

The Mark Zimmer Family

Serving in Yap, Micronesia



August 2026 Update

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19

God's provision echoed throughout our ministry and family this past summer. He provided grace in times of sorrow and joy through new life. We saw Him send sunshine during our projects and activities and then bless us with rain when our rain catchments ran dry. We were grateful for the additional workers and physical strength during busy outreaches and incredibly moved by how He used God's people to provide financial needs for travel, supplies, construction needs, and food. What a joy it is to watch His hand guide and provide-Jehovah Jireh!

Watch video of Yap Baptist Church singing:

<https://vimeo.com/1220115423>

God Provided for the Outer Island Project on Falalop, Ulithi

A team of 8 men from Yap Baptist Church sailed by ship with our supplies and tools to Falalop, Ulithi to help James Layomai extend his porch that he uses for his Bible study and to build a small room for his teenage son, Matt. This trip provided an opportunity for these Yapese men to serve the Lord on a nearby island where they had never been before.

The grueling trip began as we left Yap at 5:00 pm on a Sunday evening. The only seating on the ship was on the floor, and after stopping at 3 other islands to offload passengers and supplies, we arrived in Falalop the next day around 7:00 pm.

Included on the ship was the lumber we had milled in Yap, cement and building supplies from Guam, tools, and food. There are no hardware stores on Falalop and when we ran low on nails, Diane had to send more on the airplane from Yap. They offloaded the big ship on to a smaller boat and then men from the island lined up and passed the supplies up on the beach.



5 Yapese men joined my sons and I as we ventured on the ship to Falalop, Ulithi



More than 600 passengers packed on the Hapimohol 2 as it headed to the outer islands of Yap



Our team joined in as we offloaded the supplies for the whole island



During their Wednesday evening prayer service, Pastor James praises the Lord for His provision for the project. Watch video: <https://vimeo.com/1220148067>

We poured the cement posts the night before and by the next morning we were able to start building. We were able to get the porch roof on in time for his Wednesday evening prayer service.



Team with James and Masency's family. Masency did a great job keeping all of us men fed all week!

Building Matt's room-thankful for Mike's expertise with the electrical



Singles team from SC

Kids Learned about our Provider in Vacation Bible School

Several churches joined in to help provide for our VBS this year! Harvest in Guam passed along their backdrop and curriculum from their Emerald Crossing VBS, and Calvary in Simpsonville, SC sent a team of singles to minister with us. They were a huge blessing to our church family and helped carry the load of teaching, skits, and listening to the kids' Bible verses as the kids earned points for the store. The team also brought along lots of clothing, prizes, crafts, and decorations, but most of all they showed the love and joy of Jesus as they taught and exemplified the Good Shepherd.



VBS Classes: (L to R) Ages 4-6, 7-9, 10-12



VBS Store



Pastor Francis



Youth Pastor Steven

God Provided for our Teen Camp

Teen Camp is a highlight for our youth group each year and this year was no exception! The Chiefs and Warriors competed in games, Bible memory, and bringing visitors. The main focus of the week was fighting against the giants in their lives with Christ on their side. Many teens made life changing decisions in their lives during the week.



Our ministry team makes skit time the highlight of the day!



Tribal Wars Teen Camp 2026 Warriors vs Chiefs



Abi, Francis, Steven, and Allysha joined us on a panel discussion to answer questions from the teens.



Teens share testimonies around a bonfire on Friday night



The teen girls enjoy spending time with Abi, who also teaches many of the teens at Yap Highschool.



Teens love the camp store where clothes and jewelry are their favorite prizes.

The Lord Provided Helpers

Diane was blessed to have several ladies help prepare food and serve the kids and teens during VBS and teen camp. Church members all pitch in by bringing food from their gardens or the store, preparing dishes, and making plates to serve. The men go fishing and provide 100s of fish that the ladies fry or the men barbecue. Diane and Abi made 25 pizzas for the first day of teen camp! It is such a joy to serve the Lord together!



Ladies serve the VBS snack



Diane, Lisa, & Piya



Sasha, Beverly, and Lency helped to clean and fry fish in our outdoor kitchen

God Provided for our Family

On May 17th before Diane headed back to Yap, she said goodbye to her dad, knowing she would never see him again here on earth. The same day our grandson Larz was born which made it even more difficult to say goodbye. Diane flew back to Yap with Caleb's girlfriend, Elaina Poppe, who planned to visit Caleb for 2 weeks. It was amazing to see how the Lord provided for her trip and God's timing was perfect.



We're together again! Caleb and Elaina enjoyed teaching the kids class together

While Elaina was visiting, we received word that Diane's dad went home to be with the Lord on May 29th. We, along with our boys and Elaina, left Yap on June 1 and were able to be at the funeral on June 4. We stayed for the month of June to spend time with family and returned to Yap on July 1. Once again, it was amazing to see God provide all of our needs from our travel expenses to our housing and a vehicle to drive while we were there. Please continue to keep Diane's mom in your thoughts and prayers.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/greenville-sc/richard-seeley-12907620>



Our family at the funeral for Diane's Dad



*Joe and Kara with our grandkids, Hollzi and Larz
I had the privilege of holding my grandson on Father's Day*

Additional Prayer and Praises:

- **Praise the Lord for the completed outer island projects:** The trim wood made it safely to Fais for the windows and trim on the church and the addition project was completed in Ulithi.
- **Pray for the Outer Island ministries:** Pray for Pastor Patwin on Fais and Pastor James on Ulithi.
- **Pray as we continue to make tables** and mill more wood for Faith Christian Academy, my brother's school in the northern part of Yap.
- **Pray for continued faithfulness** of the ministry team and YBC church family.
- **Pray for HBBC students** to remain faithful and not get discouraged. We were so thankful that Kekai (left) and Amlynn (right) were able to come back and help this summer in the ministry. We praise the Lord for how he has worked in their hearts and how they desire to follow and serve the Lord with their lives.



- **Pray for several high school seniors** in our youth group who desire to follow the Lord and attend HBBC next year. Please pray they can remain faithful this year in their public schools and grow spiritually as we give them opportunities to serve at Yap Baptist.
- **Pray for our two sons here in Yap, Caleb and Levi.** Caleb will finish his online coursework for Liberty University this semester and will be doing an internship next semester, graduating in May of 2027. Levi is starting his junior year of high school this year.
- **Praise the Lord for continued good health for Diane.** It has been 6 years since Diane was diagnosed with cancer and we praise the Lord that the cancer has not returned.
- **Pray for Diane as she teaches a speech and drama class** this year to the high schoolers in our church.

Thank you for upholding us in prayer and for your continuing investments in God's ministries on these islands. We are grateful for your help.

Mark, Diane & Family

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