



News from
The Mark Zimmer Family
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Sing to the Lord a new song, And His praise from the ends of the earth,
You who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, You coastlands and you inhabitants of them!
ISAIAH 42:10

VISITING FRIENDS

Nathan and Lauren Carmichael spent a couple weeks with us in December assisting in the ministry and staying with us in our home. They were a blessing as they used their talents and abilities to serve the Lord. Nathan helped me cut some very dangerous trees that were positioned near power lines and buildings. He is an experienced tree climber and was able to give some very helpful tips and land the trees without incident. Lauren helped paint the church interior and taught a kids' class. We made some great memories and thank God for their willingness to serve.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

Diane directed a Christmas play this year that involved many of our teens and church people. Many unsaved parents and visitors attended and watched the play. Christmas music and a clear gospel message were woven throughout the play. Afterwards, I preached a salvation message inviting people to experience the greatest gift ever given! We then celebrated with Christmas cookies and ice cream as a church family and each attendee received a small gift bag from the church. The lights on the koyengs and the decorations made it a very warm and memorable service!

GUAM PROJECT

After spending Christmas with family and friends, it was time for me to head off to Guam for 10 days to assist in building a koyeng for Harvest Baptist Bible College. I was able to take my friend CJ (who is deaf) to help with the work. He had never been off island and we were able to get him a passport and a plane ticket. We had a good trip and had no major problems during the trip. We did have a funny experience on the way down an escalator, though. One leg stayed up and one went down! A startled CJ realized what was happening before it became a problem, however, and we laughed about it later! With the help of so many of the island students, we were able to get the building up in short order. It was a blessing to share in the work. (See video on our facebook page.)

RETURNING FRIENDS

While I was in Guam, our previous co-workers, Bob and Polly Whitmore, along with their friends Rob and Mary Ellen Wess, came for a visit. Although they were here to assist in my brother's ministry, we were honored to have Bob and Polly stay with us and we enjoyed sharing many memories and making a few new ones. Upon my return, I was able to spend some time with them, and Bob and I were blessed to get back out on the ocean, just like old times. Polly was a blessing to Diane and brought encouragement and some gifts too!

Greg Royston also returned for a visit with his family this time. We enjoyed getting to know his wife Dayna and their boys, Cole, Elliot and Isaiah. They were an especially great blessing to Klinton and Lucy as they brought gifts from Guam for them and their new baby. > > >



Nathan and Laura Carmichael



Guys with chainsaws



Christmas



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NEW BABY!

Klinton and Lucy had a little girl added to their family this month! Her name is Karis Evangeline and she was born a few weeks early weighing in at 4 pounds 8 ounces. Both Lucy and baby Karis are doing fine now. Lucy spent the last two weeks of her pregnancy in the hospital due to high blood pressure, but praise the Lord, there were no real complications. God provided all their needs through some loving friends and kind generosity! Continue to pray that the little one will gain weight and strength quickly.

ENCOURAGING THE SICK

When Lucy was in the hospital for those two weeks, the ladies wanted to get together to go see her. They put together local gifts and food, and then twelve ladies crowded into her hospital room to sing "I Need Thee Every Hour" in Yapese; several ladies prayed. It was a great encouragement to Lucy and Klinton and to the ladies as well, not to mention, us!

Again, some ladies went to see Jane who has now finished her third round of chemo. Please continue to pray that the Lord will give her strength as she must finish six rounds of chemo. We are encouraged as we watch the people in the church showing Christian love to each other.

FURLOUGH FAST APPROACHING!

April 2018 marks four years since our last visit to the U.S. We will be arriving in Greenville, SC on April 10, and anticipate seeing family and friends in person Stateside. We are very grateful for your faithful support and prayers. Having seen God do some incredible things these past four years, we are excited to see what He will do in the future.

Please pray for the church as we are away. Klinton will step into the pastorate during our absence. This will be a great step in his discipleship and training for future ministry. Uphold him and Lucy in your prayers especially in the first couple of months that they will be managing the church on their own. At the end of May, Truly and Lency Era will join them (after graduating from HBBC) to work along side them to help with the preaching, teaching and general ministry. We are grateful for Stevelynne who also currently helps in our children's ministry and other HBBC students who will join the team for the summer. ☐

Additional Prayer and Praises

- **Milling:** We are working to finish up milling a few trees that were cut down before the mill stopped working. The motor has some mechanical issues that we are trying to fix. The wood is being used to help some church members with their houses as well as providing some of the lumber for my brother Paul's Christian school project. Hopefully we will wrap up these projects before it's time to go to the US!
- **Looking for Roofing Jobs:** When we return to the states, our son John Mark will be graduating from high school, and our son Joe will be finishing his second year at BJU in May. I would like to help my sons out with their college bills by doing some roofing jobs this summer and throughout the year while we are back in the States. If you or someone you know needs some roofing work done or repairs, I would be grateful for the work. As we travel around the country visiting churches, we can also do any side work that you may have available. > > >



Christmas



CJ and Mark



Koyeng beam



Koyeng structure



Koyeng thatched roof

- **Easter Sunday:** April 1st will be our last Sunday before our furlough as well as the day we will celebrate the resurrection of our Savior. We are planning a feast at the beach as well as a baptismal service for those who desire to follow the Lord in believer's baptism.

*We look forward to seeing many of you
over the next year.*
Mark, Diane and Family



The Whitmores and the Wesses



New baby Karis Evangeline, Lucy and Klinton



Ladies ministering to Lucy at hospital

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