

The Mark Zimmer Family

Serving in Yap, Micronesia



April 2025 Update

Let us **hold fast** the profession of our faith without wavering;
for **he is faithful** that promised.
Hebrews 10:23

In a question/answer time during one of our furlough meetings, the pastor asked us for one key thought as we reminisce over the past 20 years in Yap... ***The Faithfulness of our Lord and Savior!*** The Lord has certainly been a Rock of Faithfulness to us as we have gone through many seasons of ministry. As we have experienced mountains and valleys, He has remained faithful and sustained us along the way. What hope it gives us that no matter the challenges we may face, we can hold fast to his faithful promises!

God's Faithfulness in Yap

We are grateful that the ministry in Yap continues in our absence. The ministry team organized a Christmas program which included groups that sang different Christmas songs. Satalwal is an outer island of Yap that has its main island village not far from Yap Baptist. Martin, pictured in the blue shirt above, was saved during a medical mission's team and has since brought his family and many other Satalwalese to church where they have heard the gospel and accepted Christ.

Allysha and Zoelynne have done a great job teaching the children's classes and running our kids' night on Thursdays. During the week they both teach in local elementary schools where they can show Christ's love and hope to their students, parents, and coworkers.

Please pray for the teens in our church who face a lot of discouragement and temptation in their schools and culture. We are thankful for 3 teens, Amlyn, Shally, and Kekai, who plan to attend Harvest Baptist Bible College on Guam in the fall. Please pray that God will supply their financial needs to make this possible as well as maintain strong testimonies to the teens around them.

Team comes from HBBC to help and encourage

Pastor Gary Walton and some senior guys from Harvest in Guam came to serve in Yap and on the outer islands of Ulithi and Fais. They were a great encouragement to our ministry team as well as James and Masency on Falalop, Ulithi and Patwin and Juanita on Fais.



A group of Satalwalese sing at the Christmas program



Zoelynne & Allysha with kids' night girls



Teen girls sing Christmas special music (above)

HBBC team along with YBC ministry team (below)



Sadly, there have been several funerals in Yap recently and when the team came, they were able to minister with Yap Baptist at the funeral of the mother of a man from our church. Francis was able to share the gospel in Yapese to a large crowd that was gathered at the funeral and the team and church people sang. It was a great testimony to their family and village, and we pray there will be fruit as a result.



Brett Taylor, who has been helping in the YBC children's ministry, wrote a song that the YBC kids sang called, "With My Whole Heart."

You can listen to them sing this song at:
<https://youtu.be/AZH0CwtLxpU?si=Ers1CQgiZ3OdC1J>

God's Faithfulness During Furlough

Furloughs provide an opportunity for us to see many of you who pray and give faithfully to our ministry. We also hope it is an encouragement to you to see how your prayers have been answered and the fruit you share in as you partner with us to reach souls in Yap.

We are grateful to my brother for giving us a reliable vehicle to drive as well as providing a place for us to live while we are here in the states. It is a blessing to have a place to visit with our children who live in this area.

We praise the Lord for protection as we travel. Only one time this winter we had to wait for "Snowmageddon" to pass before we crossed the Midwest.

God's Faithfulness to our Family

We have thoroughly enjoyed spending time with our little granddaughter who we affectionately call Holli! Diane loves watching her on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and I enjoy helping my son Joe on his roofing crew when we are in Greenville, SC.

Spending time with my parents in Traverse City, Michigan over New Years gave us our snow fix for the next few years! Diane was thankful she was in town to help her mom who had a fall in January. Her dad also struggles with Parkinson's.

Local Leadership Tackles VBS and Teen Camp

Since we won't make it back to Yap until August this year, the ministry team said they wanted to run VBS and Teen Camp on their own this year! We are proud of their initiative and are confident they will do a great job! Please pray for them as they prepare and lead these events in July.

The ministry team has chosen to do a Superheroes theme for VBS and an Identity (FBI vs CIA) theme for teen camp. They could use your help with sending decorations and supplies for the stores. If you would like to send something, you can send directly through Amazon to:

Francis Bechey
PO Box 459
Yap, FM 96943

Diane has put a wish list together for ideas:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/6eoOI1H?ref=wl_share
Slightly used toys, summer clothing, and jewelry is also a big hit if you would like to send a flat rate box through USPS to the same address. If you have any questions, please feel free to text Diane at her cell number: 864-518-2970. Thank you so much for your investment in these young people's lives!

To watch a video of the Teen Camp store go to:
<https://vimeo.com/1073190936>





Our son Joe with our granddaughter, Hollzi; enjoying Michigan snow; Mark's parents; Diane's parents

Additional Prayer and Praises

- **Pray for the Outer Island ministries:** Pray for Pastor Patwin on Fais and Pastor James on Ulithi.
- **Pray for the Easter Service** at YBC on April 20.
- **Pray for summer outreaches-VBS and Teen Camp-in July.**
- **Pray for continued faithfulness** of the ministry team and YBC church family.
- **Pray for HBBC students** and for prospective students, Kekai, Shally, and Amlyn.
- **Pray for our family:** Please continue to pray for our adult children: Joe (owner of Generation Roofing) and his wife, Karalyn (high school English teacher), John Mark (self-employed web developer), and Cherith (Publix supervisor), and for our sons still living with us: Levi, 9th grade homeschooling, and Caleb, a college junior majoring in graphic design at Liberty University online.
- **Pray for Furlough Meetings:** Please pray for us as we travel reporting to churches during the next few months. We would love to come to your church!

We look forward to seeing many of you over the next few months as we travel reporting to our churches. If you would like for us to visit you or your church, **please let us know.**

Thank you for your faithful prayer and support of the ministry in Yap!

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