

D ear Friends,

Rainy season is upon us and has quickly made itself known. Today is a small break in the rain with some much needed sunshine, but the mud reminds us that it won't go away so easily! This serves as a reminder that as rainy season descends on us, a new year is just around the corner. We must work for the night is coming!



August

Each year for the past several years the U.S. Marine Corps has visited Chuuk during Operation Koa Moana. While Koa Moana was here, many of the Marines were able to utilize the gym which made for some great in-roads. In coordination with the Marines, the gym was able to host the first (that I know of) blood donor drive. Since Chuuk does not have a blood bank, the families rely on word of mouth when someone needs blood - even in emergency situations. Medical personnel from the team were able to provide blood-typing services and willing donors added their name to a list to be called when needed. It wasn't a large

turnout, but it was a start and another way that we are trying to serve the community here in Chuuk.

September

September kicked off with the arrival of the Gospel Fellowship Association medical team. The team, led by brother Asher Vincent, consisted of a doctor, a trauma nurse, a dental technician, and an in-take assistant. Through their time here we were able to hold three separate clinics which kept us intensely busy. We conducted our first two days of clinics at the State Prison where Pastor Mike and I minister every week. To say that this opened hearts would be an understatement; both prisoners and police were thrilled for us to be there. The doctor even found a case of meningitis and was able to treat it just in time!

The Lord also opened the door to an island called Parem. This is an island that is nearly 100% Catholic

and would otherwise be closed off to Gospel ministry. We thank God that during the clinics I led one lady to the Lord! This outreach opened the door for further ministry on this island. Lord willing, starting in November, we will begin a monthly outreach to Parem using sports and fitness as an avenue to the Gospel.

We are grateful for the GFA team who labored alongside of us in order to help open doors.

As the GFA team was leaving, our home church pastor, Mike Ascher, and a young man named Ronnie Zellman came and visited us for a week. It was a much needed encouragement to have visitors from our home church that we love so much and who



have invested so much into us. During their stay we kept quite busy with everyday ministry and work, but we also made time for visiting some historical sights, swimming, and a few water balloon fights.

October

This is the month where rainy season really begins to make itself known and this year it started off by flooding the gym and almost our house! Thank the Lord that, after a couple days of hard work, the gym was dried

out and put back together. However, the flood seemed to kill some of the momentum that we were gathering at the gym. Up until the flood we were having between 20 and 25 people in a day, but since then our numbers have dwindled. To be sure, basketball season also plays a large part

in this decline as well. Please be praying that the Lord brings people back to the gym and that it continues to be an effective Gospel outreach!



Family

Thank the Lord for good health. I (Josh) hit some intense sickness through the end of September and into October, but I'm bouncing back and doing better. Sarah is slowly overcoming a painful skin irritation on her hands. This has happened in the past and we cannot pinpoint the cause. Please be

praying we can solve this issue. Milena and Uriah are both happy and healthy! Milena would be happier if it were Christmas break (or summer break for that matter!). Uriah has figured out that Christmas is coming and now asks us almost every day if it's time to decorate for Christmas. When we tell him, "Not yet," the response is always the same: "Tomorrow? Friday?" I guess long anticipation will make the arrival that much sweeter!

Conclusion

As we near the end of the year and the preparations and celebrations of Christmas descend, pray that we remain alert to Gospel encounters.

Plans are already forming for 2026. Lord willing, the Audio Bible will be recorded in the beginning of the year, followed by the 2026 medical missions team. As always, we covet your prayers and we readily recognize that without your prayers our ministry would not be as effective. We are grateful for each one of you that faithfully lifts us up in prayer!

Until the Islands Know Him Josh, Sarah, Milena, and Uriah Wagar Daniel 11:32

Praises and Prayer:

- 1) Open door to Parem pray for continued ministry there.
- 2) One soul saved! Pray for growth.3) Sarah's hands to heal
- 4) Wisdom in all areas of ministry

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