

Remote Island Ministries

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MISSION: INDO-PACIFIC!

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Boats of Indonesia: a Phinisi in the background, and a Parahu, foreground.

Ship's Log: Home again! 8.6705 S; 115.2126 E

WE RETURNED TO NATIVA in the Greater Sunda Islands, on the 16th of August, 2025 and found the lovely missionary ship waiting patiently for us. It's good to be home from what turned out to be a difficult three months away. There are many reasons for the difficulty, but suffice it to say, we made it through and are happy to once again be back aboard our ship home. We had a nice time with friends and family and were happy to have had the opportunity to return stateside, especially to attend the messenger assembly of the American Baptist Association and to visit among a few of our supporting churches. It was a special blessing to be able, after nearly six years, to be with our son, Justin and his sweet wife, Natsuki, who traveled from Japan to Florida to spend a week with us there. And while in Florida also, we were able to spend a brief time with my grandson, Noah and his family in Auburndale. Our little great grandson, Elijah, is growing so fast. What a blessing!

PART OF THE DIFFICULTY of the summer was the illness and passing of my last remaining uncle, John Knight. Since my late father, Roland Knight, passed away forty-three years ago, Uncle John has been as a father to me. In so many ways, watching him pass away was like reliving my dad's death so long ago. We buried Uncle John in the family plot of Dark Corner Cemetery, beside my grand parents, Clarence and Jennie Knight, my dad, and his sister and her husband, Shirley & Gaylon Gasaway. Many of my family members were there to grieve with Aunt Rose, her sons, Tim & Todd and their families.

Going home from our mission abroad, is always supposed to be a happy time. In a perfect world, I guess that would be the case. But this time, it just wasn't. Thank you for your prayers for us and the work.

Glen & Summer Knight





Rest peacefully, dear Uncle John Knight. Over the years of our ministry, he has been one of our greatest supporters and encouragers. I will miss him until we meet again in glory.

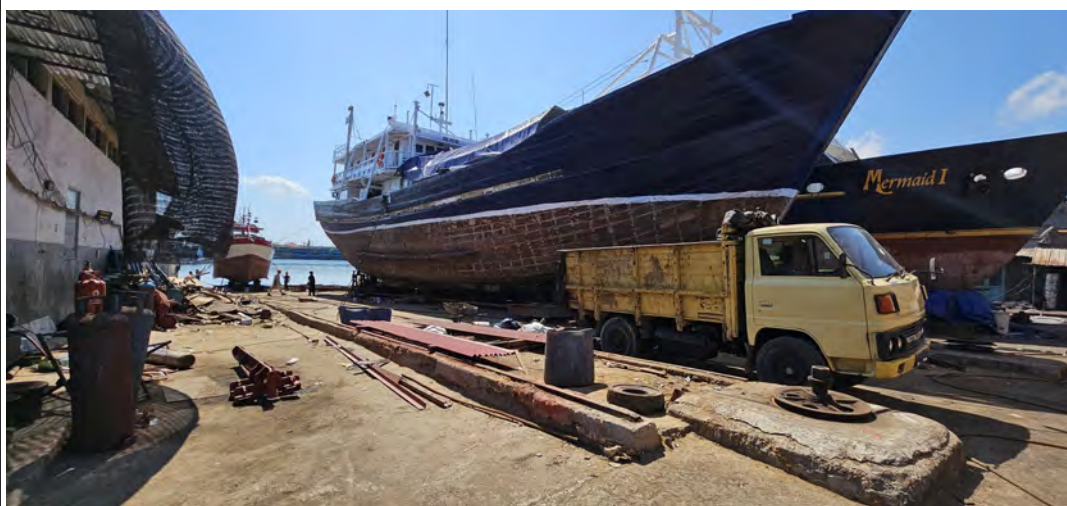
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Kualamas Shipyard

Around the ship and harbor...

Ministry in the harbors often involves boarding other boats for a ride to and from the ship. The photo here shows the local water taxi man who has become a good friend of ours. In the background, you can see the orange boat which is the harbor tanker fuel barge that delivers diesel to NATIVA when needed. There are many people on the boats anchored here from places near and far!



The time has come to once again drydock the missionary ship. We are presently contracting with a local shipyard here in Benoa that has a suitable rail system for hauling NATIVA out onto the dry ground. The ship you can see in the photo is about the same size as our vessel. The haul-out is necessary every 3-4 years according to regulation and at this point, we are almost at the four-year limit. KUALAMAS SHIPYARD, Denpasar, Indonesia is where we've chosen for this work. Among the various things necessary to do during haul-out, we will blast the hull bottom and after proper inspection, repaint it with primer, anti-corrosive and anti-fouling paints. We are due to replace all 36 of our zinc anodes on the hull and replace the stern tube bushing. This is all important work for preservation of the ship's integrity. We will also inspect and polish our propeller.

