

# MISSION: MICRONESIA

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We're thanking The Lord and the membership of Bay Lake MBC, Groveland, FL for this new piece of equipment!

## Ship's Log: The View From Here

—Glen Knight

*It's hard to imagine what a year has brought to our world. And yet, how is the past year different from others before it? Obviously, the answer to that has to do with the covid pandemic. It has changed so much of life as we knew it. There are things that define our times and certainly, this issue will go down in history as such. But is it the worst of the bad things that have happened? I guess the answer depends on who you ask for in fact, in many respects it is the worst. But I am thinking of my parents and their parents before them. They lived through pandemics of their own time as well as two World Wars and the Great Depression. And they survived. But many of their own families and friends did not. The changes in their lives produced for them, what was a "new normal" but somehow, I don't think it was called that. It was just—"life." And life isn't always what we wish it would be. Take covid for example, if we could remove the greed and the politics from our present sickness, the world would be in an entirely different state. But alas, such isn't possible because, among the movers and shakers of our world there are those who exploit human suffering and fear—for profit. It was that way during the afore mentioned crises. It's that way now. So, we know this. But that begs the answer to the question of where we go from here. For the Christian, nothing has changed. There's no new plan. There's no new message. There could be the need for a new strategy. And yet, it isn't a new one at all. It is one that somehow may have been lost along the way, only now discovered again. Our loyalty is to God. Our faith is in Him, alone. Our eyes are fixed on the future and our hearts long for His promise of eternity. And so, from this plateau, we have risen from the heap which is our world, reaching for others as we move along. I have never seen so much effort put into the ministry of God's Word as right now with nearly every "virtual avenue" possible being used. Something had to be done. The "comfort" from which we ministered was suddenly—profoundly removed. Wake-up call? Yes, I expect it is. And without question, it's high time.*

*We hope you enjoy reading this report. We thank you for your loving concern and support for us out here. God bless you all!*

—Glen & Summer Knight  
Western Pacific Ocean



## Gearing Up: Installations and Preparations



Mounted high atop the bridge sundeck, the new FLIR thermal imaging camera rises to give us a commanding view while navigating the ship at night or in stormy conditions.

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The new thermal imaging camera that was a gift to us from Baylake Baptist Church, Groveland, Florida, has now been installed. The wiring remains to be done once additional cabling and connectors arrive from the supplier. This camera is a tremendous aid to nighttime and low visibility navigation situations. I have often stood at the wheel picking our way through tight spaces and around small, unlighted fishing boats, nets and such and have always feared running over them with the ship. That's cause for a lot of prayer. While we now have an enhanced visibility tool, there will always remain the need for prayer and The Lord's blessing as we're underway. Thank you Baylake Baptist Church!



The first two months of the year have been so exciting for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is the addition of this new crane, now installed and functioning. The Liftmoore 4000X is a two-ton capacity crane that we have mounted now on the starboard, amid ship section. It gives us the ability to lift much heavier things onto and off the ship during our missionary/humanitarian efforts. It will also allow us to lift the EAGLE ATVC onto the ship and deploy it again in remote places. We thank all of you who had a part in purchasing and delivering this crane. It is the second of two cranes that now make the ship so versatile. Many thanks again, go to my amigo, Billy Driggers for his effort in making this possible.

Two things are noted in this photo: First, it's the new rubber inflatable boat which we have now finished and pressed into service. And the other is the new crane, lifting it from the water. We built a center console for the boat with steering, gear/throttle control and an electric starter on a new Yamaha 30hp outboard. This little boat is well equipped now and is fast, getting us to where we need to be in a hurry! The months ahead will prove its merit when we are once again able to sail and head out toward Indonesia, our next area of concern in the missionary work. We hope to be working from the Port of Sorong, Indonesia by the later part of this year. Presently, we continue working here in Micronesia and pray for the future.



The open container here shows that our shipment had arrived. We were in the process of unloading it at the edge of the pier, directly onto the ship.

