

MISSION: MICRONESIA

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Justin is here, showing a nice tuna taken to help feed our guests who are arriving in January to work with us here on the ship.

Ship's Log: End of the year

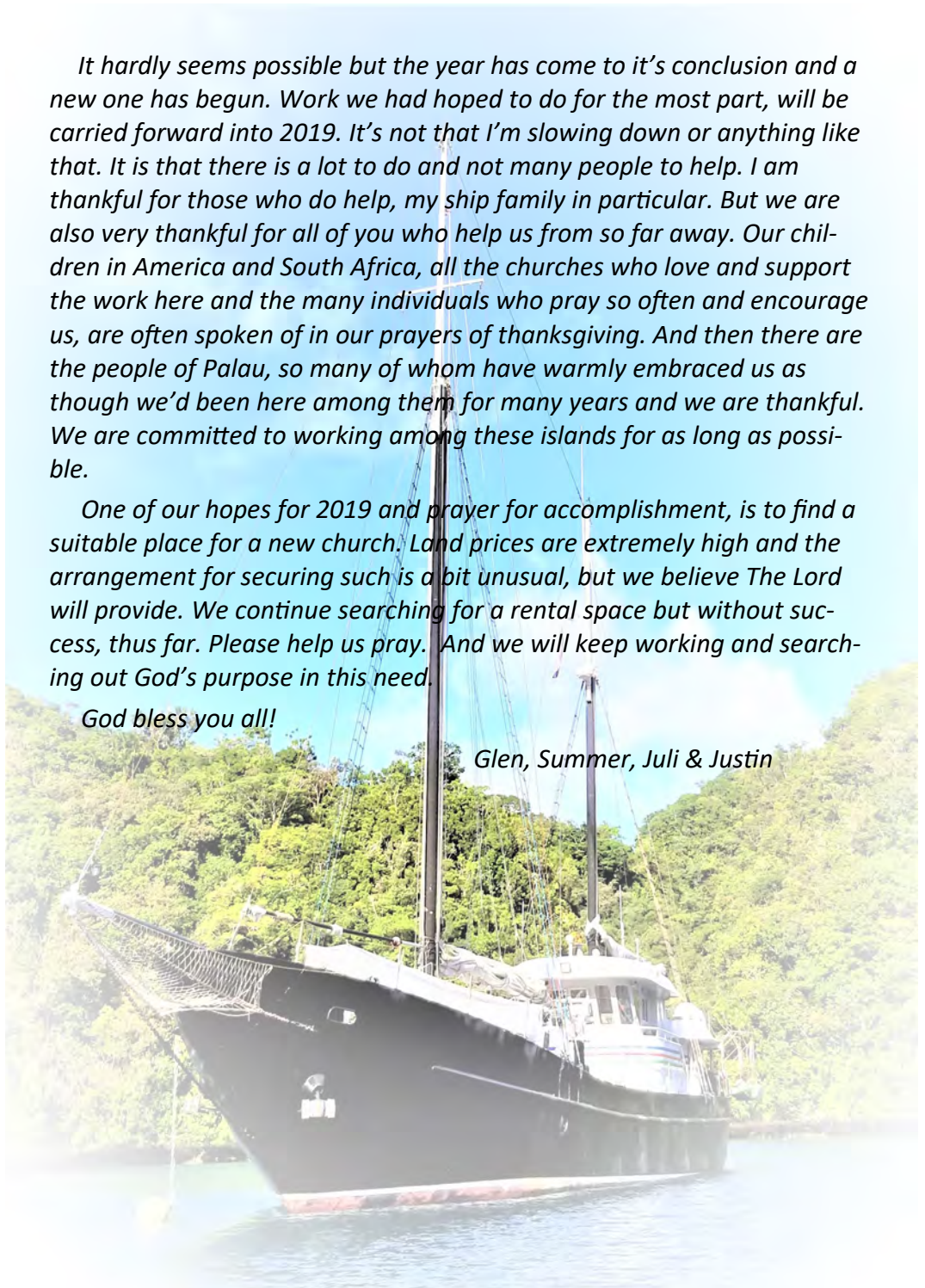
Glen Knight

It hardly seems possible but the year has come to it's conclusion and a new one has begun. Work we had hoped to do for the most part, will be carried forward into 2019. It's not that I'm slowing down or anything like that. It is that there is a lot to do and not many people to help. I am thankful for those who do help, my ship family in particular. But we are also very thankful for all of you who help us from so far away. Our children in America and South Africa, all the churches who love and support the work here and the many individuals who pray so often and encourage us, are often spoken of in our prayers of thanksgiving. And then there are the people of Palau, so many of whom have warmly embraced us as though we'd been here among them for many years and we are thankful. We are committed to working among these islands for as long as possible.

