

## MISSION: MICRONESIA

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Two of our crewmen, Fasco Bawotong from Batam, Indonesia and Jhobert Lastimozo from South Cotabato, Philippines are manning the bridge here in this photo on a passage we made earlier this year to Pulo Ana Island. God willing, we will journey that direction again in December en route to the Port of Sorong City, West Papua, Indonesia.

### *Ship's Log: It's Not An Easy Task*

—Glen Knight

*I have never known anything associated with mission work out here to be easy. The things that one imagines will be simple to accomplish are never as imagined. It's a fact that difficulty will arise, unforeseen but not unanticipated. Thus, those who engage such work as this, especially in the manner of our situation, must steel themselves in resolve to carry on, no matter what is faced.*

*Obstacles can sometimes trigger doubt. And not without good reason. They may signal the need to make a different plan or back out altogether. But on the other hand, they can signal the need to make a better plan. Then as well, they may indicate a test of determination. You see, much of a missionary's work will always be personally questioned. He or she, as the case may be, will often wonder if the effort is worth the cost, both of finances as well as time and energy. The one who doesn't question such is not wise. And it's not merely cliché to add to any aspect of the work, the statement, "If The Lord wills."*

*I am reading here just now, of the last journey Jesus made to Jerusalem prior to His crucifixion: **"And it came to pass, when the time was come that He should be received up, He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem..."** (Luke 9:51) We know that Jesus understood exactly what He was facing, and nothing about it would be simple nor easy, and yet He also knew God's purpose. And so without hesitation, He strode forward. The salvation of the world depended upon it. In a very real sense, our partisanship with Jesus in that, (note the same with His messengers in v.52) is at the very core of why we do what we do, where and how we do it, despite the lack of ease in the process. If one were looking for an easy task, then gospel ministry in this world is not in the consideration. Read on in Luke 9 of those who said they would follow Jesus and see The Lord's reply, (vs.57-62).*

*Thank you for your prayers for our family and for your aid that keeps us moving forward. God bless you all!*

*Glen, Summer & Juli Knight*



In preparation for sailing over the coming year, we're installing new holding tanks for the gray and black water from the ship's forward head.

*"Covid restrictions are gradually lifting throughout our region..."*



The photo above is of Jhon and Jacobus, fishermen from Indonesia, receiving a new audio Bible in their native Bahasa language. FISH MINISTRIES!

## Hopkins Family to Join the Ship in January!

As God permits, Brent, Tammi, Hudson and Mila Hopkins will be joining the ship in early 2022! They are undergoing final preparations at this time to leave their native South Africa, bound for the Missionary Ship NATIVA where they'll join as missionary helpers. Both Brent and Tammi will bring special skills to the work as he is a highly skilled hydrology engineer, formerly with Xylem Corporation and she is an elementary school teacher with years of experience and impeccable credentials. Tammi is also a skilled photographer. Hudson and Mila are soon to be six and four years of age respectively. We welcome our children on board the ship and in the work. Praise The Lord for this blessing! Thank you for your prayers on their behalf.



## Life on the Ship



Emergency preparedness is essential aboard NATIVA. The photo to the left shows our crewman Jhobert Lastimozo and me doing a demonstration of using the SKED emergency evacuation stretcher. Thanks, Bro. Clifford Stewart!

Our desire to finally sail beyond Palau again in 2022, seems to be a good possibility at this time! Covid restrictions are gradually lifting throughout our region, opening the way for us to reach Indonesia, possibly around Christmas of this year. This is our prayer! The photo to the right is of our mainsail which at the time we shot the picture, was being bent on to have a look at its condition. It is pristine as you can see! Following the storm last April when our jib sail was destroyed and the bow sprit broken, we were able, through the generosity of our loving friends, Jerry and Linda Smith, to get a new sail. Very soon, we will bend it on as well for our run south! Photos to come...



