

# Remote Island Ministries

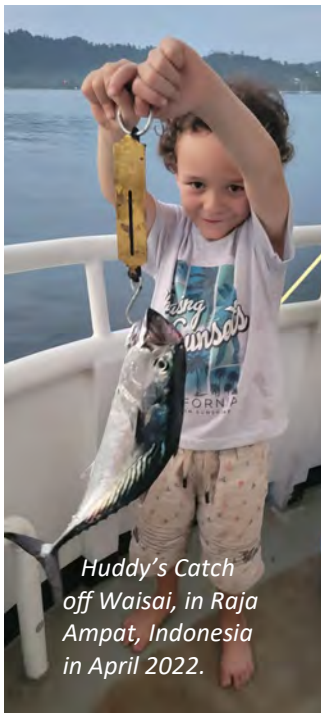
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## MISSION: INDO-PACIFIC!

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Huddy's Catch  
off Waisai, in Raja  
Ampat, Indonesia  
in April 2022.

### Ship's Log: Malakal Harbor, Western Pacific Ocean —Glen Knight

*We will soon bid farewell to the western Micronesia area after six years of working here. Our departure from the region comes at a delay due to the two years spent under pandemic lock-down in our home port. It's difficult to be patient sometimes but as we know, nothing takes The Lord by surprise and it is obvious that He had work for us to do in the interim. But now is the time to move ahead, reaching beyond the horizon for those who are still awaiting our arrival.*

*By the time most of you read this newsletter, we will have sailed away from Palau. Our desire is to remain in Indonesia for up to three years, sailing among the central islands of the archipelago. It is not a surprise to us that the crewmen God has chosen for NATIVA are all native to the region that is on our chart. This will be a wonderful advantage to the work not only for the obvious reasons of safety and communication, but also for gaining insight to local customs and introductions to families. Some contact has already been made by our crew with a few of their families to let them know we are headed their direction and word is that they're excited! As God opens doors, we pray to be ready to follow on with courage and strength.*

*A lot of work is being done at present to the ship, making her ready to enter another country. Chipping rust, priming and repainting on the superstructure are necessary. I have constructed a new double hatch cover for the engine room combing which not only looks better but also gives us better ventilation of the mechanical room. We will soon bend on our sails and make sure our sheets are in good order for the voyage.*

*And so, we set our sights on distant waters and the islands that dot the charts. We are thankful for your prayers and help in this ministry. As always, you can reach us by email, <glen@rimnativa.com> and as much as possible, we will still be using Facebook and WhatsApp.*

*God bless you all!*

*—Glen & Summer Knight*





Charlie Burnett of Humble, Texas was our friend, our brother in Christ and a great helper in mission work throughout a wide area of the world. We were beneficiaries of his skill and passion for souls as he helped during the construction of NATIVA. We grieve his passing but are sure to see him one day again there in heaven.

*"We are excited to have purchased this first order, but hundreds more are needed."*



## BIBLES FOR INDONESIAN MINISTRY!

We are overjoyed at finding a good supplier of Indonesian Bahasa language Bibles and children's Bible story books! The photo to the right shows our crewman, Dimon Haliwela in Jakarta, Indonesia who has located and negotiated the initial purchase. This is now the beginning of what we pray will be a long relationship with the publisher to help us place Bibles in the hands of eager readers who otherwise would not be likely to ever own a copy for themselves. Thank you FISH MINISTRIES!

Of all our new Indonesian crewmen who have lately joined the missionary ship, Dimon has chosen to remain in Jakarta to help with this aspect of the ministry. He has delivered the Bibles to his home and will prepare them for shipping to Manado near where NATIVA will make port in a few short weeks.



We were able at this time to purchase 200 copies of the Old and New Testament Bibles (called "Alkitab" in Bahasa) as well as 430 children's Bible story books. All these are shown in the photo to the left, now delivered to our co-worker's home. God willing, our departure for the Port of Bitung, North Sulawesi, Indonesia will be on June 22, 2023. Our arrival there should be around the 26th. Dimon will ship the Bibles to the port, timing their arrival at about the same time as ours. He will also join the ship there and continue as a regular crew member and translator.

The photo to the right shows one of the Bible story books as well as a copy of the OT/NT Bible. I am impressed with the children's books. We have a good assortment of these, each telling a different Bible story as can be seen in the photo above, right. We are excited to have purchased this first order and at the same time, are aware that hundreds more are going to be needed.



