



Summer 2025

Dear Praying and Supporting Friends,

Warm summer greetings to you our friends and supporters. It has been a while since we have sent an update, and I apologize for that. Very much good has been happening both in Micronesia and at Elijah's Harbor and we rejoice to share some of it with you. We thank you for your continued faithful prayer and support of our ministries.

Ruth and I had a most blessed time in Micronesia in November and December! We visited our churches and ministries, and because of your financial support, we were able to be a blessing financially to many of our national pastor brethren and their ministry projects. We were especially happy to see all the ministries blossoming under national leadership. Our goal as missionaries has always been to "work ourselves out of a job" and we praise God that the next generation of national pastors and teachers are faithfully carrying on the ministries, and are enjoining their young people to assist them to serve future generations as well.

We enjoyed the hospitality of Harvest Baptist Church in Guam and we saw many of our young folks where they study for the ministry at their HBBC. We then renewed fellowship with many of our dear families on Yap and enjoyed visiting with them and seeing their ministries. We were blessed to see so many of them teaching and assisting in the Christian school ministry, and are very thankful how God led Pastor John Malimai to join this ministry while we were serving there in 2009.

After Yap, we were especially blessed to hold an island-wide revival meeting on Pohnpei at our new church location in Wone. As you may recall, the 25-yr. lease agreement on our original ministry campus was not renewed, so Pastor Clayton was forced to move to another location and build a new church building there. All the island churches came together each night to participate in the services and I preached—in Pohnpeian! At the conclusion of each service, many gave testimonies of how God used us to bring them to Christ, and we all shared tears of joy at what He had done! As we had opportunity, we also spoke at the churches now circling the island. Thank you for the 30-plus years of prayer and support that made that ministry a reality!

In Hawaii, our Marshallese national Pastor Ruwe and his sweet wife Joleen have been faithfully carrying on the ministry, and it is flourishing! Ruth and I spent much of our time visiting with our island families there, and shared a Sunday service and various times of dinners and activities with our dear church folks. Please keep that ministry in your prayers.

As we've previously mentioned, our ministry has broadened and changed over the years since churches first took us on for support in 1992, and we are amazed and thankful at your faithfulness! Presently we are blessed to serve at Elijah's Harbor Christian Retreat and Conference Center, in Greeneville, TN, where I am the Ministry Director. This is a 501(c)(3) ministry where we host missionaries and pastors as well as Christian families for a time of R&R. It is a great blessing to have such a beautiful and peaceful place to accommodate large and small groups. Please look us up and come for a visit!

We've been honored and blessed to host missionary groups as large as 50 for a week at a time, but most retreats have fewer guests and are just weekends. Ruth and I, with the help of our son Nathan and his wife Jana (and our beautiful little granddaughter), provide the meals and do our best to keep up with maintaining the 200-acre facility with 25 acres of yard work. We are kept especially busy during the Spring and Fall retreat times, and during the summer months most of the 5 houses and many of the mansion suites are booked for Christian family get-togethers. Often times missionaries on furlough stay for extended times, or simply meet with their stateside family for a get-away at this beautiful venue.

We encourage you to sponsor your pastors and missionaries for a visit with us, and we will be happy to encourage them in the ministry. You can also plan a church staff or couples retreat, or just come for a family get-away. We'd love to host you!

Thank you all for your prayer and support!!

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