

Dear Church Family,

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At the end of May, we celebrated a whole year here on the mission field! Thankfully, the country has remained COVID-free due to the closing of the borders. However, this meant the veteran missionaries we were training under were not able to get back into Palau after having gone to see their new grand babies in Saipan. Consequently, we have had our hands full with the thriving ministry here. We know God has us here "for such a time as this," but are still working on finding our "groove" to get everything done that both they and their full-time missionary assistant (stuck in the Philippines) were doing before they left.

Many challenges have come our way, not the least of which is Chloe's attack of shingles. We do praise God, however, for His faithfulness in providing care and medicine through several medical people in the church. Although she is still healing, we can see God's hand of mercy on her giving her strength to continue to do the work of homemaker, childcare, and assisting in the ministry from home.

While Coronavirus has not run rampant here, the aftermath of the pandemic has hit our economy hard, as almost the entire Palauan economy is based on foreign tourism. In a place where most residents live on a "shoestring" budget, but pay "tourist" prices for everyday goods, this has not only affected our family, but also several other faithful, struggling church families whom we felt led to assist.

God's hand, however, has *not* been in quarantine! As we look forward to the kids' going back to school, our theme has been Nehemiah: Building the "walls" in our lives to keep sin out. Through this, we have seen great revival among our people (Young people have even deleted all their Facebook pages, and many have turned in their phones!). We do ask that you please pray for us as we support our church kids in going back to school. Pray as we continue to arm them, support them, and surround them while they go forth into the world as "lambs among wolves." (Luke 10:3) There are so many temptations, and the devil is eager to ruin their lives and their testimonies.

The Lord is blessing and providing in so many ways. We have had three saved in just the last month who are now on fire for the Lord, and I personally have five converts in one-on-one discipleship.

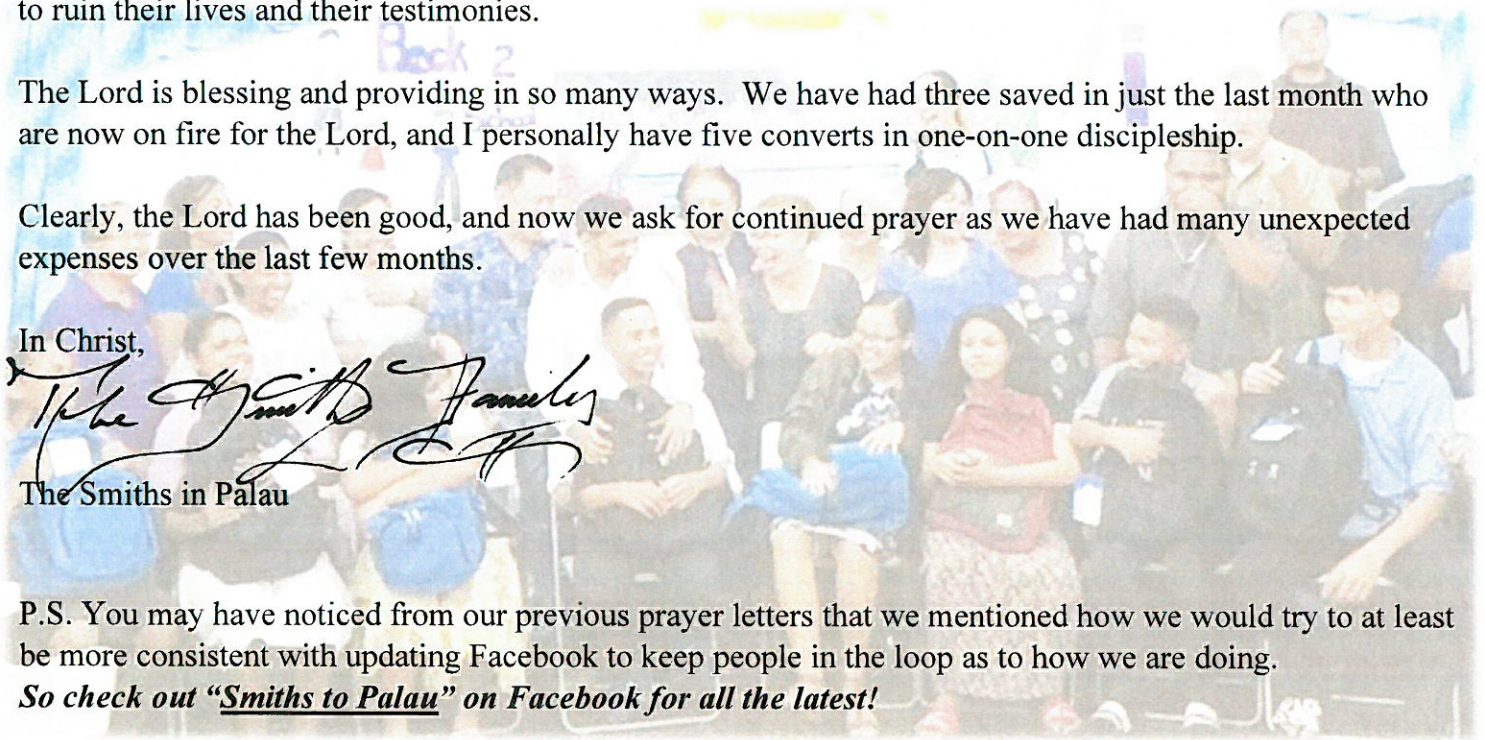
Clearly, the Lord has been good, and now we ask for continued prayer as we have had many unexpected expenses over the last few months.

In Christ,

The Smiths in Palau

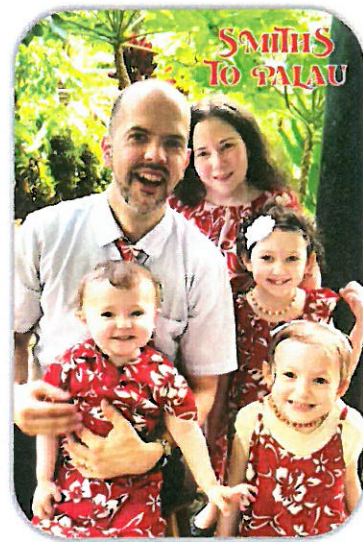
P.S. You may have noticed from our previous prayer letters that we mentioned how we would try to at least be more consistent with updating Facebook to keep people in the loop as to how we are doing.

So check out "Smiths to Palau" on Facebook for all the latest!



Prayer S.O.S.

Fall 2022



August 27, 2022

Dear Prayer Warriors,

Thank you for your prayers for our last specific request. God is doing great things in this church member's life and he has been able to be a great testimony to his police force both in town and offshore when acting as Coast Guard. It is clear that God is blessing him for this and has His hand of protection upon him.

We again have a prayer SOS for our churches:

Another wave of cold and flu has come through Palau, and I have lost my voice. As you know, the veteran missionaries have not been here since the beginning of 2020, so I am the only one here responsible for this thriving ministry.

Unfortunately, because this is largely a matriarchal society, it is hard to find responsible men to take on some of the burden of the ministry. This is why the need is so great for us to train them up while they are young, and why it has been laid so heavily upon our hearts to provide a Christian education for the faithful children in our church.

