

MISSION: MICRONESIA

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We have been away from these kids for three years now. This year was the time to return to their island to carry on work among them but C-19 changed that plan. Our hearts long to see how they're doing. We pray God will open the way.

Ship's Log: The Year's End On The Far Side...

—Glen Knight

Keeping a good sense of humor is necessary to survival in the sort of work we do. I often think that Gary Larson would have found a whole new treasure trove of subject matter if he could have come along with us on this ride that has spanned over a quarter century! Don't know who Gary Larson is? Maybe the cartoon, "The Far Side" will ring a bell. At any rate, I learned a long time ago to try to find humor in what would otherwise be very depressing circumstances. And that's not always easy. Take this year as an example. We all had such high hopes for 2020 and yet month after month, we have seen those wash away like beach sand drawings on a rising tide. Now, right here in the end of the year we're looking ahead and wondering what's next. I know this—Adjustments are always necessary in everything we do. If one thing doesn't work, another thing will. We just have to study it long enough to discover what that is. It's true in building stuff. It's also true in ministry and true in life. Some of us have made adjustments we didn't want to make during this less-than-humorous experience that has been 2020. But still, try to look at it all with a smile, knowing that in the end, we win. And that's thanks to God's grace. God bless you all!

Glen & Summer Knight
Remote Island Ministries

*The anchorage at sunrise, Malakal Harbor, Western Pacific Ocean
December 7, 2020*



The new crane is pictured above in the warehouse of Worldwide Literature and Missionary Supply in Hamburg, AR. This has a 17' hydraulic boom and an electric winch rated at 4,000 lbs. Our existing crane on the ship is mounted on the portside, forward and serves our cargo hold and portside weather decks with a 14' reach and 2,000 lb lifting capacity.

Photos, courtesy of our sweet friend, Bunny Baron.



The first crane on our ship is the Auto Crane 2703, pictured above. It continues to serve us well as the portside mounted, light-duty crane.



Gearing up for 2021!

RIM NATIVA is in every sense, a working ship. She is comfortable as our home...we have no other. And she is seaworthy for the long haul. We are in the process of adding another deck crane, thanks to the help of our good friend, Billy Driggers and many others who have given to purchase the crane in the photo to the right. This is a 2-ton lift capacity crane that will be mounted on the starboard side of the midship section, increasing our lifting abilities!



The photo to the left shows one of thirty-two "Skeds" provided to Remote Island Ministries and delivered to the Hamburg, AR warehouse of Worldwide Literature and Missionary Supply by our good friend, Clifford Stewart. If you're not aware of what these are, I invite you to check them out on the Internet, keyword, SKED. These are highly portable medical evacuation stretchers arranged in backpack fashion for military and rescue operations. We have needed such as these in the past and for lack of them, have used make-shift stretchers of nets and even clothing threaded over wooden poles or bamboo cut from the rainforest. These stretchers are second to none for emergency use, moving the sick and injured in remote places!

The photo to the right is of our new RIB (rubber inflatable boat) still in the box, fresh from the manufacturer. Thanks to Billy and many of you who helped to make this purchase, it is also in the warehouse, awaiting shipment on 10 December. The photo in the bottom sidebar shows the boat as it will appear when inflated. This is a specialty craft, designed and used by many emergency rescue organizations. Its hull is aluminum, double-decked and pontoons are of Hypalon. It will be very fast and stable for ocean use and will replace our aged and well-worn China-made RIB that is now ready to be retired from full-time use. I plan to equip it with a new Merc 40 hp outboard.



Another important instrument for safe navigation at sea is the FLIR Thermal Imaging Camera shown here. This camera is a gift to RIM NATIVA from the members of Baylake Missionary Baptist Church in Florida. The camera is gimbal-mounted for stability and has a 135 degree elevation with 360 degree rotation. It will interface with our Raymarine Axiom navigation system and will provide a near daytime view through the console during nighttime and stormy weather navigation. I have often longed for such ability when standing at the wheel during dark nights at sea. Thank you Baylake MBC!

"Looking back, I recall the efforts made by so many people in support of this work. The years have been many and the effort large on numerous fronts. Frankly, the success of the work is attributed of course, to The Lord, Who commissioned it, the laborers on site, whether full or part time, the tenacity to carry on despite difficulty and danger and to those who have prayed and given of their means to push everything forward. I will be the first to admit that, aside from The Lord, all others have borne an equal share of importance."

Missionary Shipments!

Through so many years, we have been blessed by the work of Calvary Baptist Church and Worldwide Literature and Missionary Supply of Hamburg, Arkansas, aiding in shipments of supplies needed in the overseas work. Our thanks go to our good friend, Brother Joey Meredith and his grandson, Brother Joel Campbell who continue doing a tremendous job of receiving supplies and equipment, preparing them for shipping and loading them into ocean freight containers bound for the mission field. The photo to the right shows Joey and Billy unloading the new crane from the trailer and moving it into the warehouse.



The new crane is seen here with our good friend, Billy Driggers in front of the warehouse of Worldwide Literature and Missionary Supply.