One of our hopes for 2019 and prayer for accomplishment, is to find a suitable place for a new church. Land prices are extremely high and the arrangement for securing such is a bit unusual, but we believe The Lord will provide. We continue searching for a rental space but without success, thus far. Please help us pray. And we will keep working and searching out God's purpose in this need.

God bless you all!

Glen, Summer, Juli & Justin





This precious little one is so happy with her new doll and some clothing and a blanket. It's always good to remember other children when wondering what to do with something your kids have outgrown or discarded for some reason.

"This boy is my son and I am teaching him to fish...that's the way, you know."



This is one of our many friends here in Koror. His bicycle is his means of transportation, no matter the heat or the rain. I'm glad we were able to share some things with him, including the Bible!

Christmas in Koror...

One of our favorite places in Koror is Long Island Park where we often go with our out-reach truck to give Bibles and other supplies needed among the people who come to the park to relax. The Sunday after Christmas, we rented the "summer house" in the park for the day and had a great fellowship time with those who came. The photo shows one of the young Rangers who came to help us!



Many Filipinos live and work in Palau. Here in the photo to the left is a father and one of his children. Together with his wife and another child, a baby, they joined our Sunday prayer and Bible devotional time, meeting in one of the houses of our friends in Koror. It is good to work among the Filipinos here because of our familiarity with their homeland, which I consider my adopted home as well. Some are even from Davao City!

Look at this father in the photo to the right. He is a proud father, teaching his son to do the only thing he really knows how to do—fish. "This boy is my son and I am teaching him to fish so he can help me feed our family. That's the way, you know." But Isak isn't well. Age has left him stooped and tired. His son, Bae is only 6 but already he braves the depths of our inner reefs here in Palau with his fishing spear, harvesting the parrot and rabbit fish so commonly favored. When you pray, please pray for this family. Today, we gave them a Bible, showed them the place where we would read by the page number, and shared a simple message and prayer.



These children are holding their Bible story books, a toy and a blanket each and are wearing new flop flops. Thanks to so many of you who have given things like these, we are able to pass them on to kids in need. To use military language, we're the boots on the ground full time and see first hand, the extent of poverty and spiritual need among the islanders. Behind the beautiful smiles so often portrayed in our photos, there are broken hearts and so many sad lives. People here struggle to live and parents always hope for better things for their little ones.

"He smiled slightly, looking up at me. I must have seemed as a giant to him. Or perhaps in a way, I seemed more to be a mystery—so he touched my hand." —glen knight

Ship's maintenance...

The long-awaited work on the electric power generators in the ship's engine room is nearing completion. This project has been difficult and costly. Shown in the photo to the right is the Airman 25KW set we bought earlier in the year in the Philippines. It is a second-hand unit but is very strong and will soon be used exclusively to power the ship's anchor windlass. Otherwise, it will be a standby, back-up unit for the ship.



The new generator, also now in the engine room is a brand new Power Tech unit, purchased back in the summer and shipped here from the United States. This is a 20KW unit which will become the primary electricity generator for the ship. I am relieved to have this unit in service soon, since for over two years, we've battled to keep the old gensets operational. It is a tremendous blessing to have these!

Finally, the new crane we purchased while in the States back in the summer, is in its place on the portside of the ship. Our mounting base is a modification of the one where our jib crane was mounted before. This crane is a great work-saver and makes lifting and moving heavy things on and off the ship, much safer. This, in addition to our EAGLE ATVC will enhance our work in so very many ways.



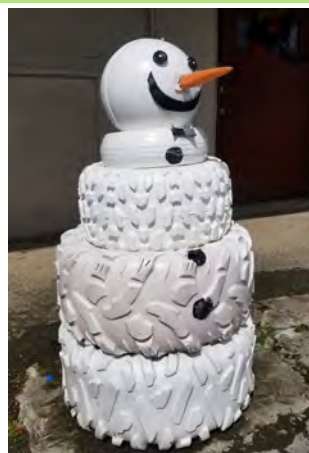
During one of the Christmas parties, this young man received a copy of the Bible in English and his native, Tagalog languages. This parallel Bible will make his studies much easier and affective.

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Christmas Decorations!



