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MISSION: WESTERN PACIFIC!

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A man, his bike and a new Bible. He was a lonely soul. I pray his joy returns.

Ship's Log: Sailing Weather Comes!

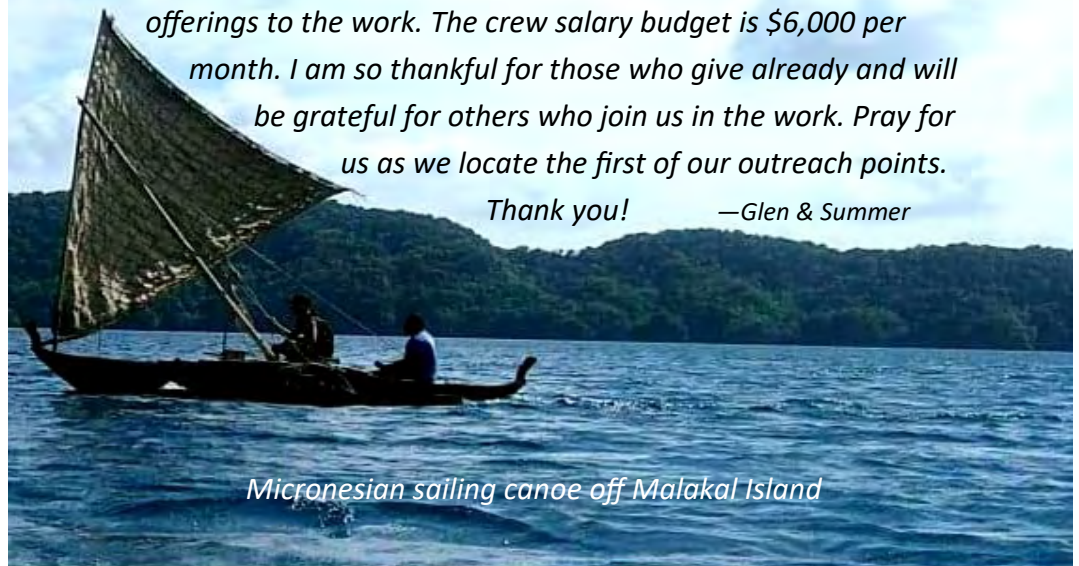
—Glen Knight

Usually only those whose lives are lived on the sea will so eagerly anticipate the trade winds. For centuries, travel among these islands has depended on them for sailing either east or west and with thankful hearts, we see now that the time is near to make our broad reach for the central part of Indonesia. Ahead lies a journey of nearly 700 nautical miles which we pray to undertake in less than two months. But good weather and favorable winds aren't the only things needed for the journey before us. There is the pressing need for crew. As you read this newsletter, you will see that this need has been met after more than a year without necessary personnel. If you have prayed for our crew needs, thank you. Another matter related to this is the salary of these men. We must provide for them well enough that they can remain with the ship for the long term. I am taking a step in faith in this regard. Please help us with your offerings to REMOTE ISLAND MINISTRIES. It is important to see them as a ministry team with us. The men highlighted here are members of our mission fellowship in Palau and are proven in matters of work and spirit. We have waited patiently and now, The Lord has given them for His work. We are humbled and excited! And we thank you for helping us meet their monthly salary needs. This is going to take an increase in

offerings to the work. The crew salary budget is \$6,000 per month. I am so thankful for those who give already and will be grateful for others who join us in the work. Pray for us as we locate the first of our outreach points.

Thank you!

—Glen & Summer

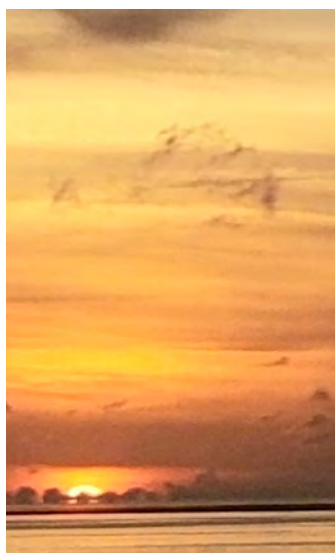


Micronesian sailing canoe off Malakal Island



Juli celebrated her 23rd birthday here on March 1, 2023. It's hard to imagine!

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The sun seems to sizzle as it touches the western horizon of the open ocean. A calm sea to the west is typical for now.

