

# MISSION: MICRONESIA

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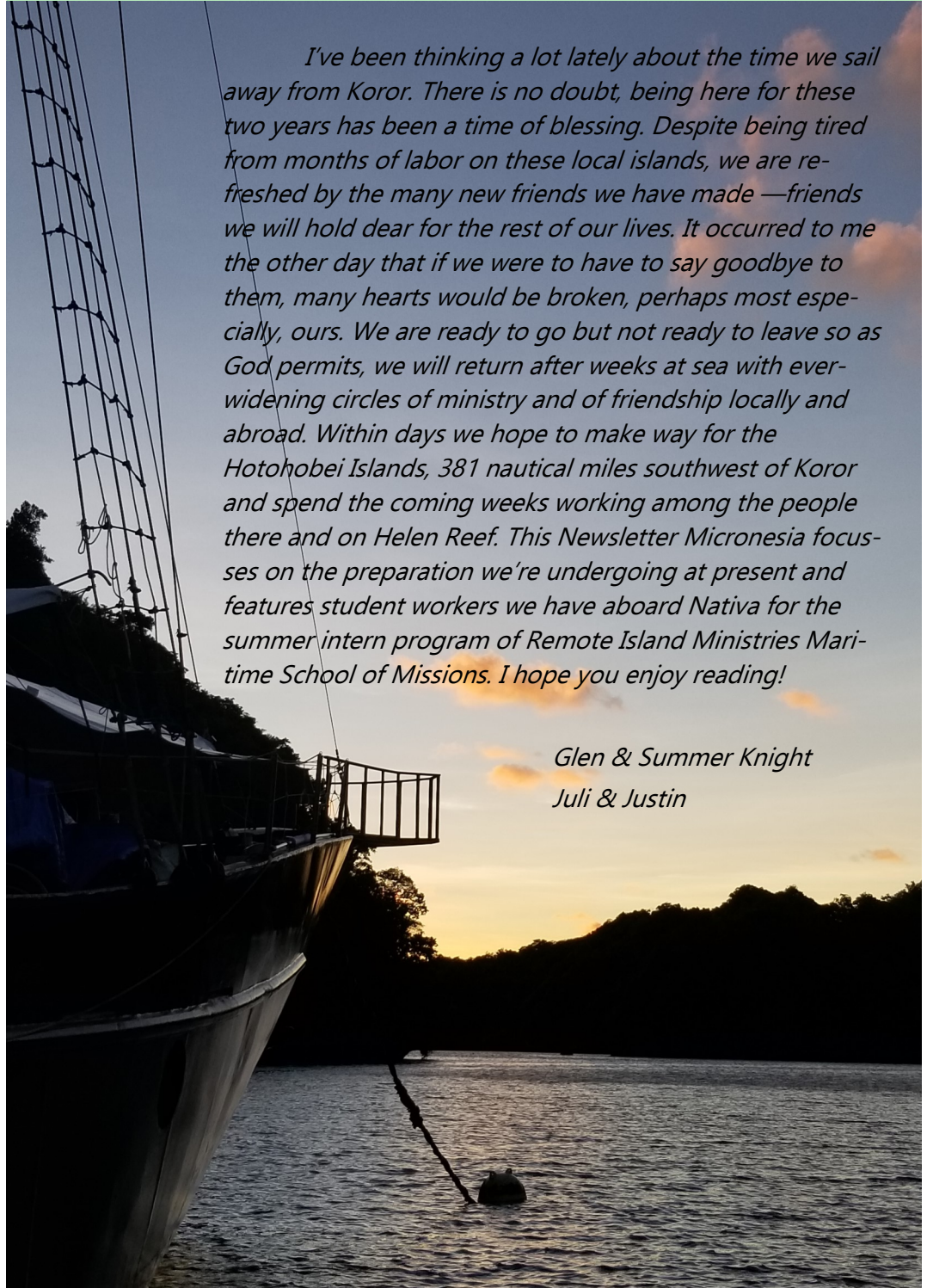
*Even Stanley, Yani, Bongo and our newest addition to the missionary monkey troop, Snuffy, not shown in the photo, are ready to set sail soon!*

