



News from
The Mark Zimmer Family
Yap, Micronesia

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Summer Celebrations!

Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men! PSALM 107:15

WEDDING!

Klinton graduated from Harvest Baptist Bible College and then returned to Yap to prepare for his and Lucy's long awaited marriage date of May 29! Friends from Guam, including the Eckerts, the Mills, and Pam Daniel, as well as many family members and friends came to be a part of their special day. The wedding was not only a great example to our church family, but also an incredible testimony to the unsaved family members and friends who witnessed a clear presentation of the Gospel. We are thankful that Klinton and Lucy are now living in the ministry apartment and serving the Lord with us.

MOTHER'S DAY DINNER

In honor of Mother's Day, Diane organized a ladies outreach and encouraged the ladies in the church to reach out to their unsaved family members by treating them to an evening of food, games, crafts and fellowship. The food looked delicious and laughter was ringing out during the fun time. Diane, Lucy and others worked hard decorating and preparing, and more than 120 mothers and daughters packed into the church! Please pray for the seeds that were planted that evening.

FAMILY TRIP

Our family decided to take a family trip to Fais and Ulithi and to celebrate Fais Baptist Church's open house with Pastor Roland and Chelyn and their growing church family. We flew with PMA to Fais on Friday and stayed for 3 days, and then flew over to Ulithi to spend 4 days with James and Masency. We had a wonderful time on both islands, and spent time laughing and enjoying the adventure. Patty Clodfelter, a teacher from Harvest in Guam, spent a month on the Yap islands, visiting Yap, Ulithi, and Fais.

FAIS BAPTIST CHURCH OPEN HOUSE

Praise the Lord! The church people in Fais worked hard to complete the building for the open house, and it was packed out for the opening service! I had the honor of cutting the ribbon with the island chief, Louis, and the people sang and gave testimonies through their tears. It was a moving service and a celebration of what great things God is doing!

I wish each one of you could have been there to witness the joy of these believers and their gratefulness for those who gave toward their church. Since 2007, when Roland expressed his desire to take the Gospel to his people, he has faithfully poured his life into his ministry. It was obvious that God has done a huge work in and through him and his family and Fais Baptist Church has become a light for the entire island. We were humbled to be treated so well when we were there and grateful for the special bond that we share in Christ. We enjoyed a delicious feast of seafood, pork and local vegetables, as well as delicious coconut *juice* found inside coconuts. (Note: In contrast to coconut *milk* from grated coconut meat.)



Euthemar Wedding: Largest number of unsaved visitors



Introducing Mr. and Mrs. Klinton Euthemar



Mothers and daughters enjoying time together



John Mark, Cherith and Caleb jumping off the Fais cliff

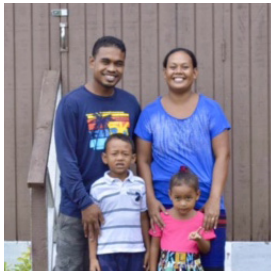
TRIPS TO ULITHI

After Fais, our family flew over to Ulithi to spend the week with James and his family. After Typhoon Maysak, US aid came in and offered to build houses for those whose homes had been completely destroyed by the storm. James and Masency were able to get a new house built as were many other families on the island. During our visit, our family stayed in their new home, and we had a wonderful time meeting his friends and visiting beautiful places. God is doing a wonderful work through James as well, and his Bible study is growing. Klinton and another friend from Guam, Greg Royston, and I just returned from another trip to Ulithi where we built a 10' x 20' porch and roof structure for James's Bible study to meet for their services. We were grateful for the safety, nice weather, and wisdom to build it with limited time restraints.

Our families went together to one of the turtle islands and spent the night in a tent. We caught coconut crabs, saw a turtle laying eggs, and John Mark even caught a huge shark with his fishing pole. This trip was a blessing for our family as John Mark headed out just a couple weeks later to attend his senior year at Bob Jones Academy. Thank you for praying for him as he has started his school year, will be taking a college class, and is working at Chick-fil-A. It is a great opportunity for him as he also lives with Diane's parents and gets to know his grandparents better.

VBS: UNDER THE SEA—SEARCHING FOR GOD'S TREASURES

VBS is a highlight each summer for the kids in the church and a huge outreach to their friends and families. We are always grateful for our returning Harvest students who help decorate, teach the classes, and act in the skits! The ladies and teens serve so faithfully with making and serving the snacks and >>>



Pastor James & Masency Layomai (Ulithi)



John Mark & his shark



John Mark at BJA



HBBC students in skits



Camp team members



Teen Camp 2017



HBBC students at airport



Milling crew



Patty Clodfelter ready to enjoy her coconut crab



Mark, Roland and chief at Fais church ribbon-cutting



Newly completed Fais Baptist Church



Fais Baptist Church open house service



Fais Baptist's Pastor Rollowe

helping with the crafts and crowd control! The Gospel is presented in their own language and we praise the Lord for the hearts that turned to Him!

TEEN CAMP: KNIGHTS vs SAMURAI—“Put on the whole armor of God”

We were privileged to have a summer team from Harvest in Guam come and serve with us for this exciting week. Their energy is so much fun for the teens as they cheer, do skits, and participate in the games. Their example is an encouragement to our teens as they share their personal testimonies in split sessions, sing, and even some of the team guys preached messages. We praise the Lord for the many decisions that were made and for several teens who asked Christ to save them. One of the most rewarding aspects in ministry is seeing someone come to Christ and grow to where they can teach others. My friend, Martin, has begun to share a “verse to grow on” in our Wednesday night prayer service. His wife, Juanita, and children are also very supportive of his desire to follow the Lord. He recently shared with me his desire to share the gospel with his home island of Satawal. Please continue to pray that God will work in his life as he studies and learns more about God.

Additional Prayer and Praises

- **Salvations:** Thank the Lord for two Yapese men and several teens who recently came to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.
- **Weather & Teams:** Praise the Lord for the great weather and team work that contributed to completing the porch addition on Pastor James’ house which will be used for his Bible study.
- **Ulithi Financial Gift:** Praise the Lord for a gift to help cover the expenses of the project in Ulithi.
- **Harvest Students:** Pray for new and returning Harvest students. We praise the Lord for the students who were able to come back to help in the ministry this summer. The guys were also a big help with milling projects.
- **Our Sons:** Pray for our two sons, Joseph and John Mark, as they are in the states attending Bob Jones University and Bob Jones Academy, respectively. Joe spent the summer working and staying with a college friend’s family in Utah. We are grateful for those who reach out to our children while they are in the states and we are across the ocean!
- **Church Van:** Pray for the need of a new church van to pick up people for services. The new van will cost \$8,000.
- **Physical Needs:** Please pray for some physical needs of church members in our church.
- **New Koyeng:** I (Mark) will be going to Guam to help build a koyeng (local style meeting house) for HBBC sometime this fall.
- **Furlough:** Our upcoming furlough is scheduled for April 2018-2019. If you would like to begin scheduling meetings, you may contact us by email.

We are very grateful for your continued prayers and support for our ministry here in Yap!

Mark, Diane and Family



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