



Quarterly News from
The Mark Zimmer Family
Yap, Micronesia

SUMMER REVIEW 2019

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable,
always abounding in the work of the Lord forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.
I Corinthians 15:58

THE START OF THE NEW CHURCH BUILDING!

Last week we broke ground and started our much-anticipated building project. Praise the Lord for the good weather and progress so far. We have been forming the footings for the last few days and hope to pour this week. A couple of guys from Wisconsin will be arriving this weekend to help us pour the cement slab. Please pray for safety, wisdom, and good weather as we work together.

TEEN CAMP

After spending much of June milling lumber for the church building, we focused on ministry events in July. Teen camp is always a highlight for our teens each year. This year our theme centered on our Identity in Christ and the teens competed in games and Bible memory as FBI vs. CIA. Pastor Truly, Lency, Stevelyne, and our returning college students helped to organize and prepare the games, skits, booklets, and food for the week. They also participated in the preaching and shared in split sessions. A group of 6 from Harvest in Guam also came and joined in helping, ministering, and bringing excitement to the camp. We are very thankful for all those who served and invested in the lives of these teens. We praise the Lord for the many decisions that were made during the week for salvation and surrender. Please pray for the teens to continue to grow and find their strength to fight temptation in Christ alone.

FAMILY FUN DAY

This year instead of VBS, we decided to do a community type outreach for all ages. It was a huge success!! We had more than 15 games that people could compete in to win tickets that they could then redeem at "the store" for prizes. Our store consisted of donated clothing, toys, and prizes that many gave while we were in the states on our furlough. By the end of the day, the store was practically empty! Many of our church people manned the games giving them the opportunity to serve those who were visiting. They also provided many of the snacks that Truly and James walked around passing out and calling: "Hotdogs, hotdogs, come and get your hotdog!" It was definitely something new for Yap, but they really enjoyed it!! It was a great opportunity for service for our people and for showing the love of Christ to those who came. Many people have visited our church services from that event.

FAITHFUL SERVANTS

We are so grateful for the team the Lord has given us here in Yap to minister alongside with. Pastor Truly and Lency put in countless hours of service with happy hearts. Stevelyne, who is a graduate of HBBC and now teaches here in her local public elementary school, also put in many long hours this summer organizing and serving and ministering to the teen girls. Lency and Stevelyne also teach Sunday and Thursday children's classes through the year. Truly is doing a great job working with our teens and music as well as helping build the building. Jackson also came back at the end of the summer and is helping in the ministry as well as on the building project.



Ground Breaking for new building



Preparing Footers



Teen Camp



Family Fun Day happy faces

Pastor James and Masency Layomai along with their kids, Matthew and Jamie, came for a month to attend teacher workshops here on Yap. Their family has been serving on Falalop, Ulithi, one of Yap's outer islands, teaching in the public school there and sharing Christ with the islanders. As always, they jump right into serving here too. Masency was a great help to Diane with all the cooking and serving for camp and the carnival, and James was able to help with milling wood, preaching, serving, and entertaining!



Layomai family visits from Falalop, Ulithi



Teen camp dinner: crab, chicken, packed rice, taro, breadfruit chips, rice crispy treat



Camp College team and sponsors



Francis and Stevelyne HBBC summer help are engaged!

HBBC students in Guam



Fun for All Ages!



Hot dogs! Hot dogs!

TRIP TO GUAM

Diane and I took a 4- day trip to Guam the end of August to purchase supplies for the building and get them shipped to Yap. We had a chance to take our HBBC students out for ice cream and some shopping. Since not all of them were able to return to Yap for the summer because they were working, it was great to reconnect with them again. We always enjoy our time at Harvest and reconnecting with new and old friends there.

FAMILY CORNER



July 18th marked a big milestone birthday for me. I'll let you guess which one! The church family surprised me with a huge cake and lots of flower leis! I'm thankful for continued health and strength that the Lord blesses me with and pray for many more years to serve Him.



We really enjoyed having our oldest son, Joe, in Yap for the summer! Here he is reunited with our daughter, Cherith, and our son, John Mark in Greenville, SC where they are attending school.

Additional Prayer and Praises

- **Church Building Expansion Project:** Praise the Lord for providing the needed supplies for the building. Pray for the quick shipping of supplies from Guam and for safety and good weather for the project.
- **Upcoming Visitors and Teams:** We are thankful for the groups planning to come to help. Pray for their safety and provision as well.
- **Prison Ministry:** We continue to go down to the prison each Sunday afternoon. This past Sunday, a man came to church who said he was in our prison ministry for 4 years and now he is out of prison and hoping to get involved with our church.
- **New Believers and New Contacts:** Please pray for those who made decisions for Christ this summer to grow in their Christian lives. Also, pray for those that we made contact with through the different ministries that we can follow up and perhaps see them come to know Christ as well.
- **Needs:** Our family car is currently being fixed. We are thankful for some gifts that came in to help offset the costly repairs. We are hopeful that it will be useful soon as we need it to help transport people to church.
- **Health Crisis:** There have been an overwhelming number of cases of the dengue type 3 virus, leptospirosis, and hand foot and mouth disease which have resulted in the closure of schools until October 4. So far, our family has not contracted them, but many in our church have. Please pray for those affected by these illnesses and for safety and protection.

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

Mark and Diane

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