## *Ship's Log: Laying A Course...*

*Glen Knight*

*I've been thinking a lot lately about the time we sail away from Koror. There is no doubt, being here for these two years has been a time of blessing. Despite being tired from months of labor on these local islands, we are refreshed by the many new friends we have made —friends we will hold dear for the rest of our lives. It occurred to me the other day that if we were to have to say goodbye to them, many hearts would be broken, perhaps most especially, ours. We are ready to go but not ready to leave so as God permits, we will return after weeks at sea with ever-widening circles of ministry and of friendship locally and abroad. Within days we hope to make way for the Hotohobei Islands, 381 nautical miles southwest of Koror and spend the coming weeks working among the people there and on Helen Reef. This Newsletter Micronesia focuses on the preparation we're undergoing at present and features student workers we have aboard Nativa for the summer intern program of Remote Island Ministries Maritime School of Missions. I hope you enjoy reading!*

*Glen & Summer Knight  
Juli & Justin*





Malachi Davis from Oklahoma finished his temporary work aboard *Nativa* on 17 May and returned to his home. While with us, he worked exceptionally hard and is commended for a job well done. I am pleased with this young man and pray God's best for him as he considers what lies ahead. We bid our brother and shipmate, Godspeed!

*"I am thankful for the strength these young men exhibit in our work."*



Our newest fleet member, the *EAGLE ATVC* is proving her merit as a service tender to *RIM Nativa*. The bright sun beat down upon us on this day while we marked the western cut of the Palau Channel.

## All hands on deck!

## MSM 2019

The Summer 2019 program of the Remote Island Ministries Maritime School of Missions has gotten underway! This is the very first of its kind in terms of summer mission work within our fellowship of churches and to say we're excited is an understatement! We welcomed aboard four students from the United States who will remain shipboard until the second week of August. They are: James Houser, Will Chesshir, Demario Riley and Madison Tate.



Pictured in the photo above, right, are also Justin Shaw and Malachi Davis. The summer program theme is simply, "HORIZONS." We believe this is the beginning of some very good things in reaching out to western Micronesia with the gospel from the missionary ship, *RIM Nativa*. Many thanks go to those of you who support these students!



I am thankful for the strength and stamina these young men exhibit in our work. From left to right, James, Demario and Will pose with our Outreach Ministry truck at Long Island Park where we hosted an all-day Sunday activity on the 19th. These three men as well as Madison, Juli and I distributed 300 invitations around Koror on Saturday. Many people responded and came to the park. It was a great day of evangelism!

Tents are invaluable in the type of ministry we conduct. We have three of them, one of which is being set up in the park in the photo to the right. This is one of the 20' x 20' tents and with it, we have 50 stacking chairs and our sound system. All of it together makes an extremely nice setting, usually very comfortable and not so hot for people to come and enjoy worship and activities.



During our Sunday activity in the park, several families like this father and his two children came to enjoy the singing, preaching, prayer times and games. The children flew kites, played baseball and tossed Frisbees while the adults either sat in the shade or played volleyball. Food was served, thanks to the standing crew of *Nativa*, Tony & Onie Cierva, Nancy Suringa and Malo & Lisa Paulis.

Aside from the Palauans who joined us, there were also Filipinos and three men from Japan. It was truly a wonderful day. We will do the same again soon!

*"One never knows the paths that will appear once eyes are open to every possibility. And wisdom from The Lord will make the difference between opportunism and opportunity—between selfishness and selflessness."* —Memoirs, gk

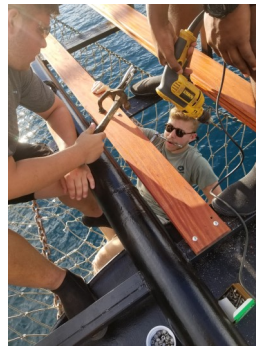
## Aspects of the work...



