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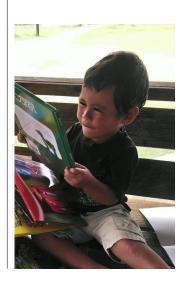
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## MISSION: MICRONESIA

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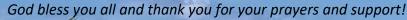


#### Ship's Log: Eastward Heading

—Glen Knight

The new year arrived out here with special challenges and opportunities and we pray to be able to face each with courage and necessary stamina. Work on the ship's maintenance is nearing an end at this writing as the sailing season is rapidly approaching. Plans are in place to work among the westernmost islands of Yap in Micronesia from mid-March into May. We look forward to this upcoming voyage during which we will be able to preach the gospel and share with the islanders such things as are needed among which are the mosquito nets and the copies of the Scriptures that have been reserved for them. Upon our return to Koror, we will have logged approximately 2,000 nautical miles over the two months of travel.

WE ARE PLANNING AT THIS TIME to attend the annual messenger assembly of the American Baptist Association this coming June. Our time back in the States this year will be extremely limited, however and visiting among many churches will not be possible. Please make plans to visit the exhibit of REMOTE ISLAND MINISTRIES during the meeting in Springfield, Missouri.





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Mosquito nets for men and their families on the distant and remote islands of Palau and Yap in Micronesia will help stave off the fevers that are caused by frequent mosquito bites. This is one of the most effective and safest ways of preventing the viruses. Each net is treated with a repellant that shields those sleeping inside it from the biting insects.

"We give these nets freely to all who need them together with a new Bible and a special message from RIM"



### RIM Mosquito Nets for 2020

The response to our plea for funds to purchase mosquito nets has been wonderful! Thank you all so much for aiding us in this effort. Those we purchased are like the ones in the photo to the right and are officially endorsed by the International Red Cross. This is an ongoing need through 2020 and will remain a project for your consideration in months ahead.





The photo at the left shows half of the shipment of mosquito nets received. The other half was already delivered to the ship. The total number of nets purchased was 1,000 with an additional 50 nets donated by the manufacturer. All these nets are designated for Micronesia and will be given during our upcoming voyage, each with a new Bible and special message from RIM.

These mosquito nets cost \$6.75 each which includes air freight from Bangkok, Thailand. They are effective in preventing dengue fever and malaria among the islanders of the western Pacific. Your donation will help us purchase more. We give them free of charge to the people who need them. Thank you so much for your love gift to "Mosquito Nets", Glen Knight, Remote Island Ministries, 8101 Thames Avenue, Texarkana, Texas 75503.

Our friend, Jesse is one of the school teachers on Tobi Island and is a leader among the people of the village. Our joy is to help him and the islanders with all that we can do and give and as often as possible. Many thanks go to the Governor and other leaders of Hatohobei who willingly facilitate our efforts among them.



"Nearing the island after more than three days voyaging, one first sees what appears to be a rise like a low hill of green on the horizon some twelve to fourteen miles out. Ocean movement of the Equatorial Counter Current at this latitude continues pushing the ship eastward and away from the island so it is with some effort that the course is kept drawing nearer to that rise. Only, one realizes soon that it is not a hill at all, but a single giant and ancient tree." —Approach to Tobi Island, GK

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#### Ministry Scenes... Palau's Southwest Islands

A trip to distant islands is always an opportunity for people to send supplies and even personal mail to their distant relatives. The boxes here beneath the shed as well as the sacks of cement and other building materials are things delivered down island from the Port of Koror. We are glad to render this service as it gives us the opportunity to minister to the folks.





The gift of God's Word is without question, the most valuable thing we have that can be passed along to the people on these islands. Here, a grandfather opens his new Bible while his precious grandson looks on. Thank you Pastor Rick McVeigh and Rose Lawn Baptist Church, Tulsa, OK for this Bible and many others like it. God bless!

Max gives us a big, strong smile as we arrived off his island. He has been a great helper in many ways and among them, catching and cooking huge land crabs for our food as well as harvesting coconuts to keep the ship well supplied in milk and "buco"...tender, young coconut scraped from the nut for cooking or eating raw. Like the other men, Max is also a good fisherman with a hand line or a spear. Pray for him and for us as we minister.





Our friend, David, one of the leaders on Tobi Island, shows his antique wood rasp files we shared with him recently. These files and many other very old and very good hand tools were given to us by our good friend Chester Ezell from one of my home towns, Lobelville, Tennessee. David is a carpenter and like most of the men on islands such as this one, hand tools are beneficial for building everything from houses to boats, dugout canoes to children's toys and kitchen utensils of all sorts. Thank you, Chester, for passing these along!

"Only The Almighty knows the future and where we will go and what we will do. But it is for us to imagine what can be and where. Prayer is the starting point. Vision is the essence of planning. Faith and wisdom are components of effort. And unrelenting commitment keeps us forging ahead. Dream. Imagine your possibilities. And in that, set a straight course for the glory of God. You will be amazed at what He does with you!"

—Memoirs of a Missionary, "To Students", Glen Knight



A young Palauan boy of Babeldaob Island pauses along the side of the road to meet us and receive a Bible Story Book.

"The gift of God's Word is without question, the most valuable thing..."



A lovely smile is the gift given by this Tobian teenager as we arrived on their island. There likely is never a warmer welcome!

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Sunrise over the Port of Koror and our boats, resting in preparation for the day. Praise The Lord for His goodness!

### ...Reaching people on the edge!



#### Closing thoughts... "Changing Tides"

We're accustomed to changes. We deal with them every day and like the tides that rise and fall on different hours of the days during any given month, changes are inevitable. So we quite literally, go with the flow.

One change that we've known would come for some time now is upon us and it concerns our ship kids, Juli and Justin. You can see them in the photo to the right, working one of the tenders on a day when we were moving the ship through the harbor channel.

Juli will turn 20 years old on March 1st. I cannot imagine how quickly she has grown into an adult. And Justin will be leaving us the day after, March 2nd with his wife, Natsuki as they move to Japan. Tides do change.



"It isn't hard to do something when it's what you want to do. But the difficulty of any task is compounded by lack of desire. There have been times when I simply didn't want to do a thing but had to do it because it was my job, but there still remained in me the thought of doing it right. The joy of working, however was absent. And when finished, I was left with the feeling of never wanting to do such a thing again. Irony has it, though that things I never wanted to do again, I have to repeat. So, working on the "want to" aspect becomes a thing of priority."

—Memoirs of a Missionary, "When Work Gets Hard", Glen Knight