*"Time has worn us almost to the point of impatience as we've planned and scrapped plans and made new plans and again, scrapped them, finding the effort we want to engage for The Lord elusive and unsure. It's days and nights like these that cause us to pray and rethink, but to never give up." —Memoirs of a Missionary*



## Sailing at Sunrise



*I love sunrise on the sea. It always comes as a blessing from The Lord, following long nights of darkness and constant vigilance. I can't tell you how it feels to once again be able to see the earth under the light of the sun, even though we're far at sea with no land in sight. Sometimes the darkness is so overwhelming.*

*Passing through long, dark nights is necessary and to think of it is to realize that the blessing of daybreak would not be so great without the knowledge of that deep darkness. It's a good analogy to life, itself. For most all of us, the experiences of the last two years have been significantly discouraging. No doubt, many have given up hope. We have held on and refused to do anything but trust in The Lord. The present year will soon end. The new year will come, as God permits. And here, we will sail onward, hoping to reach new islands and more people with the soul-saving gospel. We will soon document the voyages once again!*

*It's the children who will steal your heart. Their searching eyes, filled with wonder at strangers who happen to visit their islands, seemingly from no where, will also weep when the time comes for the ship that brought them, to sail away. As arrivals are filled with great joy, departures are typically somber. The hope that we have is to return to their islands. But sometimes, months and even years may pass before we can go back. One such place some 700 miles away still beckons us in our hearts.*



*We make friends easily and quickly on these islands but one of the keys to maintaining that friendship is the ability to leave behind something of value and it's not that we somehow purchase that friendship. For example, some time ago, a man to whom a Bible was given, approached me again, holding that same Bible in his hand. He was grateful for the gift from two years before and remembered that I gave it. But more grateful than that, he was, because of what he'd come to understand from reading that Bible. It is, no doubt, the sort of friendship that will endure.*

*"I look around these islands here and realize that they are as they were, hundreds of years ago. I see in the faces of the people, the character of their ancestors who first settled here from places throughout the region. There are differences of ethnicity and language and habit but all have melted into one pot of existence. And all need the same things. All need Jesus." -gk*



*We are presently awaiting the delivery of what will likely be the last of our shipping containers from the USA. The cost has become too great and restrictions too many for us to continue. I must once again thank Brother Joel Meredith, Brother Joel Campbell and World-wide Literature and Missionary Supply of Calvary MBC, Hamburg, Arkansas, as well as those who support this ministry, for the help given through the years. Sadly, times have now changed. Movement of cargo across the Pacific Ocean has become extremely difficult. And importing the same into Asia-based operations is almost impossible. It's been a blessing through the years. Thank you all for making it possible.*

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Malakal Harbor has been a pleasant anchorage for the Missionary Ship but the time to sail on is fast approaching. We will still have Koror, Palau as our home port and time will come that we may return. But for now, it's time to go.

*...Reaching people on the edge!*



*"October Sunrise over Malakal Harbor"*

*Following a storm that lasted six days during which we lay outside our cove along the shipping channel, we awakened to this beautiful sunrise. We are reminded of God's protective grace and the calm He brings!*

### Closing thought: South by Southwest

—Glen Knight

*There is a special kind of contentment found on the sea. And to couple that with the calling of The Lord to reach across the waters with the gospel, is a blessing beyond compare. We are looking forward to the coming of a new year and the liberty we hope to have to sail beyond Palau. Indications are that neighboring countries will slowly open as 2022 arrives.*

*If that is indeed the case, we will be setting sail finally for the Port of Sorong on the Bird's Head Peninsula of Western Papua, New Guinea before the end of December 2021. This is our objective. Thank you for helping us pray to that end. In the meantime, thanks for your help as we carry ministry here in Palau!*



*"It doesn't concern us very much when things we had planned don't go our way. The fact is that our ability to understand the full scope of things is very limited. So, we pray and trust in The Lord. We wait patiently and work while doing so and He never fails in His leadership. To do otherwise on our parts, would be foolish." -gk*