



News from
The Mark Zimmer Family
Yap, Micronesia

Fall 2018

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.
HEBREWS 13:8

CHANGING SEASONS

From summer months to fall and now to winter, our family has experienced our first season changes in several years. What a reminder to us that in all seasons of change, whether in our lives or in the nature around us, God remains faithful to his children. We would like to share with you how God has been faithful to our family and ministry during the past few months.

MEETINGS AND TRAVEL

The fall months have been busy as we have been in several meetings and missions conferences in Wisconsin, Michigan, South Carolina, Ohio, and Minnesota. We have enjoyed not only sharing with adults about God's working in Yap, but also challenging and getting children excited about the adventure of missions in the islands.

HAPPENING IN YAP

In August, Pastor Klinton and Pastor Truly, along with their wives and other ministry and church members put together a fun evening for fathers and their sons. The evening centered on the verse 1 Corinthians 15:58 and encouraged the men to be steadfast in their walk with the Lord because their labor is not in vain in Him. This event enabled the people to reach out to their fathers, sons, uncles, and relatives to introduce more men to Christ on the island. The meeting had more than 60 in attendance and it was encouraging to see the people join together to provide food and fellowship for the evening. Please pray for those who were impacted by this event that they would continue to seek the Lord.

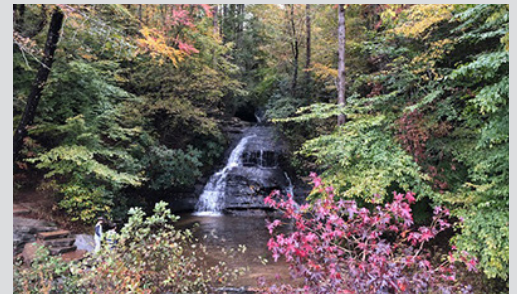
WORKING, HUNTING, AND PLAYING AS WE TRAVEL

Our oldest son Joe has been taking a gap year from college to pay off accumulated college debt. We have been privileged to work together on some projects along the way and have even enjoyed being able to do some hunting together up in Wisconsin. We are praising the Lord for His provision for Joe's college bill as well as blessing Joe with 3 deer during his first hunting season!

We are also thankful for the many people who have been gracious to us and our children along the way as we travel. This has truly been a blessed furlough as we are able to tell you all about Yap, but also be able to enjoy the company of dear friends and family as we stay in your homes.

ADDITIONAL PRAYER & PRAISES

- **Church Building Expansion Project:** Pray for wisdom and finances needed (\$50,000). If you would be interested in helping with this project, we have a Yap Baptist Church building fund set up with our mission agency.
- **Travel:** Praise the Lord for safety while traveling. Thanks for your continued prayers for us as we travel through the winter months.



Enjoying season changes



Father/Son outreach in Yap



Hidden Treasure students learn about Yap



Processing deer with Joe and Pete

- **Prayers for Yap:** Pray for wisdom for the local church leaders in Yap and for the continued faithfulness of the believers there. Pray for new believers to grow in the Lord. Praise the Lord for growth and faithfulness of the men in the church.
- **Christmas Program in Yap:** The church people are putting on a Christmas program this year all by themselves! We are so thankful for their initiative to work on this outreach. Please pray for unity as they work and for God to prepare the hearts of those who will receive the message.
- **Needs:** Pray for financial needs for the church building fund and for additional local pastors' support.



Children enjoyed dressing in Yapese clothing



Fun at the pumpkin patch with the Schmidt kids



The boys enjoying a camel ride at the incredible Columbus Ohio zoo!



An August father-son fellowship



Working alongside my son Joe



The boys were pretty excited to help track the deer in the woods!



Pastors Klinton and Truly celebrating their September birthdays

During this Thanksgiving season, we want you to know how much we appreciate your faithful prayers and support of the ministry in Yap!
We have enjoyed seeing many of you over the past few months, and look forward to seeing many more of you in the next several months!

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