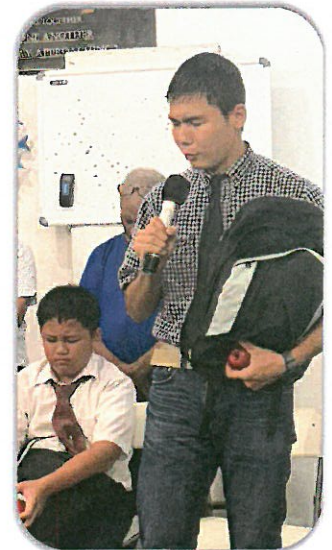
You may recall in our prayer letter a couple of years ago that we asked for prayer for a new Christian named Ali. It may be a blessing for you to hear that this 16-year-old is still going strong, reaching out to win and disciple his peers. The church members here see him as a future preacher every time he gets up to pray or give a testimony of what God is doing in his life.

I have been training him as a "preacher boy," to preach and to lead singing, and have decided to let him fill in for me this Sunday while I sit as a (very prayerful) member of the congregation *(which is the only reason I have time to write you this letter today 😊)*

I have clearly seen God "step up" this young man's training as of late.

I do not know the reason for the increase of pace, but I am excited to see God's hand upon Ali in this way—wherever and however He may choose to use him.

I have to admit, I NEVER would have thought to rest the entire burden (preaching, song leading, etc.) of a three-hour Sunday morning service on a 16-year-old so early in his training, had the Lord not worked out the timing and circumstances in such a peculiar, clear, and specific way. It is fascinating to see how the Lord is working all things *"together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."* (Rom. 8:28)



The Lord hath done great things for us!
The Lord is doing great things for us!
The Lord shall do great things for us!
(Psalm 126)

Please pray fervently
for the state of this young man's heart.

The devil will do EVERYTHING he can
to steal him away.

*We are thankful for our supporting churches
and their prayers!*



In Christ,

The Smiths to Palau

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Dear Prayer Warriors,

We cannot express how grateful we are for your faithfulness in supporting us for these years that we have been on the field. We have been securely upheld by your prayers, supported by His Word, and continue to lean on the Everlasting Arms.

As for our mission field, the “biggest” news on our island is that COVID has finally hit Palau. Until recently, Palau has been able to keep the disease at bay through a “no-exceptions” testing and quarantine policy for foreign travelers. However, as these policies loosened, the disease was able to slip through the checkpoints and into the local population. As far as we know, the strain we are experiencing is the Omicron variant, which seems to manifest itself only through aches, sweats, and sniffles.

The greatest challenges we face right now are fear of the disease and confusion over the various government directives regarding “mandated” vs. “recommended” safety measures. To counteract the confusion, I have reviewed and posted the official government releases before the church, with the relevant sections highlighted. So far, there are only “recommendations,” not mandates, for religious organizations. However, we know the Lord will give strength and wisdom as it becomes more necessary and difficult to stand for Him during these troubled times.

In other news, we have received inquiries about our condition as it relates to the Tonga volcano and tsunami. For our part, we were shocked to see that it had reached as far as Alaska, yet we were barely affected! We found out this may be the reason:

*“Guam and other Micronesian islands **have mitigating factors which minimize the risk of tsunami waves materializing here, including the topography of our sea floor, which is steeper than areas that were given advisories and warnings.**”*

(We actually had been feeling a few tremors. However, they were so minor, we were not sure if they were only imagined, or possibly a big truck passing by!)

As I ponder

the power of events such as these, I cannot help but consider their insignificance when juxtaposed to the might of our Almighty God.

In 2021, I walked our church through a “survey” of the Bible. Then, as we entered 2022, we began a study of “*The Revelation of Jesus Christ.*” In this study, I am emphasizing that, though this is the name of the last book of the Bible, it is not just this book that is “*The Revelation of Jesus Christ,*” but that the entire “**Book**” is one cohesive, interconnected “Revelation” of one single Person—the Person of Jesus Christ! When I hold up the Bible and ask, “*What is this?*” our people have learned to answer, “*The Revelation of Jesus Christ!*”

In our “walk through the Bible,” we have also been studying world history—both Biblical and extra-Biblical—in relation to *Galatians 4:4-5*. In this, we are observing with wonder how Christ is revealed, not only throughout His Specific Revelation (His Word), but that all of Creation and all of history (general revelation) was designed, engineered, and executed to bring about “*the fulness of time,*” in which “*God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the Law, to redeem them that were under the Law that we might receive the adoption of sons.*” In our study of all the ways God reveals Himself to man (“*so that they are without excuse*”), we have been learning that **all things reveal Him...**

1. by their creation (*Psalms 19, Romans 1*)
2. by their consistency (*Colossians 1:17, Genesis 8:22*)
3. by their course of events (*Galatians 4:4,5; Romans 8:28*)
4. by their consequences (*Romans 2:14,15*)

In our study of the last point, I highlighted that, even by the rules of secular science, nothing naturally comes from nothing, and nothing is naturally caused by nothing!

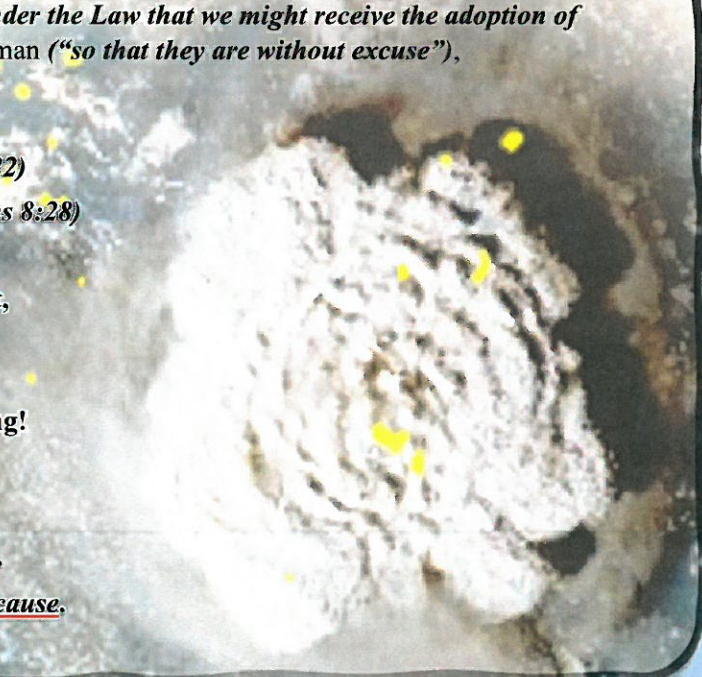
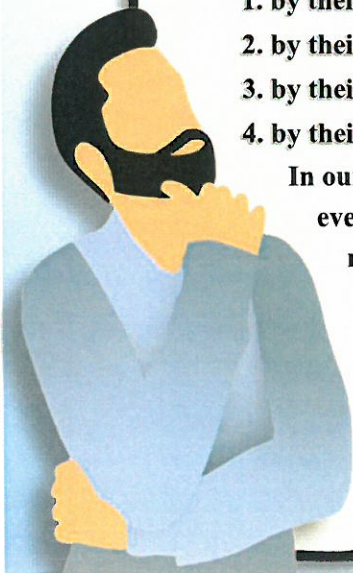
Within nature...

There is no “then” without an “if.”

There is no action without an agent.

There is no consequence without a cause.

There is no result without a reason.



