



Quarterly News from The Mark Zimmer Family

Yap, Micronesia

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All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name.
Psalm 66:4

ISLAND MINISTRIES

What an awesome thought to think of all the people around the world who joined to worship and praise Jesus Christ over the holidays! Over in Yap, the Islanders put together a wonderful Christmas play that allowed them to serve together and reach out to the community. Pastor Klinton continues sharing the gospel faithfully each week and also leading Bible studies.

We are encouraged by the good reports from Yap about the teen group and the activities they have been involved with. Recently, one of our teens lost her baby brother, and the youth group and children had the opportunity to sing and serve at the funeral.

We are thankful for the leadership of Pastor Truly and praising the Lord to hear that Truly and his wife, Lency, have adopted a new little baby boy, Hunter Levi Erra.

STATESIDE MINISTRIES

We are coming to the end of our furlough and have only a few meetings left before departing for Yap on April 22. It has been a great blessing to us to see many of you as we travel and share what God has been doing in Yap. Thank you for your excitement and encouragement and your commitment to pray for us!

Since Christmas we have been in a different church every weekend, and sometimes two different churches. We have enjoyed seeing friends and family in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota, Virginia, and North Carolina. We are grateful to my brother Dave who allows us to stay in his missions apartment here in SC between our travels. During our travels in the north and Midwest, we had to travel through some snow storms. We praise the Lord for His protection during those trips.

Part of our stateside ministry that we enjoy immensely involves visiting with those who uphold us in prayer as we serve in Yap. We are grateful for these prayer warriors and many more who encourage our hearts!



Yap Baptist Christmas Program



Pastor Truly with teens



Truly and Lency with newly adopted son



ISLAND / STATES CONTRAST

Temperature, scenery, and, thereby, our wardrobe changes drastically for us during our furlough. From playing in the ocean and the jungle where it is green year round, to frolicking in the snow and the winter wonderland means we have to put the flip flops away and invest in coats and boots for a few months!



The boys sure do miss fishing in Yap, but they had a lot of fun experiencing ice fishing in Iowa. They even thought fried trout tasted pretty good!



Had an incredible time fishing with my brothers and my dad in the Atlantic Ocean! Now, that fishing trip did seem a little like Yap!



In Yap, Diane is taller than most everyone, but look how short she looks next to her brothers! We enjoyed spending time with the Seeley family during the Christmas season.

Grateful to be partnering with you to reach Yap for Christ!

Mark and Diane



Prayer Warriors: Mrs. Gard and son Jeff



Mark's long-time friend, "Brother Bud"

Additional Prayer and Praises

- **Church Building Expansion Project:** Pray for wisdom and finances needed (\$50,000). Praise the Lord for \$35,000 we have already received for the project. 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 finish up our stateside travel and return to Yap on April 22.
- **Family:** Please pray for our daughter Cherith as she plans to stay in the states for her senior year of high school. She will be staying with Diane's parents in Greenville, SC. Please pray for our hearts as we say goodbye to our 3 older children when we return to Yap.
- **In 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 from Bible studies and for ministry opportunities in the community.
- **Needs:** Pray for financial needs for the church building fund and for additional local pastors' support