*"Standing on when you know what's coming is just what you do. You have the choice of either taking that obligation as a personal one or shirking it. I have always thought that if I don't shoulder it up, no one else will and the consequence is too great. And this is one of those things for comparison: As with sailing a ship, so with ministry to our world. The way may be difficult and standing on, very heavy. But do it, we must. And do it now. Otherwise, souls are lost."*

*—Memoirs of a Missionary, Glen Knight*



# Ministry Scenes From January & February



All the men gathered around the table here are seamen. We hail from the Philippines, Indonesia and Texas. Captains, Engineers, and Deckhands are here. Some are fishermen while others are commercial tug crew and seafaring missionaries. We all enjoy serving The Lord in our respective labors and are thankful for being together in worship!

The location of our Sunday Bible study and prayer fellowship is in a rented space at Marina Café Vita just off Malakal Harbor channel. This venue is excellent for our weekly activities which all during the covid restrictions, had been confined to our ship. Now that things are beginning to ease, we are able to meet with more people in this space that is very nice. Our fellowship attendance is increasing weekly.



Children's books and other supplies are typically distributed in our worship and prayer fellowships. Here you can see a sample of some of these that recently arrived in the shipment.



One of Nativa's crewmen, Jhobert Lastimozo, in the photo here, helps with the music in all our fellowship activities. His kind and cooperative spirit is a blessing to us in many ways, both on and off the ship. His family has been dear to me for many years, dating way back to the early 80s when I first ventured to the Philippines while serving Beech Grove Baptist Church in Fordyce, Arkansas.

As long as we are remanded to our home port, we will carry on with our ministry in this local area. Just last Sunday, we welcomed to our services, a couple from Namibia who have become friends during these lockdown months.

*"This venue is excellent for our weekly activities..."*



A few little things can make a huge difference in someone's life. See these two photos, for example. Summer gave two of our fellowship members a sewing machine each. These machines were recently sent to us from Lone Oak Baptist Church in Plant City, Florida. Sewing cloth, thread and other supplies accompany these gifts. Many thanks go to those who gave and sent these!



Little Kesha is thrilled with her new doll. Many thanks go to my cousin, Jane Byers for these beautiful toys!

*"There is a great need for the souls of our spiritual ships to be hale and hearty. Otherwise, the task at hand will overtake our weakness and the opportunities that lay on our horizons will be lost. It is God, who gives the strength necessary to His calling. But we, ourselves must rise to it. And this is our dilemma—the time is now. But are we ready to cast off?" —Thoughts on the Sea, glen knight*

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For all the years we've been sailing, we've never had proper rain gear. Pictured here, one can see our new safety-orange jackets that are now a part of our crew uniforms. Tony, Bert and I are the models!

*...Reaching people on the edge!*



*"The Lagoon at Helen's Reef"*

The photo above shows us navigating the length of the lagoon at Helen's Reef, part of Hatohobei State, Palau, last July. This lagoon is entered by way of a very narrow opening through the reef and is 12 nautical miles in length. The reefs surrounding it cannot be seen except at low tide when the ocean breaks at its edges. Many ships have run aground here through the years.

### Closing thought: Exercise in Patience

As was the case with many of the early missionaries whose stories are preserved in Scripture, being patient and waiting for The Lord's guidance, has certainly been true of us through the last several months. One of my favorite accounts in the Bible is in Acts 16 when Paul and his missionary companions struggled to find the right direction. God is faithful to reveal such but often it's an exercise in patience on our part in the process. Something to learn from it all is that time out for prayer and further



preparation has a great advantage. The fact is that we often become so busy with being busy, that we give little care to what may be important, otherwise. Now, at the end of what we see as our time out, we are more than ready for the day we weigh anchor once again and sail for what is surely our Philippi and people who beckon us to come.

When we are young, if we be asked the question as to what we see, depending upon our circumstances, we may reply, "I see buildings, roads, trees, rivers, oceans, the sky." But as we grow older, our view may become very different. Perhaps we will say, "I see people and time, and both are slipping away." It only takes a few short years to produce such a perspective and sadly, too many of us see it altogether too late in life. Jesus, said, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white unto harvest." That is now. —Memoirs, gk