Furthermore, I have pointed out that most of secular science acknowledges that order must come from intelligence. Therefore, all laws (including “laws” of nature) must come from a “Law Giver.” Harness all of these to the fact that both Christian and secular scientists alike agree that even time itself is nothing more than a force of nature, and there is but one inescapable conclusion for the honest, thinking person:

**“...that the worlds were framed by the Word of God,
so that the things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.” (Hebrews 11:3).**

In other words, the natural world, which could not have created itself, must have been brought into existence by a Supernatural, Intelligent Being, Who exists outside the laws and forces of nature—including time itself (*Isaiah 57:15*).

However, this begs the question: Why do so many lost scientists and laymen alike still reject the answer that God has placed right in front of them? The answer to this question lies in the first four words of the previously-referenced verse, *Hebrews 11:3*:

“Through faith we understand...”

“Through faith” in His Word, **“we understand”** that true, full “understanding” comes not from “general revelation” (Creation, history, etc.), but only through the specific revelation of the Word of God (*Romans 10:17*).

This is the reason that “missions,” as well as the mission work you do in the homeland, is so important!

Though the unsaved world may know in their hearts that according to “logic” (the laws written by the *Logos*), the natural world must have been framed by a supernatural, intelligent being, who must also exist outside the dimension of time, it is only by the Word of God that they may finally and formally be introduced to this Transcendent, Supernatural, Timeless Being Who condescended to enter created time and space in order to offer His eternal life to those who willingly enslaved themselves to sin and death.

To all of this, many Christians would say a hearty, **“AMEN!”** We quickly praise Him and sing of the power revealed through the Creation of God, the course of history, and the cross of Christ. However, these same Christians (including myself, at times) forget that this same God Who designed every blade of grass also keeps a running tally of each hair on our heads. We forget that the One Who poured out the oceans also preserves our tears in His bottle.

~We sing and speak of His genius in ordering the stars, BUT...

...forget that He has promised also to order our steps.

~We marvel at how He engineered all of history to bring about the “fulness of time,” BUT...

...forget that He is still actively engineering and executing every event in our individual lives to conform us to the ineffable image of His Son.

~We speak of the “logic and laws of nature” that the *Logos* created, BUT...

...refuse to concede that the One Who literally created “sense” is the only One Who can make sense of the unfathomable complexity of each moment of our daily lives.

Yes, when times are easy—when our path is well-lit and predictable—we truly believe that we believe these things!

In the past, when I have preached these truths to our church, I would hear a lot of “Amens,” and I would ask them, **“Do you believe this?!”** Of course, they would respond, **“YES!”** However, in the spirit of *James 2:20* and *1 Corinthians 10:12*, I have begun a practice of following their answer with, **“WE’LL SEE!”**

By this, I emphasize that we may say on the mountain that we know these things, but **“WE’LL SEE!”** in the valley whether or not these are our true beliefs! We may say in the daytime that we understand these things, but **“WE’LL SEE!”** if that faith survives the lengthening shadows. We may say in church that we truly believe these things, but **“WE’LL SEE!”** if that “faith” rises to the challenge when the challenge is finally at hand. Now, when I ask these “Do you believe...” questions, I no longer get a boastful **“Yes!”** but rather a cautious and humble (but enthusiastic and good-natured) **“WE’LL SEE!!!”**

As I also remind the people here, being “faithful” means to be “full of faith,” and that **“without faith, it is impossible to please Him.”** When we are not “faithful,” it means we are not “full of faith” (*Hebrews 11:6*).

It is truly in that moment between sin and sanctification, between cowardice and courage, between failure and faithfulness, that each of us is revealed to be unfaithful or truly “full of faith.” What do we SAY we believe, and what do we TRULY believe?

How different are these two? The answer is found in the moment of decision.

Yes, our beliefs must be identified by our lips, but also validated by our lives. Will our lives make liars of our lips?

Walk in humility. Walk in faithfulness. Walk in truth. May our faith be in His faithfulness, not in our “fergency.” May our boast be in our Christ, not in our “Christianity.” May our lives reflect that we truly and confidently believe...

“God, that cannot lie” (Titus 1:2). “Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth” (Mark 9:23). Do you believe this?! (What would our church in Palau answer?) “_____!!!”

In Christ,





The Smiths to Palau

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First, thank you all for your support and your prayers for our ministry and those under our ministry—especially for the young ones who are so important to the future of the church, to the country to which we are called, and most importantly, to the Kingdom of God. We find ourselves lacking the words to express how burdened we are for them.

A large focus of my preaching and of our ministry lately has been an attempt to impress upon the parents and guardians (*there are very few actual parents or intact nuclear families*) the importance of building hedges, or “walls,” of protection against sin around themselves and around the ones under their care. I have been speaking often of Nehemiah, and of how, even though post-exilic Israel had the Temple and the Word of God under Zerubbabel and Ezra, no real progress—no revival—was able to take root until they were able to defend themselves from attack and to control who and what came into and out of the city.

**In other words,
until they had built the walls!**

We, as New-Testament Believers, must understand this same truth—for ourselves, for our children, and for our homes. We may have church. We may sit under the preaching of the Word of God. However, until we construct proper, high, and solid “walls” in our lives and in the lives of our family members, we will never experience true revival or lasting spiritual growth.

“And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire.” ~Nehemiah 1:3

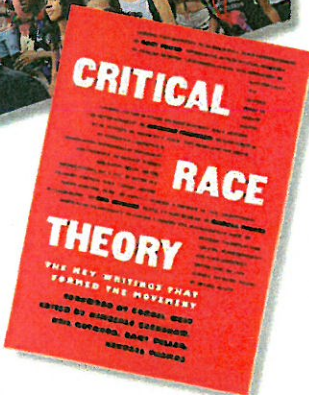
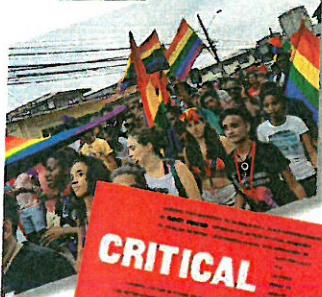
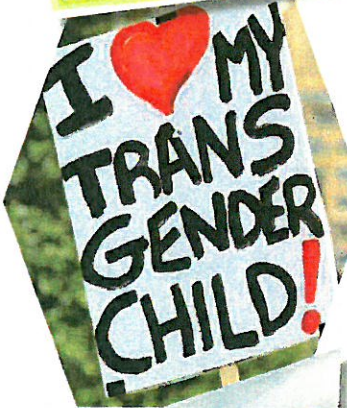
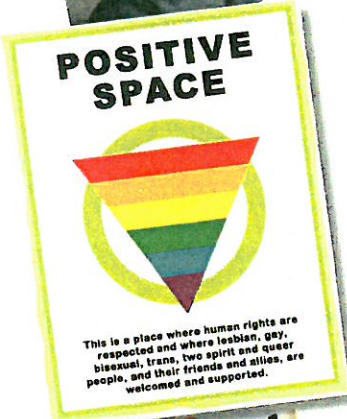
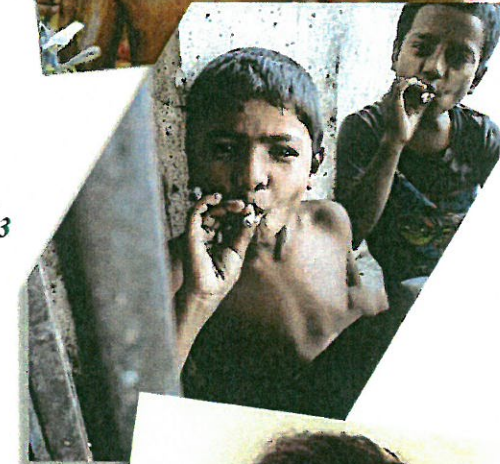
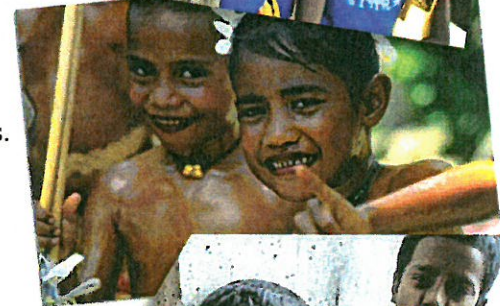
During our short time on the field, one of the most horrific sights we have been forced to watch is Satan’s wholesale slaughter and devouring of the children and teenagers of the church. This fact is made even worse, because the Evil One has done this by repeated opportunity and open invitation.

