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Many wonderful gifts have come from people all across the USA! This is a box of books, very special and the note attached makes us smile! Thank you all for your contributions. The summer of 2018 is history. We arrived stateside just as it began in June and now, it has come to an end and fall weather is welcomed by most of us all. But as we knew, the arrival of autumn would mean our departure for the islands once again where it is perpetual summertime. Winter will arrive in the US and then spring, summer and once again, fall and so the cycle will carry on over the months ahead while we man the ship and navigate among the islands of the western Pacific ocean. As The Almighty permits, we will return to the Mainland in 2020—that's an amazing prospect!

Throughout the four months just ended, we have enjoyed traveling among our supporting churches. I wish we had had time to see you all but our period back here was too short. We will make our best effort next time around to see others of you, but our **absence** from among you is not an indication of ungratefulness. The fact **is, we know** very well that we couldn't have worked on mission for so **long without** your help. And the future of the work depends in large **measure** on your continued partnership.

We are facing now the greatest opportunity for missionary work in my career in foreign ministry. My ship family and I are fully persuaded of God's leadership. As we consider the things He has made ready to our hands, the overwhelming feeling is that we have not even imagined all that is ahead in the work. We are convinced that God alone knows the destinations lying on the horizon and in view of those, He has equipped us for the job we have to do. An example of this is in the number of Bibles that have been given and shipped to our home port. Thanks to Pastor Rick McVeigh and Rose Lawn MBC, Tulsa, OK and to Pastor W.A. Dillard, FISH Ministry, we now have over 25,000 copies of OT/NT Bibles, NT Bibles and John/Romans paperbacks to place among the islanders. May God give us souls for the work ahead!

With your help, we have been able to fund our special projects this summer and to purchase additional equipment needed aboard the ship for the work at sea and among the islands. **This ministry is specialized and is among the most unique in the world**. We need your ongoing prayer and financial support. The time is now for greater commitment. We will carry on faithfully and courageously and in love—

Reaching People on the Edge! Glen, Summer, Justin & Juli



We have absolutely loved interacting with the children through the summer. I often pray The Lord will use some of them in mission work one of these days.

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Our little "missionary monkeys" Yani and Bongo are a great hit among the children of our supporting churches here in the United States! These two girls are among the many kiddos who have enjoyed hearing about the children in Micronesia. South Crossett MBC, Crossett, AR.

On the road...among the churches

The kids and young adults in the photo to the right are from Mission Home MBC in Wewoka, OK . It was again our joy to visit the church and share the blessings of The Lord among them in September. Watch for some good things coming out of this church very soon...they're getting some really good training!





We visited South Crossett MBC in Crossett, AR during September on a Wednesday evening. I was amazed at the number of children present for their youth program that night. Here is another example of a church that is taking care to teach the kids about Christian living and service to their community and around the world. I am very encouraged in what we have seen among several churches this summer.

A very important aspect of life on the ship in the middle of the ocean, is electricity. In our case, we generate power by use of solar panels, wind turbines and conventional generators. The photo here shows three new 360 watt solar panels for installation on the ship. These will be paired with eight new, deep cycle solar batteries, making a total of five panels and sixteen batteries we have onboard. Additionally, we have lately purchased two more wind turbine generators which will make three altogether for the vessel. With the extremely high cost of diesel fuel in such a remote location, all the advantage we can gain by using the sun and the wind will be a welcomed asset to the work! Pictured here also is Joel Campbell.



The photo to the right shows our new Power Tech generator, recently purchased in Tyler, TX. This is a 20kw diesel generator that is rated for continual use, which is just what is needed on RIM Nativa. It will replace the second-hand 25kw Denyo unit that recently failed. This Power Tech is top of the line equipment that will serve the ship well into the future and reduce my anxiety!



"I didn't commit myself to a work that is easy. It wasn't a prerequisite either that all necessary training be undertaken before launching headlong into the effort. The fact is that most of the time, training is hands-on and any journey made in the service of The Lord is by faith. And I have learned to ask for big things. It seems to me a parody to say we trust in The Almighty and content ourselves with small accomplishment. I would that this message and example, if no other, be what is left behind for others to see and to know and perhaps—to follow." —Memoirs of a Missionary, G. Knight

Container Shipment 2018

I cannot express to the fullest measure desired, the appreciation I have for Pastor Joey Meredith, his grandson, Joel Campbell, Calvary MBC of Hamburg, AR and all those of you who support the ministry of Worldwide Literature and Missionary Supply. Through all our years on mission in the western Pacific, this ministry has stood by us, aiding in gathering and shipping supplies needed among the thousands of people in our ministry domain. Thank you all...we love you!



The Auto Crane is a first-class, fully articulated electric/hydraulic crane which we lately purchased and shipped to the islands. This will be the starboard forward deck crane for lifting heavy loads onto and off of the ship. It extends to 14', raises to 90 degrees and rotates 360 degrees, allowing us great flexibility and safe working.



The boat is 23' long and nearly 8' wide. It can accommodate a payload of 2,000 pounds. Its forward ramps make it a truly unique and versatile boat. We are equipping it with all navigation and communication devices possible. It is powered by a Mercury Pro XS 115 hp outboard. Many thanks go to all of you who have given to help us complete this project!



The three instruments I hold in my hands here are the convex, linear and endocavity probes of a full-color ultrasound unit that was recently purchase. This is being added to the equipment of our "LEAF"...Lightweight Emergency Aid Facility. We are happy with this addition to our RIM medical work!



Our major project for 2018 is the service boat pictured in the photos left and below. This is the beautiful EAGLE ATVC that is being finished now at Mikuni Marine Industries in the Subic Freeport area of Bataan, Philippines. Our good friend, Alan Kim and I collaborated on the design of this special boat. The engineering and construction are by the professional staff of Mikuni Marine.





This modular, two-wheel trailer is a special design by our USA based co-laborer in missions, Jerry Hardman, Fordyce, AR. It is making it's way to Micronesia now for use behind our Honda ATV, hauling loads of supplies.

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The doors close on another load of supplies as the truck pulls away from the Hamburg, AR warehouse. This container is a one-way unit that we will keep for storage in Koror.

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In September, we laid our great Aunt Mary Dee Jones to rest in Tennessee. She was five weeks short of 104 years old.



Early morning on our Tennessee family farm near Nashville, this photo was taken in September just as cooler weather began arriving in the hills. This is the place of my boyhood and as one would imagine, holds many memories of our years passed. My mom, Betty Stofel and step-father Bill live here with other of our relatives. It is an area that is dear to my heart and so very far from our ministry domain. The summer has been blessed as we've had several opportunities to return and relax with our loved ones.

Closing thoughts...For the Onward Journey

Glen Knight

Tools are needed for the journey of life. Depending of course, on the tasks at hand and the opportunities we are given for accomplishment, we need proper tools. In our case, the tools are specialized such as in the photo to the right. This is a book of sailing directions—one of three in a set I recently purchased. This shows complete information on The Pacific Islands. The other two show Borneo, Java and Sulawesi in one volume and New Guinea, the Bismarck Sea and the Solomon Islands in the other. We have also lately purchased additional software for our two electronic chart plotters as well as the navigational tools for manually charting our courses on the large sea charts in our ship's library. We are working big waters now into which only The Lord knows the destinations. The onward journey is exciting!



"How far do you go when you voyage? ", he asked. To which I replied, "Often, we sail, not for hours, but for days on end. The ocean is big and the islands are far. And the people who await are precious. It is a journey worth taking and from which, one doesn't look back." —gk