

## MISSION: MICRONESIA

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Bicycles for Tobi Island can be seen in this photo, stored inside one of our container units here in Koror. These will be loaded onto the ship in one month as we'll be outbound for the distant islands and the kids, waiting!

### Ship's Log: Voyaging Season

Glen Knight

*Weather determines the best time for sailing out here in the western Pacific. Naturally, with an engine, we can navigate most any time of the year, however, with the onset of typhoon season, it's best to be close to a sheltered port. We have now entered the optimal time for navigating southward toward the Equator, reaching for the Hatohobei Islands, our chosen area of June and July ministry.*

*On May 13, we will welcome the first four of our summer missionary interns for a three month stint. They are James Houser of Oklahoma, Demario Riley of Louisiana and from Arkansas, Madison Tate and Will Cheshire. There is a good possibility that our missionary helper, Malachi Davis, will remain for the summer, delaying his return to the mainland until the fall.*

*Thank you all who gave funds to purchase the new bicycles for Tobi Island, (photo in side-bar). Sufficient funds were given to pay for these 13 bikes, plus several smaller tricycles and ten ukuleles for use on the distant islands.*

*The period of time, May through August is looking really good for the work. We are overjoyed at the prospects on our horizon and are anticipating great results! Thanks so much for your prayers and support. God bless you all!*

*Glen, Summer, Juli & Justin*

Photo: Justin Shaw





Our friend and helper, Mahlo plays and sings very well, adding a great deal to our outreach ministry. We're thankful for him!

*"...English is the preferred language and the kids will make good use of every book!"*



The young woman here has lately joined our RIM-HORIZONS fellowship in Koror. She is Val and her four year old daughter is Yalla.

## Palau outreach in March

March proved to be a good month with two outreach projects on Babeldaob Island. The first was in Ngiwal where we had been once before during the past year. It was good to see many of our friends again. The other was in Ngchesar, a new area for our projects. Pictured to the right is the set up for Ngchesar. Seventy-plus people came for the Sunday afternoon activity and many of them received much needed items and of course, new Bibles for all.



The little boy in the photo to the left was so amazed at the children's books. He is only five years old but already has a great interest in reading, according to his grandpa. We were able to give him several books, including a nice Bible Story Book for Children.

Many times, we have books like these which our children have outgrown and we have no further use for them. Although some are keepsakes, many others are packed away in boxes, stored and forgotten. And some are even discarded with trash. Why not send them to places like ours? English is the preferred language and the kids will make good use of every book!

The photo to the right is of the meeting house in Ngiwal where we have our outreach gatherings. It's a good place along the western shore of the island. The people are extremely nice and grateful for our coming. This is the second time we have been here. We are so thankful for our friend and helper in ministry, Gustav Ngotel who is the "Obak" (Chief) of Ngiwal. He is a key to success in this state and a God-send to our work.



Wait a few days and see how this place will look! It is one of the meeting rooms for REMOTE ISLAND MINISTRIES HORIZONS, a benevolent gospel fellowship for indigent islanders. This one is located in Koror. Others will soon be situated among the outlying islands of Palau and western Micronesia. These truly are "People on the Edge" and we intend to reach them as we find them.

*"What do you see when you look at others? Or do you really look? All too often, because there are too many differences, the choice may be to look away. But there is one great similarity that should cause us to see —humanity."*



## It's hard work...

Those who have one will tell you that boats are difficult and expensive to maintain. And when the boat is a ship, the difficulty and cost factors increase substantially. The need for new and longer anchor chains has been on my list for two years. We are working deeper waters with strong currents here in Micronesia which necessitate improved ground tackle. The photo here shows a pallet of new anchor chain, 300 feet in length. An additional two crates were also loaded on board giving us 600' of new chain for the anchors. In the photo are Malachi Davis and Tony Cierva, our crewmen, both of whom are strong, hard-working men. Justin and I were working dock-side with the crane doing the heavy lifting. Praise The Lord for good equipment!



Our big friend, Jeremiah from Maui, Hawaii is one of the security guards at the Port of Koror. He is also a prayer partner!



In early March we began surveying our sails to make ready for the voyaging that is about to commence among the Caroline Islands in June. I found that both the main and mizzen sails are worn and in need of replacing. Attempted repairs yielded no success. The photo at the left shows the mainsail hoisted to the top of the mast. It is unfit for use as is also the mizzen sail. We got nearly seven years of service from these two. The headsails are still in good shape and do not need replacing. I made the decision to order a new main and a new mizzen from the sailmaker in Asia. They should arrive by mid-May just in time for our trip to Palau's Southwest Islands.

The hard work and hot days and long ocean miles are worth every effort when we see response as with this little girl in the photo to the right. Her utter joy at seeing and being able to choose for herself, some "new" clothing, touched our hearts deeply. In a world where there are no stores such as Walmart or Target, an opportunity to look through a table full of toys, and clothing to find just the right fit and style, is hardly short of fantasy. This little lady selected a tee shirt, boots and a fancy tutu, made by Phyllis Houser of Wewoka, Oklahoma. Other ladies also have made these for the kids. Thanks!

We have a good supply of used clothing at the moment, thanks to many of you who have sent them. The time will come in months ahead for more. Please wait for our signal as to when we will consolidate another freight container.



Working the ship is serious business. It takes a lot of planning and preparation to load and unload necessary equipment and supplies. The days spent in port are usually very busy and rushed. Typically, we are given only 2-4 hours to get our work done and move away for other vessels to arrive. Bunkering fuel, and as in this case, loading heavy anchor chain while offloading some things for warehousing, took us nearly half a day.

*"None of us had the choice of ethnicity, nationality or status at birth. We were each born into what and where we are. Some considered, are blessed by most standards. But all are blessed by the standard that counts —God's grace.*

The photo shows the crane setting 1.5 tons of new anchor chain onboard the ship.



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A grandfather and his little boy pause for a photo during our outreach at Ngiwal on Babeldaob Island in March.

*...Reaching people on the edge!*



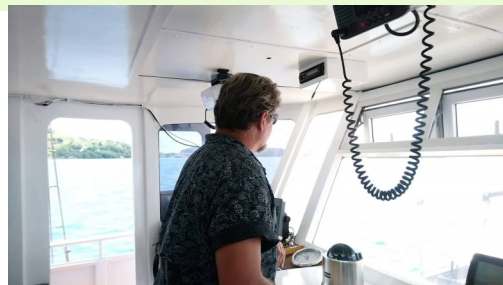
*A dugout, outrigger sailing canoe such as is common in the waters of Micronesia, sails past us on one of our latest outings. For these people to see a sailing ship like RIM Nativa, is a true fascination!*

### Closing thoughts... Navigating

Glen Knight

Reaching farther than ever before has required a great amount of ship's preparation. This effort has been ongoing since November of last year. With a lot of the work accomplished, the other side of making long voyages falls my lot. Praying through decisions of where to go, and

for how long and what to do while there, as well as making contingency plans should changes be necessary, are all a part of it. I cannot express well enough the appreciation I have for all of you who pray with and for us. The offerings you give as investments in eternity are making the difference in a lot of lives. Thank you so much. We will carry on out here. God bless you all!



*"Time passes too quickly and what was yesterday's activity soon becomes a part of the history that our lives write day after day. Soon, no doubt, other people will look upon the pages of that history. They will view successes and failures. They will see at last, the factors that moved us onward until the day was finished. And they will see whether or not we mustered well." —Memoirs of a Missionary, gk*