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*The
Mark Zimmer
Family
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YAP, MICRONESIA*

APRIL 2022 UPDATE

"I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me." Micah 7:7

Life is full of uncertainty. For the Christian, we are encouraged in this verse to look to the Lord, to wait on the Lord, and to trust in Him. That is when He gives us the strength to carry on. That's where we are right now. Looking, waiting, and trusting for our future return to Yap so we can continue the work God has given us.

PLANS TO RETURN TO YAP

We purchased plane tickets for February 19th with hopes of traveling to Guam for pre-quarantine before the scheduled March 6th flight into Yap; however, the March flight was canceled. We again hoped to get in on a scheduled April 6th flight, but we were informed that we would have to wait because the list was full of passengers from previous flights that had been canceled. A few days after receiving this information, healthcare workers went on strike in Yap causing a state of emergency and thereby canceling the April 6th flight! No future repatriation flight has been set until these issues have been resolved.

Since Diane has one more reconstructive surgery scheduled for August 8, 2022 and has to be back for a pre-op appointment on July 12th, we have decided to put off trying to get back in until after her recovery from surgery, hopefully in September. We are praying that all of the issues on the island will be resolved, and the borders will be completely open by that time.

In January we began packing a 40-foot container to send to Yap. Included on the container are building supplies to finish projects on the new church building in Yap, 200 new church chairs, a sound system, a minivan donated by some friends, and many other items to help with the ministries in Yap. The container has been ready to go for a few weeks now, but we are facing challenges from the shipping companies with backed up ports, new customs restrictions, and extra transportation issues due to rising fuel costs.



**Container with supplies
and vehicle for Yap**



Teens enjoy swimming activity

MEANWHILE, IN YAP...

Pastor Truly and Lency along with the help of college grads, Steven and Allysha, are doing a great job continuing the work in Yap. It has been a blessing for Truly to have Steven come along side and help with preaching and teen activities, and Allysha, who also teaches at Faith Christian Academy on the island, has been a great help to Lency with teaching children's classes and ministering to the teen girls.

The teens enjoyed a fun swimming activity and for Easter Sunday, they plan to have the service at the beach in a neighboring village. We will certainly miss celebrating with the church family as we had planned to be there for this special service. We are grateful that the locals continue to lead and remain faithful in our absence.

FAMILY TIME...



Rainbow Falls & Levi Turns 12



ADDITIONAL PRAYER & PRAISES:

- **Praising the Lord for providing:**
 - Final building supplies to complete church building in Yap
 - Container given by a friend in the shipping business
 - Shipping expenses continue to come in for the container
 - Minivan for the ministry in Yap
 - Flooring finish for church cement floor
 - Video projector has been ordered but we are waiting for its arrival
 - Lettering for church sign purchased and on the container--we decided to make our own church sign out of local wood and thatch
 - Medical costs have been covered 100%
- **Yap Borders Closed:** Please pray for the health worker crisis and the island's preparation for opening flights into Yap.
- **Faithful Helpers:** Thankful for Truly, Lency, Steven, and Allysha who carry on the work in Yap as well as James and Patwin on the outer islands.
- **Church Member Health:** Please pray for a long-time faithful church member, Jovita, who was recently diagnosed with leukemia. She has left Yap and is receiving treatment in the Philippines. Her daughter, Norma, recently passed away from leukemia, so you can imagine the strain on their family. Please pray for healing, strength, and financial and spiritual needs of the family.
- **Ministry Needs:** Additional shipping costs and customs fees.



Thankful for this house my brother allows us to stay in and thankful for Diane's health!

Thank you for praying with us during these months of waiting and trusting. God's timing will be perfect.

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