Where has he been given the opportunity and invitation to do this?

In the schools!

We as missionaries work hard to give these children and teenagers good doctrine in the church. We endeavor to provide wholesome summer and after-school activities for them. We watch them make good progress during the summer... and then we are forced every year to serve them up as delicacies in Satan’s banquet hall, where he summarily devours them as the tender meats they are.

“And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven,” ~Nehemiah 1:4



In light of these thoughts, we want to let all of you know that the Lord has moved us—even as new missionaries in a foreign, and in many ways, still unfamiliar land, to say...

“Enough!”

Enough of sacrificing our children to Molech!
Enough of voluntarily feeding our young ones the lions!
Enough of giving the fruit of our wombs, our labor, and our ministries to be indoctrinated in the Halls of Hell!
Enough of repeatedly watching them take one step forward and five steps backward because we **freely donate** the majority of their young lives to the Powers of Darkness!
Enough of allowing their vulnerable hearts and minds to be **daily** fed into a system designed by Satan to grind them up and press them into the image that he desires!

Furthermore, to the practice of **continually surrendering** to Beelzebul the things that are God’s, not only we, but **all** Christians ought to say...

“Enough!”

“Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned.”

~Nehemiah 1:6

Satan is devouring our children!

He is devouring them...

...through false teaching and worldly philosophies.

He is devouring them...

...through the gay and “woke” agendas
(Yes, those are here in force, as well!).

He is devouring them...

...with influence, indoctrination, immorality, and predatory environments from which they cannot escape.

We hope you understand that the burden and passion expressed here comes from a very deep place in our hearts, and is provoked by distressing circumstances that have led us to this daunting, yet very necessary decision.

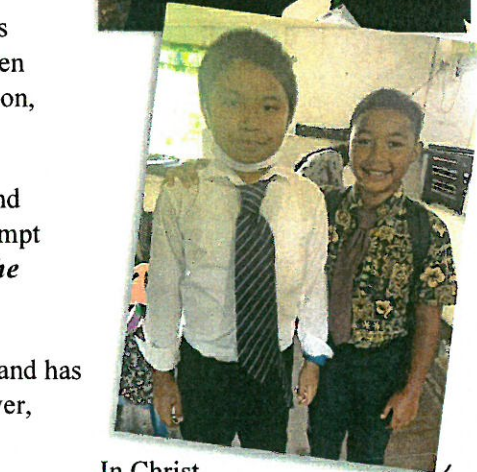
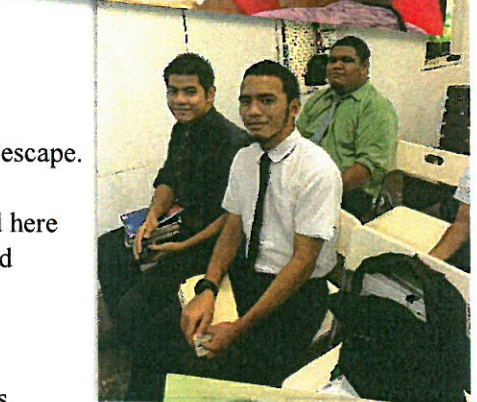
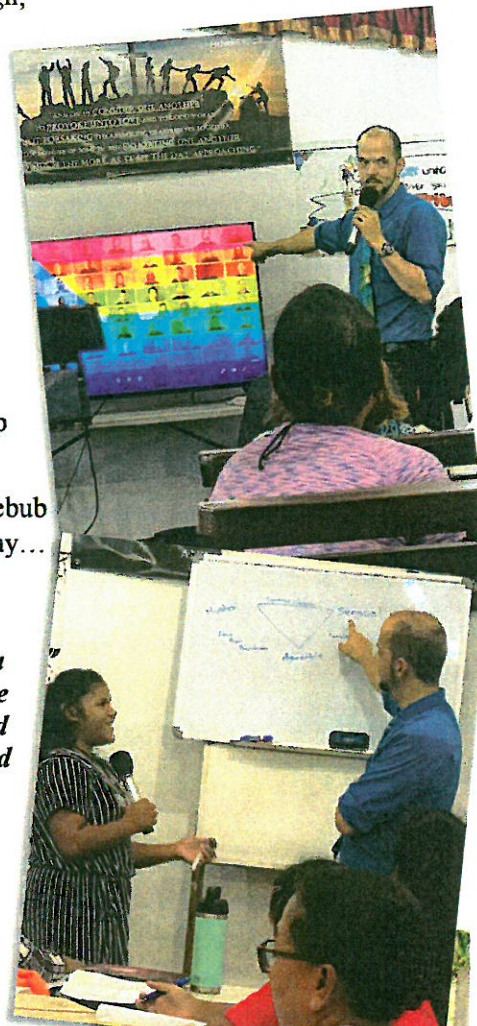
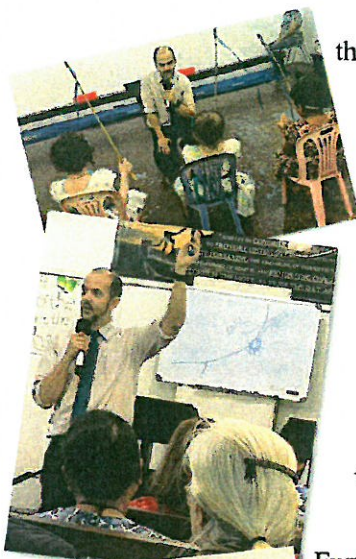
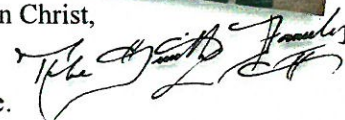
We believe God is leading us, by faith, to take meaningful steps toward helping the parents and guardians to snatch these children out of the clutches of Satan’s system of indoctrination, corruption, and exploitation.

During this time, we beseech you for your continued prayers and support as we storm the gates of Hell (*Matt. 16:18*) in our attempt to pull them “*out of the fire,*” and teach them to hate “*even the garment spotted by the flesh.*” (*Jude 23*)

As you know, Satan does not take kindly to rescue attempts, and has already presented us with stiff resistance. By now, however, we have learned to take this type of opposition as a spiritual endorsement of our direction.

Please pray for **protection, provision, and perseverance** as we work to bring **sustained spiritual victory** to the lives of these people.

In Christ,



“How can I help?”

As you have seen from our prayer letter, our greatest desire and prayer at this time is to show the church family here that there are alternatives to the public schools, and to make these opportunities available for parents, guardians, and students who have a true desire to follow the Lord.

In our effort to accomplish this, we have determined that we could provide each eligible child who regularly attends church with one year of Christian education at \$500 per student.