A part of the shipboard class time for our summer interns includes Palauan language instruction by our friend, Malo. Also, he is spending time teaching some praise songs and hymns in the Palauan language.

Our students are also undergoing an intense study of the Book of Acts under my direction, a course that closely compares to the seminary course I taught for a long time at Philippine Missionary Baptist Seminary in Davao City, Philippines. Other practical studies are planned once the students complete the present 38 lesson series in Acts. The interns will also be undergoing some cultural studies that will cover the area of the Western Caroline Islands. This is an unprecedented opportunity for them all!

Work on the ship in preparation for voyaging included building a bow pulpit for safety in working the headsails. With Malachi's help before his return home, we had already framed the steel structure for this pulpit and once the summer team arrived, we planed the rosewood lumber, trimmed it to necessary sizes and began drilling and bolting it into place. Shown in the photo to the right are James, with the hammer, Demario with the drill and underneath, our acrobat, Will, holding the planks. This work is superb. I am thankful for students, willing to learn and follow.



Our companion in labor, Malo Paulis is seen here playing his guitar and singing songs that would bless your heart if you could hear. Pray for Malo, Lisa and their son, Bo. They are special friends of ours here.

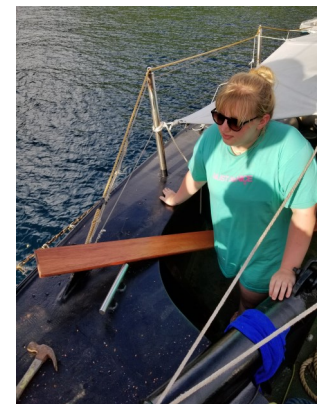


Other work which has involved all hands aboard the ship, is the superstructure painting. Shown at the left are our daughter, Juli and intern, Will, taping and masking the lower walls for the finish stripe at the base between the wall and deck.

This work is now done and the ship is looking very good again. More work on the her bulwarks will be done at a later time, once some of our voyaging is passed. We have to install the new anchor chains we've purchased for the ship and hopefully, this will be the last thing necessary to do for now.

Demario is proving himself to be a leader in getting physical work done aboard the ship. He and James have worked as a team to prepare the lumber for planking the pulpit. Soon, we will plane more of it to repair some of the decking of the ship. Here, with the other interns, Demario is taping and masking for painting.

Because mission work isn't all about spiritual matters, it's good for these students to see firsthand what other things are involved. In our case, it's ship's maintenance that never ends!



Madison Tate, pictured above, helps with the work on the bowsprit pulpit.

*"The Lord is leading, and we will follow. It's not that we have no choice, for in fact, we do have, but we choose to follow, willfully and courageously, depending on His guidance which we know by experience, simply does not fail." —Memoirs*

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Early morning navigating through the Palau Channel with the Eagle ATVC. Our work here was to mark the passage through the dangerous reefs out into the Philippine Sea.

*...Reaching people on the edge!*



*This unenhanced photo of a rainbow over Koror reminds us of the beauty of God's promise to Noah and to us. Our world is truly amazing. Our God, is more so!*

### Closing thoughts... Special People

Glen Knight

*Only a few people are special enough to be aboard ships at sea and to experience the wonder of ocean crossings. It is life changing to do so. But in our case, the life-change is not only ours but we pray, those also at the far end of the journey. And so we go. It isn't possible to know what awaits, as the ocean is fickle and often, contrary. But we trust in God, Who made the oceans and holds them in His hands. Every night we pray that He will also hold our ship. We trust His unfailing grace to do so.*



*By the time many of you read this newsletter, we will be at sea. We desire your prayers as we make this voyage and those that follow. We're thankful for so many of you who have made it possible by helping us prepare and by giving your offerings to meet the financial demand of such work. I look forward to reporting soon on the work!*

*"I looked and before me stood a young man, youthful in appearance, strong and eager to take on the world. But the sighting was only for a moment, for now before me I see a man, aged with the marks of life upon his face, his hands thinner and veined and boney about the fingers and knuckles.—but still a man nonetheless eager to take on the world."* —Memoirs of a Missionary, glen knight