

Remote Island Ministries

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Our Palauan friend, Peter, often sails with us to the outer islands he calls home.

Ship's Log: 2/57.43 N; 131/48.75 E

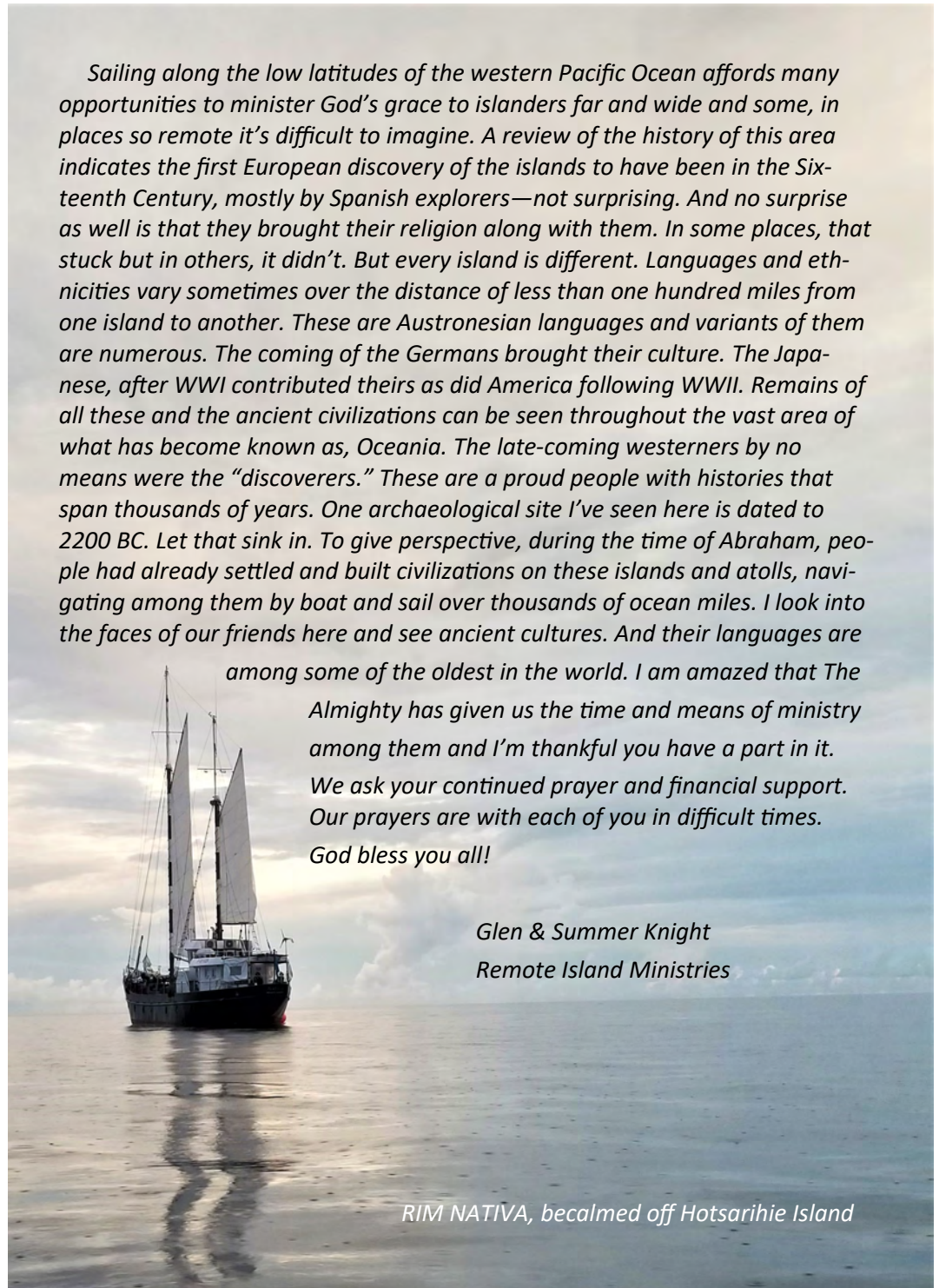
—Glen Knight

Sailing along the low latitudes of the western Pacific Ocean affords many opportunities to minister God's grace to islanders far and wide and some, in places so remote it's difficult to imagine. A review of the history of this area indicates the first European discovery of the islands to have been in the Sixteenth Century, mostly by Spanish explorers—not surprising. And no surprise as well is that they brought their religion along with them. In some places, that stuck but in others, it didn't. But every island is different. Languages and ethnicities vary sometimes over the distance of less than one hundred miles from one island to another. These are Austronesian languages and variants of them are numerous. The coming of the Germans brought their culture. The Japanese, after WWI contributed theirs as did America following WWII. Remains of all these and the ancient civilizations can be seen throughout the vast area of what has become known as, Oceania. The late-coming westerners by no means were the "discoverers." These are a proud people with histories that span thousands of years. One archaeological site I've seen here is dated to 2200 BC. Let that sink in. To give perspective, during the time of Abraham, people had already settled and built civilizations on these islands and atolls, navigating among them by boat and sail over thousands of ocean miles. I look into the faces of our friends here and see ancient cultures. And their languages are

among some of the oldest in the world. I am amazed that The Almighty has given us the time and means of ministry among them and I'm thankful you have a part in it. We ask your continued prayer and financial support. Our prayers are with each of you in difficult times. God bless you all!

Glen & Summer Knight
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RIM NATIVA, becalmed off Hotsarihie Island





These fuel drums belong to RIM NATIVA. They are used for bunkering the fuel needed for long journeys at sea. Our main tanks capacity is 1,000 gallons. These drums add 770 gallons for the long reaches.