RIM NATIVA'S CREW 2023

God has been faithful to answer our prayer for crew. The photos on this page show four of the men. All are Indonesian seamen with many years of experience. All are faithful Christians, eager to serve as ministry team members aboard the missionary ship in their home country. Pictured here to the right is Captain Samson Tanaka. He sailed with us to Palau last year when we returned from Indonesia and in the interim, has worked with the local construction company as one of their tugboat captains. Samson fell in love with our ship and work during the year he has been here and thus, has resigned his position on the tug, effective May 30 to join NATIVA. Samson is married with young children.



The young man to the left is Kevin Haliwela. He is a certified engine man and fire safety officer with five years experience aboard ship in Indonesia. We welcome Kevin whose job will be to take the load off of me in the mechanical operations of the engine room. We have three diesel engines and an assortment of electric motors that operate the ship's systems so his help as an engineer and oiler will be a welcomed relief as I've been the one to tend all that since our son, Brent left with Tammi and the children for Australia last year. Kevin looks good in his uniform!

Here are Ridel Manapode and his wife and little boy. Ridel is certified as Deck Watch and has many years experience aboard fishing boats in Indonesia and internationally. His skills at knot tying and as a general hand on deck are very good. He is a gentle soul, hailing from Jawa Timur on the island of Java, Indonesia. One can see from the photo that he loves his family. This is always a good sign to us when hiring crew as it speaks well of his moral character and devotion to work.



Dimon Haliwela, pictured here with his beautiful family has also joined NATIVA as a certified Deck Watch crewman. Dimon has many years experience internationally on cruise ships. His English language is extremely good so he will not only serve as a member of the crew, but will also be my translator for preaching. I have prayed for a long time to have such a man. God has provided!

"As surely as The Lord knew the co-laborers needed by the Missionary Paul, and crafted a team who would be loyal to one another and focused on the work, He has also known the team that we needed for this period of His kingdom work." —GK

Remembering The Palau Years 2017-2023

Palau, in the western Pacific Ocean has been a good place to live and work. Punctuated by two years of covid lockdown and a major typhoon that damaged the ship severely, our six years here have nevertheless been successful and we've managed most of that time without proper crew. A mission was established in Koror and good work was conducted on three outlying islands to the southwest.



The photo shows NATIVA laying off the the western coast of Tobi Island, 378 nautical miles southwest of Koror, Palau. We made five trips to Tobi and its neighboring atoll , Helen Reef, working in construction, delivering important supplies, including Bibles and preaching The Word among the island's inhabitants. Many friends were made and it's been a joy for us to see the children grow up.

Many joys and sorrows accompany the work, no matter when or where it may be. These photos remind...



Typhoon Surigae struck us April 16-17, 2021, during which we suffered 100 mph winds broadside of the ship while pinned against two rock islands, resulting in damages.

"To have touched the lives of people and to have shared faith, hope and love, is the highest calling we may have had here. And it is not without the 'giving back' of these people. Here we found a safe haven when it was needed. Here, Justin found and married the love of his life. Here, Juli grew to be a young woman. Here, we have been blessed. With children and grandchildren."

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Underneath NATIVA'S bow.
Clean hull. Two months until
sailing for Indonesia.

...Reaching people on the edge!



"Sunset Across Western Seas"

Photo shot in April 2023, Western Micronesia

Closing thoughts: Time is near to haul away...

—Glen Knight

We've waited long for what we now see is the right time to sail from Micronesia to the larger field of Indonesia. Through being patient, The Lord has given us the crew that is needed. And through diligent labor while here, we are able to leave behind some true friends and disciples of Christ who will carry on in their circles of life, glorifying The Lord.

Time is near with our departure on the voyage to central Indonesia set for the first week of June 2023. Having spent six months in eastern Indonesia last year, we now have a good baseline of information and are making plans we think will be successful in reaching remote islands of the Maluku and Banda Seas. Thank you for your prayers and support!



"I am not as much concerned with on-time departures and arrivals. My greater concern is with the timely nature of such. One can depart on time without being ready to voyage. On the same hand, many arrivals are before the people are ready to receive us. A lot of prayer and sufficient patience are required to know when the time is right." —The Sense of Voyaging, The Missionary Ship RIM NATIVA, Glen Knight