

Remote Island Ministries

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MISSION: WESTERN PACIFIC!

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RIM NATIVA secured in the commercial marina at Babeldaob Island, Palau. She is in cold layup for two months while we're away.

Ship's Log: "South by Southwest"

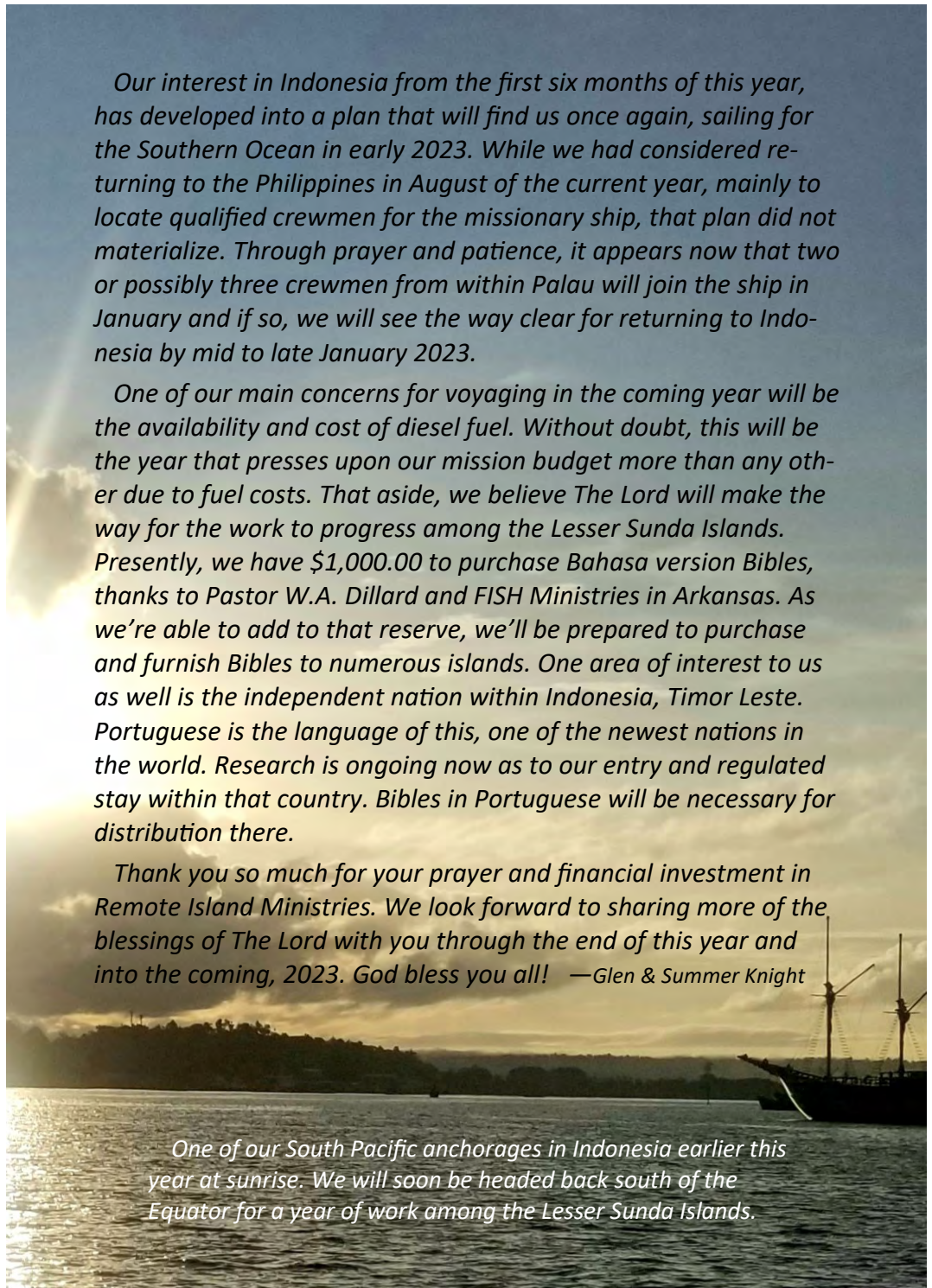
—Glen Knight

Our interest in Indonesia from the first six months of this year, has developed into a plan that will find us once again, sailing for the Southern Ocean in early 2023. While we had considered returning to the Philippines in August of the current year, mainly to locate qualified crewmen for the missionary ship, that plan did not materialize. Through prayer and patience, it appears now that two or possibly three crewmen from within Palau will join the ship in January and if so, we will see the way clear for returning to Indonesia by mid to late January 2023.

One of our main concerns for voyaging in the coming year will be the availability and cost of diesel fuel. Without doubt, this will be the year that presses upon our mission budget more than any other due to fuel costs. That aside, we believe The Lord will make the way for the work to progress among the Lesser Sunda Islands. Presently, we have \$1,000.00 to purchase Bahasa version Bibles, thanks to Pastor W.A. Dillard and FISH Ministries in Arkansas. As we're able to add to that reserve, we'll be prepared to purchase and furnish Bibles to numerous islands. One area of interest to us as well is the independent nation within Indonesia, Timor Leste. Portuguese is the language of this, one of the newest nations in the world. Research is ongoing now as to our entry and regulated stay within that country. Bibles in Portuguese will be necessary for distribution there.