*"It's an investment with returns that can be seen immediately in the smiling faces and laughter of those affected by the giving. And how much more of a return there will be in eternity through rejoicing in God's presence."*



## Look at what you see...

*It is possible to see something but never really look at it. Case in point, the photo to the right shows our team in the skiff, preparing to make way back to the ship. What we had seen on that island that day, was disturbing. Poverty and starvation were typical among the residents. Ignorance, drunkenness and abuse were rampant. Children were left to forage for food. Disease, influenza and untreated wounds were common. People were dying. In order for us to share the gospel with them, it was necessary first to feed them and to treat their conditions with whatever means and skill we had. We took a hard look...*



*There is always a certain fear in the eyes of the people when we land on their shores. I think it's because in years past, some have come to exploit them and even today, make slaves of their children in human trafficking. It's a centuries' old problem that has blighted the opportunities we should have to simply share with them and help their conditions to improve. We find that the efforts we make are usually too little and that, because we lack adequate resources, not to mention the time. To really impact an area socially, one would need to spend a lifetime.*

*In the minds of a lot of people, I suppose the notion of a tropical island is a romantic and idyllic thing. But it's important to know that the cruise vacations don't take clients to places where the real people live. If they did, perhaps there would be more Christians giving to relieve the poor among those villages on the islands of the sea. Imagine living on an island where basic necessities are non-existent. Medical care and education are limited and spiritual instruction is relegated to the local shaman and in a lot of instances, to perverted and thieving religious leaders. There is no hope for the islanders.*



*Now, at the same time, imagine that there is a ship and a crew and a missionary couple who truly have a heart to reach these people, asking nothing from them but that they listen to the simple gospel. And feature that what you might spend for a luxury cruise holiday can make an eternal difference in that effort.*

*"It haunts me sometimes, wondering where the people are now and how they are doing. I see their photos taken so long ago—a year or twenty or even thirty years back and think of that day and still hear the sounds and feel the experience in my mind just the same as if it were today. And I imagine how the children must have grown and some of the older ones have died. Most of them responded well to the gospel. Some did not. I had promised to come again. I pray for them." —Life of a missionary*



*Without proper clothing and shelter, children such as these two little ones, suffer sicknesses like flu and pneumonia. Many die before reaching ten years of age.*

*"Feature that what you might spend for a luxury cruise holiday can make an eternal difference..."*



*The older girl here and her little friend are two of the hungry children in this village. You can see the frailty of the older child. She is already beginning to suffer the effects of rickets. She needs calcium.*



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Ridel Manapode and  
Kevin Haliwela arrive!

## ...Reaching people on the edge!



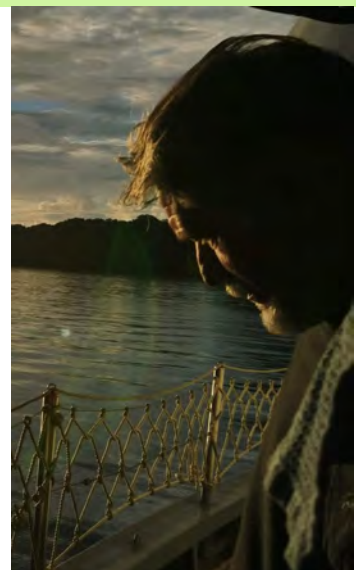
*"Oarsmen Of A Traditional Micronesian Canoe"*

*Training for the Micronesian Games, these oarsmen of Palau manage their long traditional canoe with ease and efficiency and with only the cadence call of the steersman at the stern, they move silently through the water. One cannot help but imagine times long ago when oceans were crossed in such craft.*

## Closing thoughts: "A Prayerful Moment"

—Glen Knight

*I cannot express well enough the burden of work that lies upon us. The time has come that we once again, as in the words of The Lord, "Launch out into the deep." He alone, knows the extent of the challenge that awaits us and so we trust in Him. I have always known that He does not lead His servants to places where His grace cannot sustain them. I am confident through all the years of missionary service, that this will be no different. As you read these words, please know that we are thankful for your prayers and financial assistance. We will make the most of this season of service, reaching people on the edge and watching for the coming of Our Lord. The time is surely near. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.*



*"Crossing an ocean for the mariner is no different than driving cross-country for most of you. The Ocean is a highway, just the same as that upon which you may travel today. There are calm, flat watery plains and mounting sea banks, the approaching lights of other traffic and the distant glow of towns and cities as well as a bright sun and starry nights, all of which pass the view as one moves onward."*