Christmas in Palau is different. For one thing, it's hot. Another thing is that decorations are made of all kinds of repurposed materials, like these tires painted and set up in front of one of the government offices in Koror. Our celebration here this year was spent among people in need. Our gifts were simple and practical and given widely among the islanders.



"Things long considered important by most at Christmas time are constantly reevaluated in view of real need among those who have no luxury and no aspiration for anything more than a shelter and food and health—enough to survive." —Memoirs of a Missionary, gk



A mother and her little girl enjoying bubbles and a stuffed toy from our time in their area during Christmas.

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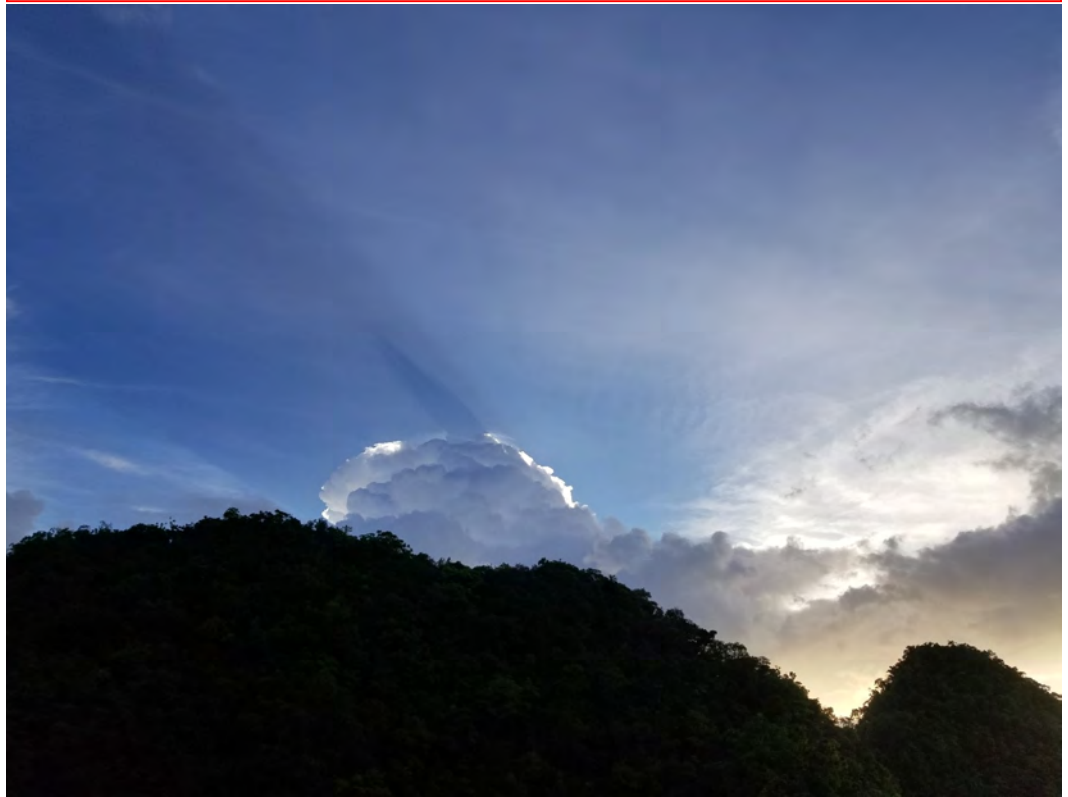
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Our friend at the Palau Shipping Agency, is showing his fancy, island-style ink pen, adorned with the tail feathers of a jungle fowl.

...Reaching people on the edge!



Early morning in the islands holds a beauty all its own at sunrise!

Closing thoughts... Carrying on

Glen Knight

When work has become a burden and the hours and days have become long and age creeps up so that one looks back to realize how many years have passed, it is sometimes difficult to imagine carrying on. Then something wonderful happens. It will come at just the right time and will have the power to energize a weary heart, mind, feet and hands. And this time, it came not just in the gentle smile of a child, but in her kind gesture of plucking fruit from a nearby tree. One orange was for herself on this hot, humid day. The other one was for me. Its citrus aroma, crisp and clean smelling, for the moment lifted my spirits and made me think—yes, she and others like her are the reasons we are here. And we will carry on.



"Heaven holds the unfading records of good that is done. It is not for us to worry that such will be forgotten or that what we have done may be overshadowed by what others have. Each is an individual. And God sees, accordingly." -gk