We're thankful for Pastor Michael Reese and Sharon Baptist Church, Benton, AR who've given toward this project, making twice now that these brethren have helped with our drydocking. We pray others might help as we have about half the estimated cost on hand. This will be the fourth time we have hauled the ship out in her 12 years of sailing. Thank you for your prayers for this great project!

"We watched him struggling with the running tide as he swam past the ship toward the reef. The tiny green sea turtle hatchling made for the breakers from the distant sandy beach where undoubtedly, he'd just emerged only hours before. Instinctively he paddled with all strength, stopping momentarily to look up at us, as if to say, 'HELLO!' and then onward."

Stateside Summer 2025

It was our joy to spend five days during July with our son and daughter-in-law, Justin and Natsuki, who flew from their home in Chiba, Japan to Florida where we caught up with them. Justin and Natsuki met one another and married while we worked in Koror, Palau and soon thereafter, moved to Japan where jobs and a new home were awaiting. This visit with them was welcomed as it had been nearly six years since we had been together. We still miss the expertise that Justin brought aboard NATIVA in so many ways. But life goes on and the kids are happy in their lives and careers. We hope to see them again sometime soon.



Each year during the ABA Messenger Assembly, our good friends, Michael and Linda Driggers, as well as Rick Ferris, help to man our exhibit. This year we enjoyed being with them in person as you can see in the photo to the left. We appreciate so many people who stopped by to say hello and get personal updates regarding the mission. After so long overseas, it's encouraging to know that a lot of our brethren remember us and still have an interest in what The Lord is doing among us in Southeast Asia and Micronesia. We are uncertain as to whether or not we'll be able to attend the meeting next year. Time will tell.



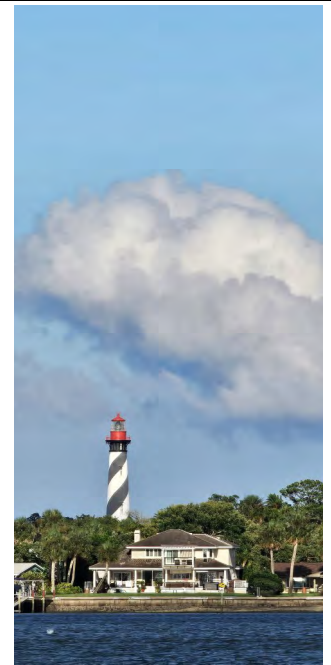
Dear friends are many, not the least of whom are Pastor Joe Stacks, seen here with his sweet wife, Elizabeth and their son, Holland. The church they serve is Forest Grove MBC, Taylor, Arkansas, a great supporting church!



Another long-time friend and one-time missionary team member is Pastor Mike Maxwell, Hillcrest Baptist Church in Acworth, Georgia. If time would permit, the stories we can tell of our time together would fascinate and amuse you! Thanks, Mike, for being such a friend and brother.



"I cannot fully describe to you the impact churches and individual Christians have had through the years in accomplishing this ministry. True enough, we have had to be on the front lines, but without the tremendous financial support and physical back-up of literally hundreds of people, this effort would have long ago, met with complete failure." —Memoirs, gk



St. Augustine, Florida
Lighthouse

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My long-time friend, Pastor Bob Pogue visited our exhibit. It was good to see him again!

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A friendly Indonesian sailor on a passing boat gives a big smile and a wave to the missionary ship, NATIVA.

...Reaching people on the edge!



"Sunrise Anchorage"

The early morning sun beckons us to look eastward, casting thoughts in our minds of once again following the wind and currents which will once day soon, carry us on our way. Life out here is calming. One is made to wait patiently and silently before the early dawn.

Closing thoughts: Onward...

—Glen Knight

Pressing onward through the end of this year, I am reminded of past voyages in places far and wide out here in the region of Southeast Asia and western Micronesia. How many miles we have actually traveled escapes me and that isn't the thing that matters anyway. Looking over the bow of the sailing ship as in the photo to the right, is a common sight to us. With the changing seasons and soon-coming northwest trade winds, a great advantage will be afforded NATIVA for making way. But we need more Indonesian crew and with that, the cost of sailing goes up. We believe The Lord will provide in due time. Thank you so much for your prayers, words of encouragement and offerings of love that keep us reaching farther across the seas!



"The weight of the world rests upon the shoulders of anyone who undertakes to do the work of The Lord. To feel responsible to communicate in any way possible, the great truths of life and liberty through Christ is at the same time, an exciting and fearful thing. That feeling causes one to climb the greatest heights possible to proclaim the message loud and clear and as well, to plunge the lowest depths imaginable to rescue the fallen." -gk