To those whom God leads in giving a one-time \$500 donation to help a child in Palau escape Satan’s system,

- we would send the name, photo, and a short bio of the child whose education you are supporting.
- we would send monthly updates (*only*) through email or Facebook Messenger, so you can know how to pray specifically for *your student* throughout the year.
- Write “Missionary CD Smith Student Sponsorship” in the notes.
- Please include the email address or messenger handle where you would like bio and updates sent.
- Make sure to check your spam folders!

* NOTE: Any amount you can send designated for the students will be put to good use for them (school supplies, wholesome reading material, etc.). HOWEVER, for reasons of time and logistics, we can only send individual student bios and updates to those who send this amount in its entirety.

Any donations can be sent to our support address:

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(Don’t forget to write “Missionary CD Smith Student Sponsorship” in the notes.)

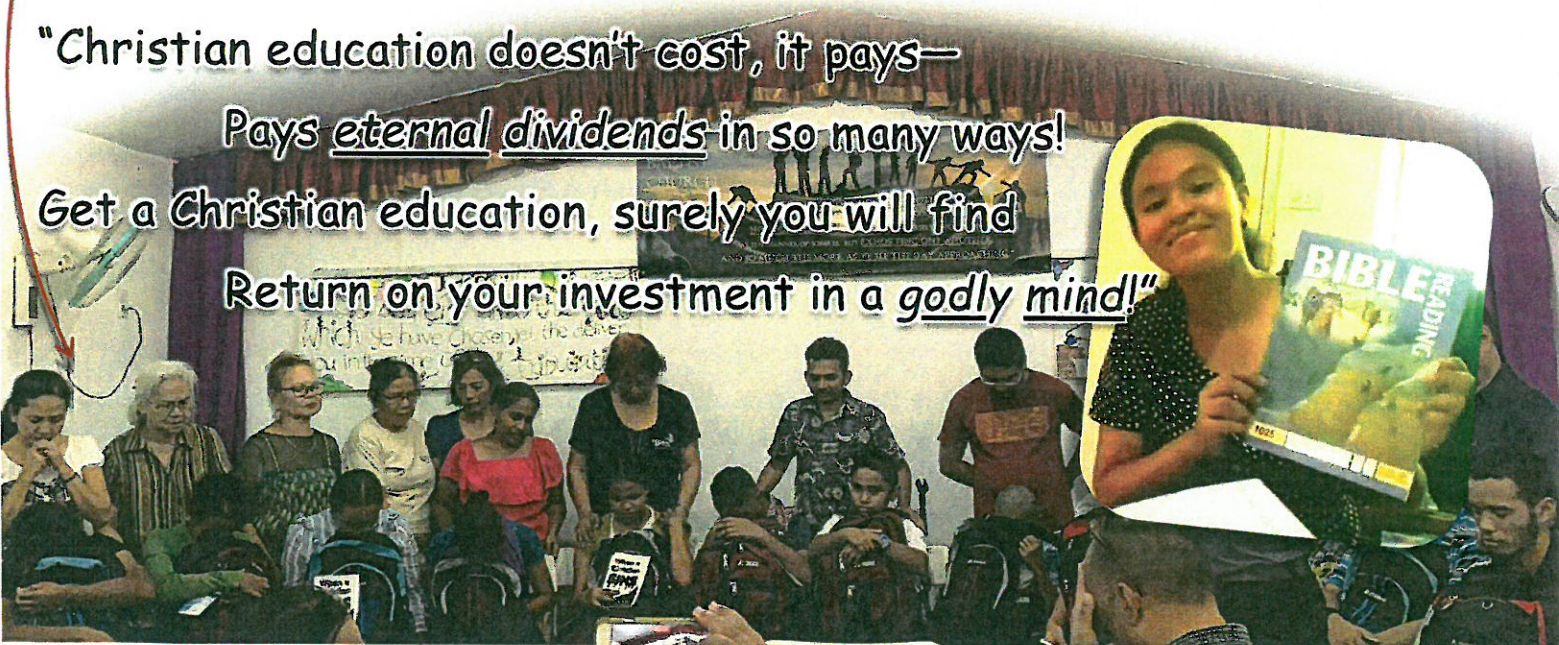
Again this year, we provided physically for the students in the church by giving them backpacks and some school supplies for the coming year. More importantly, we strove to provide them with spiritual preparation through daily-fortifying devotions, Bible studies, and adult church members acting as Accountability Partners (“AP’s”) to individual students, serving them through prayer and semiweekly evaluations.

“Christian education doesn’t cost, it pays—

Pays eternal dividends in so many ways!

Get a Christian education, surely you will find

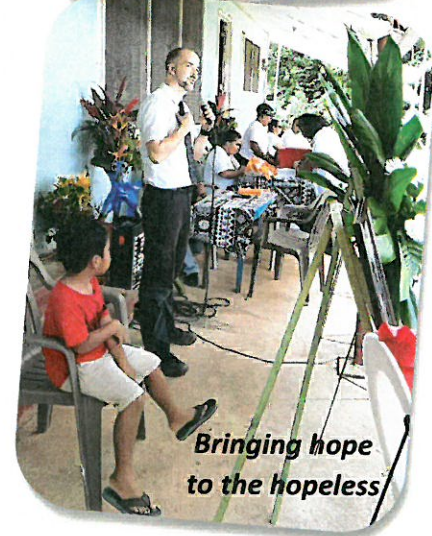
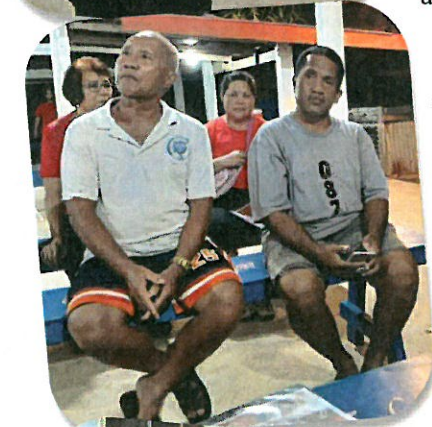
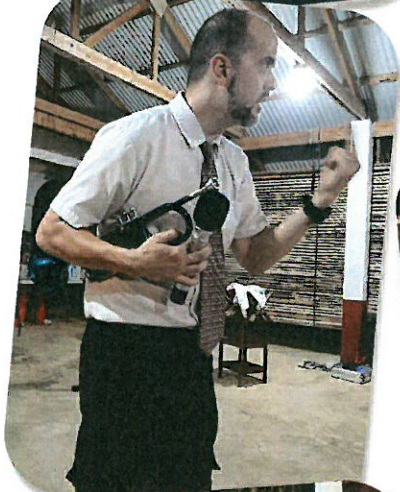
Return on your investment in a godly mind!”



