

Dear Brethren,

As I write this letter I have just embarked on another ministry; I am again headed to the Philippines for three and a half weeks of ministry that will include medical evangelism clinics in three different locations: one location has a significant Muslim presence. Accompanying me will be a team of nine medical professionals; we will join with national pastors and believers who will assist in the evangelistic and church planting efforts. We would appreciate your prayers for safety and the many logistics details that surround this ministry.

It's been a hectic year so far: we started the year with our ministry in Cameroon in January/February. The highlight of the Cameroon trip was the formal organization of the church in Amanavile. We had ministered in Amanavile on three separate occasions, and had seen much fruit from this and surrounding villages. The day we were to depart Amanavile ten individuals were baptized and signed a church covenant. This was the goal all along! What a joy to see the fruit from so much investment poured into this village by missionaries, nationals, and our teams ripen before our eyes. Pray now for the continued growth and strength of this baby assembly in the mountain forests of Cameroon.

A few weeks after returning from Cameroon we were off again, this time in March to the Pacific. En route to Yap I was able to stop off in Guam where I was honored to be part of Harvest Baptist Church's missions conference. In spite of flight booking nightmares caused by the Continental/United airline merger, our team of seven arrived as scheduled. Our ministry in Yap focused on the outer island of Ulithi which lies approximately 140 miles east of the main island of Yap. To reach Ulithi, some of us traveled by fishing vessel across rough seas, while others had the privilege (and relative comfort!) of flying via small plane. This was our third effort on Ulithi where we hope to see a church plant within the next two to four years. As I think back on our Ulithian ministry, two events stand out, among many others, as unique works of God. Each night a 7 pm we held a service in front of the clinic building where we worked and stayed. On average, 70 individuals were present for Bible study each night for six nights. With newly acquired Bibles in hand (we had given out Island and Ulithian-language Bibles) many were taking notes and anxious to learn more. The Spirit was clearly working. What a joy to see new professions of faith; this joy was heightened by the testimonies of those who had professed Christ at last year's ministry. How wonderful to see them standing fast in the faith. Pray for these young believers. Pray for us as we try to develop creative ways to disciple these believers who are so far beyond the rest of the world's reach. The second exciting event in our Ulithian ministry was a one-day clinic held on Mog Mog. Mog Mog is the chief island among the five small, inhabited islands that form the Ulithi atoll. The other islands are forced to pay tribute, pretty heavy tribute at that, to the chief of Mog Mog and its people. Furthermore, Mog Mog has sought to maintain many of its ancient cultural norms, and has therefore rejected access by outsiders. Believing that access to Mog Mog would give us acceptance by the other Ulithian islands we have tried on three different occasions to get the chief's permission to visit Mog Mog, but without any success. In God's providence, there was a flu outbreak on the island at the same time we requested permission from the chief to conduct a one-day medical clinic on his island. Our visit request was granted and the Lord did above and beyond what we had hoped or dreamed. The gospel was preached, a number of souls were saved, and we left with an open invitation to come back again. Who is like our God!? Pray that God would continue to work in hearts through the 150 Bibles that were distributed in Mog Mog, an island of 300 people. Emily has been so faithful in managing the home and taking care of the kids despite my frequent and long absences. I think her job, of keeping things going with me gone so much, is the more challenging in our service together. Please pray for Emily, Caleb, Jared, and Emerald as I am absent for the next 3 1/2 weeks. As our kids get older, I'm hoping to be able to get them involved in missions more and more. Hopefully Caleb can be part of our Chuuk team in August. He's been working as part of the cleaning crew at our home church, and so far has saved up about \$700 toward the cost of the trip (no small amount for a boy of 15 who's never known what the word "allowance" means ☺).

Thank you so much for praying for our family and ministry. Thank you for your faithful financial support which enables us to be a vital part of this unique and exciting ministry. We feel so honored to be serving as His ambassadors and as your missionaries.

In His Grace,

Bryan & Emily Bell
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A child in Cameroon



Jackson, sitting with nurse Keith, trusted the Lord during our Mog Mog ministry



Evening evangelistic meetings in Ulithi



Sharing the gospel in Falolop, Ulithi