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Our Tobian friend, David helping to offload the cargo at Tobi Island.

Voyage to Southwest Islands

On June 23, we came alongside the wharf in Koror to load fuel oil. The tanker you can see is pumping 1,500 gallons of diesel into our tanks and the drums situated on the deck. This is always an expensive aspect of our work. Fuel oil purchased at commercial rate presently, is \$4.32 per gallon. Our range with this amount of diesel and without the use of sails is approximately 1,200 nautical miles. Because of the cost, we usually go slowly!



Traveling down island gives us an opportunity to help the people in practical ways, one of which is the delivery of hardware, construction supplies, food staples, fuel and LPG. The photo to the left shows some of that being loaded at the wharf in Koror. We carried nearly 10 tons of supply on this voyage aside from our own fuel and water bunkers. Aside from these, there were eleven of the state employees and Rangers who hitched a ride to their destinations in the southwest islands of Tobi and Helen's Reef. These are facts of life for inter-island travel. The distance, round trip is just over 800 nautical miles and time to travel at sea is 48 hours on each leg. This is now our third voyage there.

Catching fish along the way on any voyage is not only a thing to do to pass the time, it's also necessary and every fish caught, usually goes on the grill! The photo to the right shows our crewman, Tony, cleaning a small yellow fin tuna, snagged on a long line. Of course, everyone was hoping for a really big one and yellow fins can go up to 1,000 pounds, but even this little guy made for some good eating! The ship's personnel made sashimi, very nice and fresh!



Our young crewman, Jhobert produced a Filipino delicacy that he and Tony made—kinilaw. Many of you have been with us in the PI in the past and have enjoyed eating this dish. It's best when made from the freshest fish, raw and prepared with ginger, onions, vinegar and I don't know what else! Shipboard life is special and unique. We count our blessings each day for such a lifestyle. But more than that, we're thankful for the opportunities we have to share Christ with others on remote islands of the western ocean.

"The darkness was thick all around. Nothing could be seen except for the distant lights that marked the end of one island, and then another and for fear of running aground on the reef shelf, I pulled back on the throttle allowing the ship to slow to a snail's pace. Steering away from what I feared was too shallow and farther offshore to the east, we spent the next four hours, zig-zagging, moving gradually closer to the channel that could only be navigated by sight. And we waited for the sun." —Memoirs of a Missionary, G. Knight

Ministry Scenes...June 2020

It was so good to finally stop over again at Tobi Island and see our many friends there. The photo to the right is of some of the children who came out to the ship to spend the afternoon with us. In the year since we've been able to return, they have grown so much. They are well dressed now and healthy. It makes us happy to see how well they're doing. God answers prayer!



It is always such a joy to have adults and children board the ship for a few hours, such as was the case in the photo to the left. Here, the children were climbing up the gangway, most with excitement but some with a bit of trepidation at being aboard such a large boat! The lesson on this day was "Jesus and the Four Thousand." They all listened intently to the story from the Bible and the application of the lesson in all our lives. I am thankful that the stories of God's love are so easily shared out here and hearts are eager to receive them.

We gave twelve mosquito nets for the families of the island and numerous other things that were gladly received. Among those things are Bibles placed in the hands of every child and adult on the island. We still have large stores of nets, Bibles and humanitarian aid supplies to be given as we continue to voyage among these islands.

The boys at the right are two of our little buddies from Hatohobei. They have both declared that one day, they will be crewmen aboard the missionary ship! Notice the soccer balls and sunglasses. I had three pairs of shades in the bridge. The boys asked if I'd share them to which I said, yes and then handed them each a pair. By mistake, one was my good sunglasses. Only when I reached for the last remaining pair, did I know it! That's fine. They're good crew!



Clothing sent from Bowie, MD is packed in these bags for distribution on Tobi Island.

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Our young, strong Palauan friend Mac Mac is shown in the photo below helping, as we offloaded supplies and building materials on his island. This is pure joy in his face to see such a bounty!



Our friend in Koror, Maximo, asked if we would help him deliver a very special gift to his children on Tobi Island—ice cream. Since we have two freezers onboard the ship, that was an easy task. The photo to the left shows one of his sons with a very big smile on his face at having such a rare treat. He commented that they never thought it possible that ice cream could travel all the way from Koror to Tobi. Little things so often taken for granted in most of our societies, are very special, given the circumstances of so many people in our world.



"What do you see when you see others? Do you see them as yourself or otherwise? Are the similarities and differences great or small? And does it actually matter? Is another person worthy of the investment of your life? If so, then you will have little difficulty sharing the very essence of who and what you are." —Memoirs

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Character and culture are etched into the faces of our Tobian friends. My heart smiles upon every thought of them!

...Reaching people on the edge!



"God's Window"

Sailing the open ocean affords the most spectacular views of Divine Glory. Here, see it!

Closing thought: Another year astern

The coming of July means I lay another year astern and embark upon a new one. They have passed altogether too quickly and seem now to do so more rapidly than before, but that's just fine with me! Thankfully, my health is still good and the challenge of living and working is still exciting to me. In fact, with broad horizons before and years of experience behind, I can think of nothing better to do than to carry on.

I'm twenty-six years into working out here in the western Pacific Ocean. Many of you have stood with me from the beginning in 1994. I am eternally grateful for your support and encouragement. I pray often for you and thank you for all you do for us and the work!



"Looking out from the bridge rail of the sailing ship and observing the approaches to the island, my mind wanders over the years of having done this very same thing and in so many different places on these oceans and seas. The thoughts are always the same. What can we learn from these people? How can we be a blessing to them? And how may we best share Christ among them? Surprisingly, all are not alike. Their histories vary as do their ancestries and languages. But the One Who is All in All, is still their best option for today."