Pray that all those who walk in darkness will accept the Great Light. (Isa. 9:2)

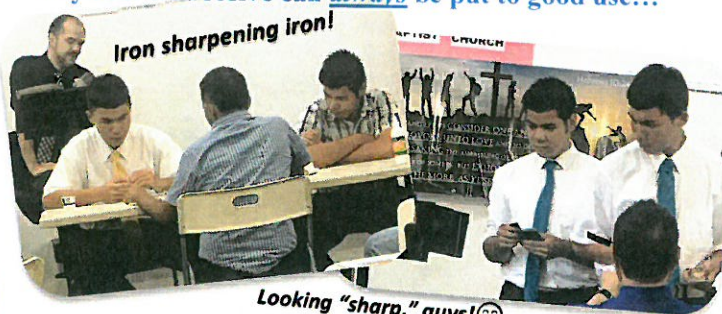
Dear Prayer Warriors,

We are so grateful for the effectual, fervent prayers of the righteous that we can confidently affirm are availing much on our behalf. (James 5:16-18) During these last several months, the Lord has opened many great and effectual doors unto us. Through planned outreaches, He has allowed us to take the Gospel to several remote villages on the island of Babeldaob. He has also allowed me to reach out to many by speaking at funerals, bringing along many members of the church to share the Gospel, to provide Christ-honoring music, and to stand as living testimonies of the resurrecting power of our Lord that so many who attend these events desperately need. In addition to these opportunities, it was requested by the Office of the President that our church participate in and provide the opening and closing music for the National Day of Prayer at the Capitol Building in Ngerulmud. We are so grateful that through this ministry, the Lord has allowed us to declare His Message before "small and great" alike, for both alike are in need of Him. (Revelation 20:12)



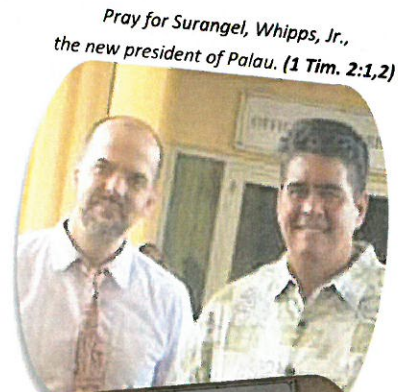
As you may remember from previous letters, the Lord has given us a **special burden for the youth of the church**, as we know Satan has a special eye upon them—and for good reason! He knows even better than we that they are the future of the ministry, and possess the greatest potential for lives of purity and service.

A big thanks to all of you who are sending shirts and ties for the young men! Any that we receive can *always* be put to good use!!!

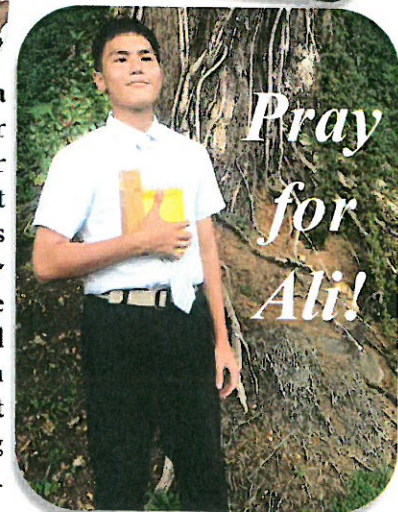


Looking "sharp," guys! 😊

Speaking of which, we ask you to be in special prayer for a young man named Ali, who was recently saved under our ministry, and has been growing by leaps and bounds ever since. This faithful young man has been making difficult decisions and taking tough stands that many older Christians would shy away from, and the Lord has been using him greatly because of it. In fact, he and one of our young ladies have been given regular opportunities to share the Gospel and expound God's Word in front of their classes in the public high school. Two of our recently-converted young men are a direct result of his testimony and witness, and he is currently leading them both through the church's Christian Discipleship course.



Pray for Surangel, Whipps, Jr., the new president of Palau. (1 Tim. 2:1,2)



There is a saying, *"If you don't believe in spiritual warfare, try opposing Satan for a while!"* Our heart's desire and prayer for you is this: As you enter into your prayer closets and walk with the Father throughout the day, that you make constant intercession to Him, not only for us, but for these that Satan hath so desired to have. *(Luke 22:31)* We are heavily engaged, and shall be eternally grateful for the invaluable, invisible reinforcement of intercession from the home front. You are just as much in this fight as we are, and for the Lord, there is no "bridge too far."

He has an *instant, effortless, and infinite* supply line. There is no distance that His arm cannot span; no place His hand cannot reach with the help, hope, and comfort requested by one of His children for another. *(Numbers 11:23)* The only weak link is those of His children who are unwilling or unfit to submit their requests as He prescribes. *(Psalm 66:18, James 4:1-3)*

Knowing these things, allow me to beseech you earnestly to keep your hearts and minds pure in Christ Jesus. He is our Defense, our Lifeline, and our Victory. Your prayers for those under fire—including yourselves and those around you—are too important to allow *anything* to stand between your souls and the Saviour. Without Him, we have nothing, can do nothing, and are less than nothing. It is *"Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit, saith the LORD of hosts."* *(Zec. 4:6)* We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for not only bearing your own heavy burdens to Him, but ours as well. Thank you for following His example, and in this way continuing to lay down your lives for the brethren. *(1 John 3:16)*

As I recently told the young people mentioned above, I urge you to keep *Psalm 1:3* close to your hearts, understanding that *He Who Cannot Lie* has *promised*—just as surely as He promised to send your Messiah—that by living His prescription, *whatever* you do *"SHALL prosper."* Whether you see it or not, whether in this world or the world to come, know that this is a promise to be claimed, and shall be fulfilled according to His Word. After all...

"...blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." *(John 20:29)*

The more I read and meditate on the following passage, the more I realize that the Holy Spirit knew that there was no better way to express the thoughts, prayers, and desires of a missionary than what He wrote through the Apostle Paul in *2 Thessalonians 5:1-4*. So in closing, from our hearts to yours, *"Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you: And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith. But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil."*

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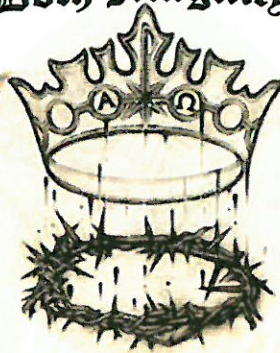
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My Soul Doth Magnify the LORD



In Luke chapter 1, after Mary had learned of the great blessing and great trial that would be hers in the bearing of the Messiah, she exclaimed,

“My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour” (vv. 46-47).

As you know, back in May, Mrs. Smith and I passed our one-year mark on the field. One thing we have seen during our time here is that, for the missionary on the field, everything is “magnified.” Since coming to Palau, we have encountered great good and great evil, great healing and great heartache, great sin, but also great surrender. However, a truth that has also been “magnified” in our eyes is the that of Romans 5:20, *“Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.”* Yes, we are in a place where evil is greatly “magnified,” but we have found that, even through this, our Lord is magnified more.

A couple of weeks ago, I was attending the birthday party of one of our members when a man approached me, literally asking me to show him how to be saved. Upon speaking with him, I learned that he had been heavily burdened for his soul for several weeks.

This man was very aware of his sinful state and had no peace about his eternal destination. Because he came from a strong Catholic background, one of the first verses I took him to was Luke 1:47 (above), where Mary reveals her sinful state by expressing her own need of a Savior.

When I saw that he readily accepted this clear revelation from Scripture, I proceeded to John 14:6 to reveal the True and Only Way he would ever be freed from the crushing guilt he had expressed. I then led him to Luke 23, where the thief on the cross was promised a place in Paradise, though he would never be able to do any of the works prescribed by the heresies of the world. Finally, following the signposts along the Romans Road, we reached “decision time,” and it was clear to me that another soul was about to be led into the family of God.

