



Finally the snow and frozen soil are melting here in New England after a long winter and we've had some warmer days to encourage us that spring is on the horizon. Jack and the rest of our GDMissions team recently returned home from the Philippines where the



Typhoon destruction in PI

temperatures were beyond spring like! A team of six ministered there for roughly two weeks on a staggered schedule. Because of busy schedules and additional ministry commitments not everyone was able to go and return at the same time. This was a follow up relief effort in the areas that were hardest hit by Typhoon Haiyan that struck the Philippine Islands in November. The first relief trip included a distribution of food, hygiene supplies and Bibles along with gospel



Young dental patient in PI

preaching and medical care. This second relief effort focused more on evangelism and medical/dental care in this previously resistant area. The next step will be to send a national pastor to live there and endeavor to plant a church. The people of these hardest hit islands could still use your prayers.

Many are still struggling emotionally from the devastating losses of homes, loved ones and their livelihood. Please pray that the news of a Savior who loves them and died in their place on the cross would find root in their souls.

In May (10th-25th) a third trip will be made by GDMissions to these same islands. We would appreciate your prayers for this larger team effort that will include two doctors, two dentists, several nurses and other needed personnel. We feel that the incredible destruction visited upon these areas, long held by the forces of darkness, weakened their defenses so that God's Word can hopefully flourish there.

After two weeks in the Philippines we (the Mitchells) will go on to the island of Guam for a few days of rest, before flying on to minister in Saipan for a week of dental ministry. It has been a while since we were able to minister in Saipan and we look forward to being back at Christian Bible Church and working in conjunction with Eucon International School. Our time in Saipan is always a blessing and a challenge



Patient receiving medical care in PI

as there is a great need for our ministry there.

We expect to be home for the month of June, enjoying some down time with our family. These times are precious to us and we look forward to them in the midst of our busy schedule. The time will go much too fast and it will be time to pack for a trip to Micronesia in July.

The islands of Micronesia, like the islands of the Philippines, have some strongholds that we are hoping to penetrate. We will first be on the main island of Weno and also on the island of Fefen which we have been to several times in the past. A new island to us, Tol, will be one of those places where we will especially need prayer. These islands are all within the Truk Lagoon though so we don't anticipate any adventures on the high seas as we had last year.

A return ministry to Benin is planned in August to provide medical and dental care in the villages around where we are hoping to establish a permanent clinic. We were so encouraged that after our last trip there, in December, individuals from two villages that have turned away evangelists in the past expressed openness to the gospel.

Also village chiefs from all around the area who had come for medical care were very appreciative of the treatment they received. Resident missionaries are hoping that through follow up they might see churches planted in these challenging areas. As soon as paperwork can be signed (registering the land that has been donated for the clinic) work will begin on digging a well there. We would appreciate your prayers for each step of the clinic building process. It is only through God's grace that this place of healing for bodies and souls will be constructed and established (see www.beninclinic.org).



Donated land for clinic in Benin, W. Africa

Thank you for your prayers for us as we visit churches this month and next presenting the ministry of Grace Dental and Medical Missions. May we honor the Lord as we show what He is doing around the world.

Sincerely in Christ,

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