



News from
The Mark Zimmer Family
Yap, Micronesia

Summer 2018

The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.
PSALM 126:3

CHANGES

The month of April brought many new changes in the ministry in Yap as well as in the life of our family. Changes began in the lives of new believers as 20 Yapese followed the Lord in believers baptism on Easter Sunday. Mark was even privileged to baptize our youngest child, Levi. This event was also our good-bye service as we left for our furlough on April 4th.

We began our furlough by stopping at Harvest in Guam to visit with friends and students as well as work on our video presentation with our friend Sebastian Basaldua. We talked about future plans for summer ministry with our HBBC students who were looking forward to returning to help in the ministry while we were away.

We spent time also with graduates Truly and Lency Erra who have since returned to Yao to assist at Yap Baptist along side Klinton and Lucy Ethuemar. We are thankful to report that both couples have jumped right in to the ministry and both of these local pastors are serving and meeting the needs of the people there at Yap Baptist Church.

GROWTH

With much new growth in our church body and the need for workers being met by our Harvest graduates, we are in need of expanding our current church building. Our church auditorium is usually packed for our worship services, and while we are back on furlough, we need to raise \$50,000 to enlarge the current building size and rebuild the roof system. A larger building will give us the needed room for growth in future years.

REUNITED!

As we made our way across the world back to the States, my brother Dave asked me to come to Puerto Rico to help put on the roofing structure on a supporting church that had been devastated in a recent hurricane. So, during our last connection, I went on to San Juan while Diane continued on to meet family in Greenville, SC. What a blessing it was for us to reunite with our two oldest sons who had been schooling in the States. On May 10 we were privileged to attend our son John Mark's graduation from Bob Jones Academy.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES IN YAP

Back in Yap, Klinton, Truly, their wives, and a group of our HBBC graduates and students prepared for and led a week of teen camp and a week of VBS. We were thrilled to see these young people actively serving the Lord among their own people. The church members stepped in to meet needs and provide supplies and food needed for the events. Both weeks were well attended and many made decisions for Christ.

FAMILY TIME

Back in the states, we have enjoyed working on some roofing projects as a



Yap Baptist Church at Easter



Baptismal service



HBBC students



Truly and Lency Erra

family. We also had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Zimmer family reunion held in Traverse City, MI during the week of July 4th. After the reunion, we returned to our home church in Chetek, Wisconsin and enjoyed visiting with friends and doing some work along the way. The last couple of weeks we have enjoyed traveling out west on a family vacation and seeing God's beautiful creation on this side of the globe as well as seeing friends and family along the way. ☐

Prayer and Praises

- Praise the Lord for safety while traveling.
- Praise the Lord for successful teen camp and VBS.
- Pray for wisdom for the local church leaders in Yap.
- Pray for financial needs for the church building addition fund and for additional local pastors' support.



Joyful reunion in Greenville, SC



John Mark's high school graduation



Family at the Grand Canyon

At left:

Yap Christian teen camp

Yap Baptist Church VBS

Zimmer Family Reunion - Traverse City, Michigan

**We look forward to seeing many of you
in the next several months!**

Mark, Diane and Family

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