



Tooth Tales

A Newsletter of Jack & Jennifer Mitchell



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WOW! It's August already! That means we have survived a very busy period of ministry. With three nearly back to back trips in three months' time, we have some interesting tales to share.

In May of this year, twelve team members arrived in the Philippine Islands for an intense and varied three weeks of ministry. Systematic Bible training of pastors took place on two islands and evangelistic dental and medical clinics (including minor surgery) took place on three additional islands. The extreme heat, hours of travel and unending lines of waiting patients were challenging but so many heard the gospel message! That made it all worthwhile. In one location, six families were introduced to our team who had come to Christ, or were actively studying the Bible, as a result of last year's clinic!



Fruit from 2012 Philippine ministry!



Ukraine dental team

Two weeks later it was time to leave again for the former Soviet bloc country of Ukraine. Five team members landed in Kiev to support church planting efforts in six locations. Two Ukrainian pastors were striving to plant churches both in the capital city and in four outlying towns. These men were greatly encouraged as some people they had been unsuccessfully inviting to church came out to receive care and also heard the gospel.

With a mere three days' rest, it was off to Micronesia and the islands of Chuuk. Working on the main island of Weno, clinic was held first at Grace International Baptist Church for several days, treating patients and evangelizing those who waited for care. Following clinic on the main island, our team next had a harrowing experience reaching the outer island of Nama. "So sit right back and you'll hear a tale, a tale of a fateful trip, that started from this tropic port (Weno) aboard three tiny ships (20', single engine craft). Three mates (yes, three sailing men) three skippers brave and true, Fifteen passengers set sail that day for a three hour trip (but it took



On the high seas!

five hours to cover sixty miles of open ocean!) The weather started getting rough (they bravely decided to go anyway), the tiny ships were tossed, if not for the courage of the fearless crew (actually they were scared to death, just like our team) the GDM Missions team would have been lost (in shark infested waters!)"



Our transportation to Nama

Thankfully, we can praise our faithful God that He brought them safely through the storm to Nama where many heard the gospel for the very first time and had long standing medical and dental problems addressed. Students from Harvest Baptist Bible College in Guam are striving to plant a church on Nama. Seeing the people listen with rapt attention and be so grateful for the care they received made the long trip back to Weno seem shorter and less of a struggle.

Thank you for praying for all three of these trips and the safety that was needed for each. You'll never know what it meant to these teams; especially those on their way to Nama, to have you uphold them in prayer. Special thanks to all who donated toothbrushes and reading glasses for these ministry trips, it was a blessing to be able to give them out to those in need! Please continue to remember us as we head to Zambia in September for two weeks of ministry with the Beaman family as they reach out to a new village in the area of Chipata.



Treating Patient on Nama



Gospel being shared on Nama

Sincerely in Christ,

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