However, just as he was about to reach out for the grace being offered him, a strange thing happened, and I knew something was very wrong. The man started looking around wildly, desperately searching for a drink from cups that had been already emptied of water, gasping for air and repeating, *“I cannot breathe! I cannot breathe!”* I asked if this had ever happened to him before, and he replied with a surprised and definite *“No!”*

Being uncertain of the cause at the time, I sought medical assistance from the two nurses in our church, and the man was rushed to the hospital to be released that night. *(continued)*

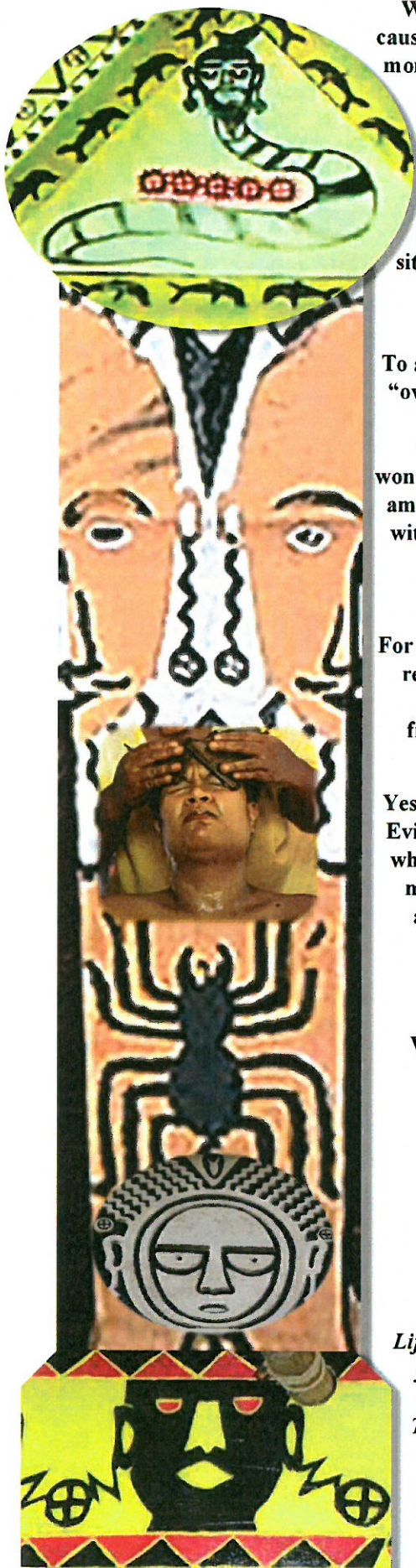
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To anyone who knows the One Who has already “overcome the world,” it should be no surprise that the King of Glory, the Lord “mighty in battle” (*Psalms 24:8*) won a great victory over the forces of darkness. I am pleased to report that through a connection with a coworker of his that has been attending our church, I was able to re-establish contact with him and lead him to faith in the One Who conquers every foe! For a moment, when seeing the look of relief and release on his face after having accepted the Saviour, *Psalms 118:23* crowded all else from my mind: “*This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.*”

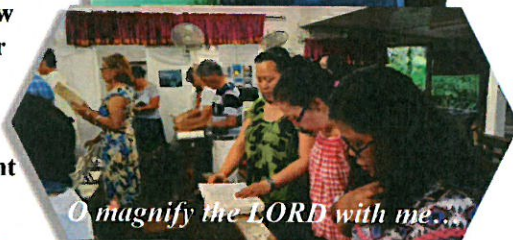
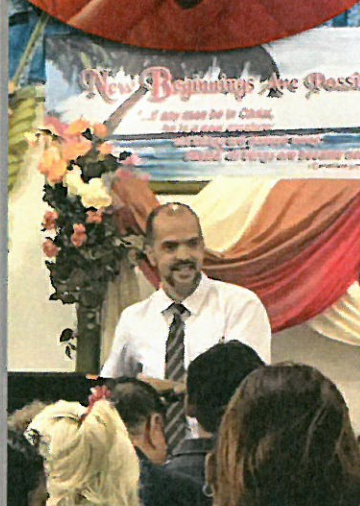
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We want to thank you all for your fervent prayers and faithful support—especially during the tumultuous times that YOU all are facing. Thank you for remembering that when evil is “magnified,” the King of Glory, born in a manger and magnified by the Father will magnify Himself in you!

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah. (Psalms 24:9-10)

In Christ,

The Smith Families



~~I'll be home for Christmas...~~

I'm finally

My brothers and I spent all day together digging up this root behind the church building (There is such joy in serving Jesus!). I didn't notice its shape until I saw the photo! (1)

Palau is a land of many nations, and the people of these nations come for many different reasons. Some are here to escape something in their past or their home country. Still others have come searching for they know not what.



"ONE Lord, ONE faith, ONE baptism."
Ephesians 4:5

Christmas 2019




We are so blessed to be called to introduce each of them to The One Who can be ALL they seek—their refuge and their sufficiency, their peace and their joy. Please pray for these who have found Him, that they grow strong in the faith, and that their sound may go out "into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world" (Rom. 10:18) preaching The One, The Way, The Christ—not only of Christmas, but of the Cross.

Thank you for your part in reaching the world for Him!



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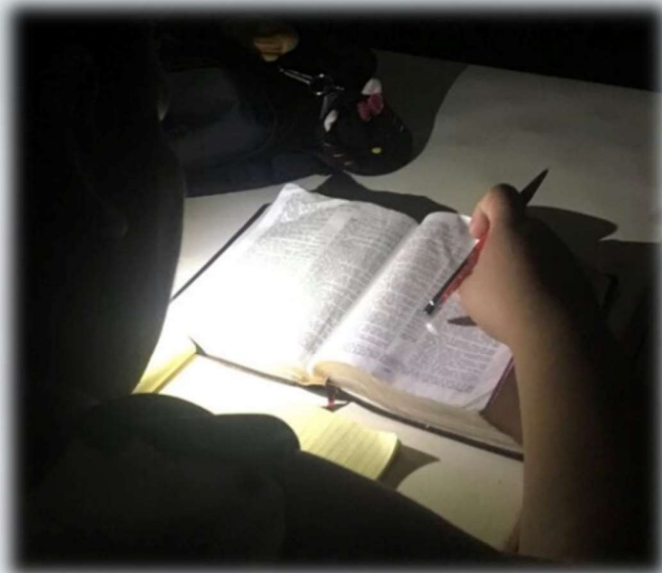
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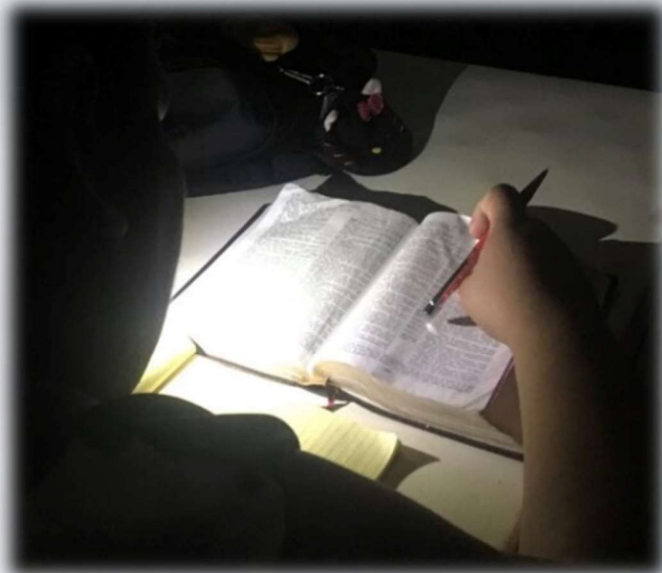


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Spring 2019

Saying Our Goodbyes

**Getting their
passports!**

*Last-minute
checkups!*

**Thank you for your prayers
as we fly out on May 14th!**

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Fall 2018



“...but He knoweth the way that I take...” (Job 23:10)

THE PERFECT PLACE:

Just over seven years ago, a very different “me” found out that the company I was working for was leaving the state—and wasn’t taking any of us with it! It was a great job—an answer to prayer, in fact! I simply could not conceive why the Lord, Who so clearly gave me the position, would so quickly pull it away. However, it was during this time that the Lord brought home to me the significance of that very thought: “I cannot conceive” the reason. In this, He opened my mind to the truth that our inability to *conceive* His reasons means, simply, that His reasons are *inconceivably greater* than our minds can ever hope to imagine (Is. 55:8-9).

