at the church. He was saved about 5 years ago, and he and his >>>



Diane's parents with the children at the airport.



Mom Seeley teaching a ladies' SS class.



Dad Seeley teaching a men's SS class.



The "Candy Cane" Story

family were baptized and have been coming faithfully to church. Jack has been running the bus route to Colonia and helping me make boards for Roland's church in Fais. He also helped Dad paint the church, house, and the other buildings on the property. I have been blessed to see him growing in the Lord and serving God with his life.

I planned to go to Fais to put the roof structure on Roland's church building, but we have delayed the project until Diane returns from the States. Please pray with us that God will grant the doctors wisdom as they do the surgery and for speedy recovery for my "better half." Pray also that God will give us strength as we wait on Him.

With gratitude for your prayers,
Mark and Diane



"A Home for Christmas" Story



Jack and Dad Seeley



Diane and Mark

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