Thank you so much for your prayer and financial investment in Remote Island Ministries. We look forward to sharing more of the blessings of The Lord with you through the end of this year and into the coming, 2023. God bless you all! —Glen & Summer Knight

One of our South Pacific anchorages in Indonesia earlier this year at sunrise. We will soon be headed back south of the Equator for a year of work among the Lesser Sunda Islands.





Hauling diesel fuel for the ship's generators in our own service boat, the EAGLE, has become necessary due to our present lack of crew. I am able to accomplish this task easily with Summer and Juli helping. The high cost of diesel is also one reason for our buying it only four drums at a time.

"...that which is most needed and even desired among them is God's Word."



NATIVA by night, rafted alongside a fishing boat at K.B. Marina, Babeldaob Island. She is secured here during our stateside visit.

Ministry Scenes...

It has long been our heart's desire to reach people on the edge and that typically means, those who are on the sea or on islands of the sea. These are the ones who travel by boat and not by cars, trucks or buses and who live either on their boats or in stilted houses in the tidal basins of these island nations. There is a great commonality we have with them, inasmuch as we also live and travel on the sea. The understanding we have of such a life has provided us with considerable insight as to the physical needs the people have and of course, The Holy Spirit gives us the understanding we must have of their spiritual needs. The photo at the right depicts an every-day event...buying coconuts, bananas, and fish, and giving Bibles, clothing, shoes, toys and fishing supplies. In the course of a few days, many contacts are made with islanders in such a manner that lead to further ministry after their confidence is gained. What a joy, sharing the Love of Christ with them!



While there are many things needed among the islanders, without question that which is most needed and even desired among them is God's Word. The photo to the left shows our crewmen passing down a load of children's Bibles and story books to an awaiting family in a small fishing boat. We purchase as many vernacular Bibles as possible for free distribution among the villages. Thanks to donors in the United States, offerings given for Bibles are used 100% for that purpose. In Indonesia, we are able to purchase them through retail book store outlets which means we pay a little more for them. The Indonesian Bible Society will not sell directly to me so until I can find another source, the only choice we have is to buy from the book stores. One particular store is called, "Gramedia" and usually has a supply of two hundred or so of the Alkitab Bahasa language version.

"They are nimble and silent, these long, skinny boats of the islands referred to as 'prahu', sailing steady on the wind, their hulls filled to the gunnels with cane, or coconut leaves, or any number of fruits, vegetables or fish. And the sailors, dark-skinned and leathery from years of sun exposure, with the broadest of smiles and shy hand waving, stand at the stern to guide the little vessels while their families crouch on the cargo, hitching a ride to the market. It takes a few days passing alongside the ship and our waving kindly before they venture closely and tie off. But eventually they do. And we are happy!"

—Working in Indonesia, Glen & Summer Knight

Stateside Visit 2022

It was a great joy to visit with our sending church, Victory Baptist of Sherwood, AR on Sunday, October 30th. Some of the children had prepared special greeting cards for us, pictured to the right. Many thanks go to the teachers and other workers who faithfully serve to train these children in the ways of The Lord! We will hang their cards in the ship's galley soon.



During our first weekend stateside, it was such a blessing to have some of our children and grandchildren attending worship with us at Harvest Oaks Baptist Church in Allen, Texas, Pastor Jay Gibson. Here you can see (left to right) Noah & Chae, Matt & Lony, Abel, Mahlah & Juli, Keziah, Keilah & Ryan.

Update on the Hopkins



Brent, Tammi and the children have settled in their new home, schools and job in South Australia and while we miss them sorely, their dreams from five years ago are now being fulfilled. While they were with us on the ship for six months this year, their help was an incredible blessing, not to mention the family time shared.

Thank you so much for praying for our children and grandchildren, down under and please pray with us for the necessary personnel onboard NATIVA who will be able to share the working load of the ship. God willing, we will be able to visit the Hopkins in Australia sometime in 2023.

Many of you became FB friends with Tammi during the present year. She will be so happy to continue that friendship so please don't forget them!

"As the wind and the currents consistently change and the mariner adjusts the sails accordingly, so the circumstances of life demand a delft hand and a keen eye and great confidence in The Almighty's leadership. The greatest part of the human journey is so ordered." —Memoirs of a Missionary, Glen Knight



Congratulations to our granddaughter Keilah and Ryan Elliot, married on October 28, 2022!

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Huddy & Mila love their new home. They live near the sea in South Australia as can be seen in the photo above.

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Hudson, playing in the sea, near their home, South Australia.

...Reaching people on the edge!



"Sunset Crossing, Open Sea"

This scene was captured by Summer on our crossing from the home port to Hatohebei Islands in southwestern Palau. The serenity of the moment can be clearly seen by the reflection in the windows of NATIVA's bridge.

Closing Thoughts: Looking forward...

—Glen Knight

It's hard to imagine that the year is almost over and yet looking back over the past ten months, I'm made to realize that so much has been done and the year 2022 has been a pivotal year for our work. The first six months of the year being spent in Indonesia, have allowed us to see the ministry potential that lies ahead in the coming year. Time spent with family and friends in the US is good and is a necessary break from ship and ministry routines. We're taking time now to plan the coming voyage back to Indonesia, this time clearing through Tidore on Halmahera Island and working southward. Thanks so much for your prayers and support. God bless!



"The sea gets in your blood. Whether in earliest of years or well along in life, exposure to the sea and its mesmerizing elements, will to one degree or another, capture mind, body and spirit. It is true that some people just aren't meant for the sea, and God bless 'em. But true as well is it, that some of us cannot survive long, being far from the sea. And still a few of us have the wandering notion that the sea is a highway to every opportunity." —gk