Photos: Bunny Baron



Inside the WLMS warehouse, Director Joey Meredith maneuvers the crane into place with the help of his grandson, Joel Campbell at the wheel of the forklift. A good look around the warehouse reveals the tremendous work these men continue to do, getting materials and all sorts of supplies delivered to missionaries throughout the world.

With the container loaded, as seen in the photo here, the unit was ready for shipment. The small load is due to restrictions here in Koror because of covid-19. We expect delivery sometime in February.

The ministry of Worldwide Literature and Missionary Supply of Calvary Baptist Church remains a vital part of international missionary work and is worthy of your support. I have lost count of the number of shipments completed to us in the Philippines and Micronesia through nearly twenty-seven years of our missionary service. Many thanks go to our good friends!



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This small church where we labored continually calls to our hearts to return. We pray the time will come soon. Thanks for your help!



The shipment of Bibles for Missionary Walt Emry in Vanuatu which we sent from here in Koror, arrived the first week of December. We're thankful to have been able to ship them and are planning at this time to prepare another shipment to the Solomon Islands within the next few weeks.

Please pray for and support the mission work in Vanuatu as Brother Walt carries on with the aid of the local pastors. The photo above shows some of the young men upon receiving the shipment. These Bibles originated with FISH Ministries and Rose Lawn MBC, Tulsa, OK. Thank you Pastors Dillard and McVeigh!



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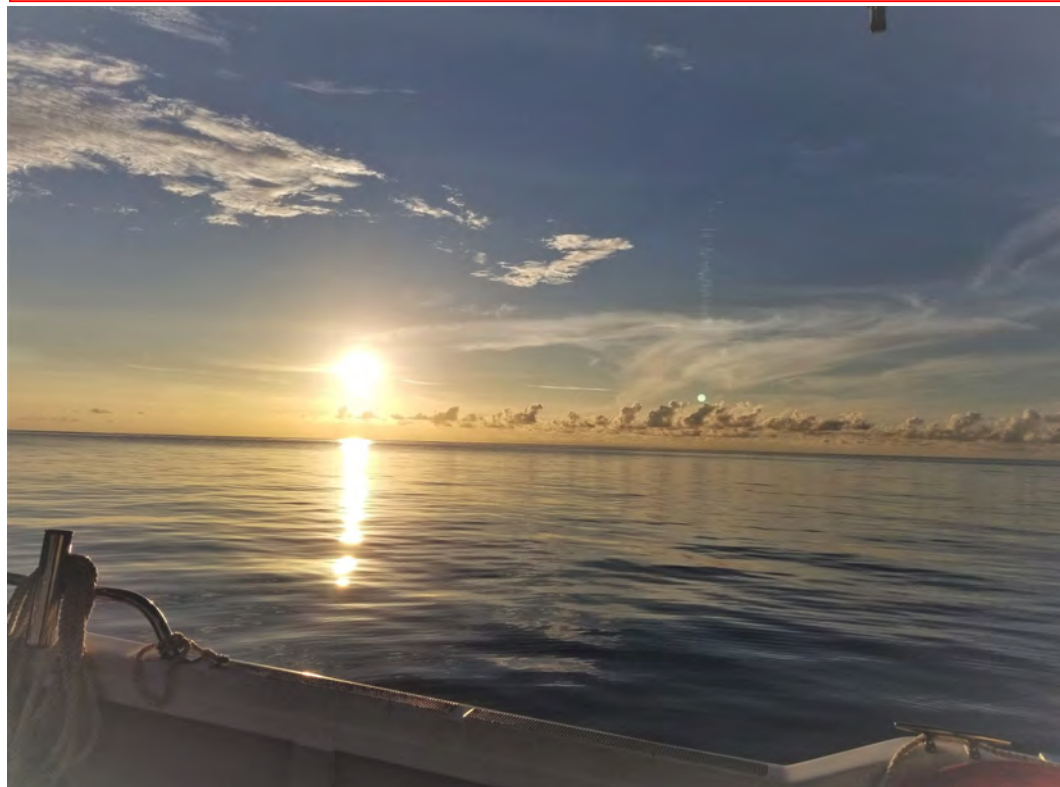
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The Tall Ship NATIVA
under sail six years ago in
the Gulf of Davao, PI.

...Reaching people on the edge!



"Western Pacific Sunset"

This photograph was shot in the Port of Koror looking westward into the sunset.

Closing thought: Remembering past work...

One never needs to forget past opportunities of service and work that was done. This memory is part of what helps us keep a good course in present work. It serves much the same as waypoints on a chart plotter. We see where we are in relation to where we've been and know where we're going by observing current location. There are places where we want to return for follow up ministry and yet so many places where we've yet to serve and choosing between the two is usually difficult. But we will carry on, sometimes dropping back to see how the brethren are doing but more often, forging ahead to enlarge the scope of gospel ministry out here in the Western Pacific Ocean. As this year comes to its end, we're grateful for everyone who has helped us and prayerful for the new year.



"There is little room for forgetfulness aboard a ship at sea. Lessons learned through struggles in adverse conditions can save life. Locations of shoals and hidden rocks near coasts are important to remember to keep the vessel from foundering. Sand bars submerged on high tides must be well marked in the mind. And to remember prayers answered while on a reach, is perhaps most important of all." —Memoirs of a Missionary