With this realization, I decided to cast my cares—and myself—upon Him as never before. Soon, the burden was lifted. No, there was no decent job prospect, but I *knew*, because of His Word, that He had something great in mind. It was at a church service during the final days of my job’s existence that a fellow member tapped me on the shoulder and said, “Hey, do you need a job?”

From there, it wasn’t long before I was face-to-face with my new boss, Bob Schmidt. As the Lord would have it, I came to find Bob a fantastic boss, a faithful Christian, and now still a close friend. Little did I “conceive” that the Lord, long before my call to missions, had specifically placed me under a man who, for years, had been helping missionaries find phenomenally-priced tickets to their fields.

That’s right! Bob and his wife are also travel agents...specializing in mission work...specializing in the specific area of the world to which the Lord was planning to call us (Who’d a thunk it?!). As we’ve mentioned before, round-trip tickets to Palau (a requirement for foreigners in almost every circumstance) can be prohibitively expensive. However, with their special access as travel agents and passion for missions, the Schmidts found they could save us *thousands* of dollars on tickets if we left in May of 2019.

**Because of these mighty workings, we are pleased to announce
that *tickets have been purchased for our*
OFFICIAL DEPARTURE DATE**

**on
May 14, 2019!**

THE PERFECT TIME:

Along with the Lord’s working in the *price* of our tickets, the *timing* of the departure was also His perfect plan. As many of you know, we have two girls going with us to the field. Now, I’m sure they’ll be a great help in the ministry, but it seems He also knew that I would need some help with those really “manly” projects. Yep! Due at the beginning of February is the first Smith baby **BOY!** (I already have a pull-up bar, a set of dumbbells, a teeny-tiny personalized baby-blue machete...Just kidding. I couldn’t find it in blue). The dates of the birth and the time of departure “work together for good” to allow us a chance to have the baby, get in a couple of months of recovery, get our affairs in order, and fly off to “no-man’s land!”

We are so grateful for the many opportunities God has given us to serve Him on deputation in these last few months—from preaching and working at youth and junior camps, to visiting many churches, adding support, and most importantly, seeing many souls saved. We marvel that, if we are genuinely striving to do His will, He guides even our faltering steps into His perfect path. In His steps, we have seen Him turn sorrows into joys, stumbling blocks into stepping stones, and seemingly monumental obstacles into monuments to His grace.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Schmidt".

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Dear Praying Friends,

85.7% That's what came out in my last calculation of our support level. That's also the reason we're currently in negotiations for an apartment in Palau and continuing to keep an eagle eye on ticket prices for the off season at the end of this year. Thank you to all who have given to our growing startup fund! We want you to know how grateful we are for all of you who have so faithfully fulfilled the "law of Christ" in bearing our burdens – financially and spiritually – so we could reach this point. Because of you, we have available to us a great portion of what is needed to begin our opening salvo upon the strongholds of Satan.

We know that you bear our burdens because you *share* our burden for those who have never heard the glorious truth to which we have been privileged. Our ministry is *your* ministry, our fruit your fruit, our reward yours for the labor, sacrifice, and prayer that you put forth for our common cause with Christ.

Brethren, we have come far together, but there is yet far to go – not only in miles, but in the necessities required to begin the work. To those churches or individuals whom the Lord is moving to contribute to the work, remember that you don't have to be a foreign missionary to step out for Him!

Speaking of stepping out, in our last letter, I alluded to the story in Matthew 14 of Peter walking on the water. Since then, I've been pondering that passage quite a bit. I believe many are afraid of "stepping out" of their comfort zone (or as some would call it, "sanity") for fear that they will be just like Peter. They are afraid that they will begin with all their current enthusiasm, then take their eyes off the Lord and sink straight to the bottom. What they fail to remember is that Peter *didn't* sink straight to the bottom! In that moment, he did the most natural thing a drowning man can do. He cried out for help from the closest available source: "Lord, save me!" In that moment, he embodied the plight of the man after God's own heart: "This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles." (Psa. 34:6) In that moment, he was a picture of *every* flesh-and-blood, sinner-saved-by-grace servant of God who steps out for Him. In that moment, though all wet, embarrassed, choking and sputtering, and yes, admonished to do better next time, Peter was right where he wanted to be: in the arms of the One Who would die for him.

To channel Hudson Taylor, let us not put faith in *our* faith, but trust the *Faithful One*, of Whom it is written, "If we believe not, yet He abideth faithful: He cannot deny Himself." (II Tim. 2:13) He cares more about you, your ministry, and your family than you ever could. In those moments, He will not only bear your burdens as you have borne ours, but He will bear *you* up in His everlasting arms.

In Christ,



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From the Pen of a Missionary's Wife:

This year, our firstborn daughter's birthday falls on Father's Day. Five years ago, after I had labored on her due date through Father's Day and then lost her, I asked CD if the day was now ruined for him. He said, "No, because that day, Claire-Elise made me a Father." And as you've seen on our video and our website, almost exactly a year to that day, God brought us our Joy in the Morning, Felicity Dawn. Then, almost in a Job-like blessing, He brought us Ophelia Grace exactly two years after that.

Our journey as missionaries has been a series of ups and downs, mountains and valleys. God has been gracious in our human falterings, especially when we have had times of little faith.

With our background in performing, both CD and I have known the "high" that comes after a play or recital, and we have often experienced the very low "low" that comes after it. We never understood why, after great success, we could be so depressed. It reminds me of all the great things God did for the children of Israel. The next moment, they had forgotten. But it's true for us as well—a sudden turn of events often make it easy to forget all God has just done for us.

Remember how God showed Elijah a great victory on the mountain top with the prophets of Baal? But in chapter 19, we find Elijah fearful, running scared, exhausted, and depressed.

My favorite part, though, is where the angel wakes him, feeds him, lets him sleep again, then wakes him again and feeds him.

Before that low makes you feel like quitting, remember that as exciting as being on a mountain can be, it also takes a lot of energy and can sap you of your strength. It probably means you're tired, discouraged, or overwhelmed.

Keep in mind that it was AFTER Elijah had rested and nourished his physical body, God showed Himself in the "still small voice." This time it wasn't in the big show of power that had tired and overwhelmed him. It was as if God was saying "I can show you Myself in the quiet times too—not just the big dramatic moments. How about in the intimate times?"

This makes me cry out to God to help me not to be as the Israelites in Psalm 106, forgetting His goodness in the very next moment. I want the lows to bring me closer to hearing His "still small voice." I want God to help me to take a moment to rest and be refreshed by the remembrance of His goodness to me!

Beloved, I pray this for you as well!

