



News from
The Mark Zimmer Family
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And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord, It shall rejoice in His salvation. PSALM 35:9

MEDICAL CLINICS

At the end of September we were blessed to have some medical professionals come from Houston, Texas. They provided the Yapese with many tangible blessings! Just to name a few, they brought new Bibles, cleaned teeth, gave out many reading glasses, and brought us a cooler of meat from Guam. The eye doctor, Dr. Mike Nell, also tested people's vision. For those who needed prescription glasses, he took the prescriptions back to the States, prepared the glasses, and then sent more than 100 pairs of prescription glasses back in the mail to give to those specific people. It has been our pleasure to distribute these glasses and share the love of Christ in this way.

Many people we have been working with came to the two clinics we had here at the church, and 13 people came to know His salvation. It was especially encouraging to see the village chief come over to our house and get a pair of prescription glasses! The professionals shared the gospel as they worked with patients, and I was able to give out many Bibles and also share the Good News with people.

Because of the prison ministry, I have had the opportunity to get to know many of the police officers and prison guards. We spent one day doing a clinic at the police station, and yesterday I had the pleasure of taking a box of prescription glasses to pass out to the officers and even one prisoner. Please pray that God will use this service and the Bibles that were given out to open more doors into people's hearts.

STORMY WEATHER

October was filled with many storms that passed through our area. One of them became a tropical storm just north of us, and we were able to see the force of the waves as they crashed over the reef and came all the way to land. The sea wall in our village was badly damaged as were the koyengs (shelters) that are near the shore. We felt like we had cabin fever after not seeing the sun for several days!

MILLING PROJECTS

Between the bad weather in September and October, we milled lumber for CJ's dad. We were able to provide some lumber for the building project at Faith Christian Academy and also donate some wood for the village rebuilding effort after the storm. Please continue to pray for the men that I work with and share Christ with during this effort.

SPEECH CLASS

In September Diane again offered a speech class to the high schoolers in our church. These students learn to apply practical communication skills in their lives which we pray will help them to become better leaders and glorify God as



DeElla McQuown, Dental Hygienist



Dr. Mike Nell, Optometrist



Sharing the Gospel at a clinic



Church members thrilled to now see clearly!

they serve Him. They are able to practice their skills in teaching kids classes and also performing in church and community drama.

WELOY HEALTH FAIR

Our church was asked to be part of a community health fair in the neighboring municipality of Weloy that was encouraging people to eat local food and to avoid drinking alcohol and using drugs. Many young people from our church were involved in the day, giving speeches and acting in skits. Two of our HBBC grads, Lucy and Stevelynne, who teach in a neighboring public school organized skits, games, and activities. We are thankful for these lights who are sharing Christ in their villages.

Diane was able to work with our teen group and they performed a skit teaching young people the dangers of becoming chained down with sins, and how only Jesus can free an individual from these various destructive habits. It was a great opportunity to share the power of the cross and the salvation that comes through Christ alone! ☐

Additional Prayer and Praises

- **Salvation:** Pray for a friend, Ryan, that I have been milling with recently, that he will come to know Christ.
- **Church Van:** Praise for the money that was given toward our church van. We still need about \$2,500 to get the van here from Japan.
- **Medical Clinic Salvations:** Praise for the souls that were saved during the recent medical clinics.
- **Ulithi Outreach:** Praise for those who helped with James and Masency's porch project. Since the school building is not rebuilt yet after Typhoon Maysak, the school system asked Masency if she could teach a third grade class on her porch! Thank you for your continued prayers for them and their outreach there in Ulithi.
- **Marriage Bible Study:** Pray for opportunities as we are teaching our marriage Bible study. Many of our married couples are attending, and we are praying that they will have courage to make the changes needed to have Godly marriages.
- **Medical Needs:** Continue to pray for some friends here who have medical needs. Jane will be going to the Philippines to have mouth surgery soon.
- **Gospel Advance:** Praise the Lord for the opportunity to witness to a friend's family while the mother was in the hospital. Pray for those who heard the Gospel.



Todd and DeElla McQuown, Dr. Mike Nell, and Mark



Police officers smiling after DeElla cleaned their teeth



Speech class



Many ladies prepared local food and vegetables



Caleb turned 13



Cherith turned 16



Birthday party for Diane



Teen skit at Weloy Health Fairs

Upcoming events . . .

- **Visitors:** Nathan and Lauren Carmichael will be coming in late November to help out for a couple weeks in the ministry. Nathan is an arborist and is going to help me trim out some trees that I have needed to cut but couldn't trim them before falling them.
- **Christmas Play:** Diane is directing a Christmas play this year, and we will invite unsaved guests so they can hear the real Christmas story.
- **Furlough Scheduling Opportunities:** : In April 2018 we will be leaving Yap for our furlough. We have started making our schedule for meetings. If your church would like for us to come during a specific time slot we would love to get your name on the schedule.

*We are very grateful for your prayers and support,
and wish each one of you a Blessed Thanksgiving!*

Mark, Diane and Family



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