

Luke 1:35 "And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

Dear Prayer Partners,

What a refreshing time of the year! The beautiful hymns and carols of Christmas, families coming together around an assortment of gifts, or a tabled well spread, the Church Christmas Cantata, decorations, maybe even snow. I am beginning to realize, how my grandparents could remember things from the past, more readily, than things of the present!

We will not "be home for the Holidays", but our hearts will certainly be there. We need this season of the year, for an oasis, in these troubled times in which we live. May your Birthday Party for our Lord, be one of honor, praise and submission to His will for you and your family.

Norma and I would appreciate your prayers as we spend time with our Micronesian people during this Christmas Season. They are away from home, the same as we are, and they will be thinking of their people and their home islands. Pray that our Lord Jesus will be very, very special to them and us during these days.

Since we last wrote, the young lady, that I asked prayer for concerning Salvation, has received Him as her personal Savior. That is what Christmas is all about.

We are losing one of our faithful families. They are moving back to Pohnpei, because of a job change. Pray for the Hadleys.

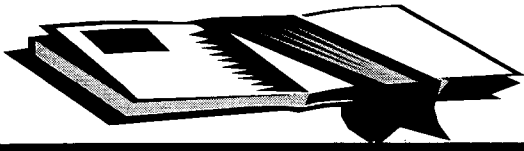
Three of my Micronesian young men are in the military and doing a great job. They witness to fellow soldiers and keep a good testimony.

The Pastor that we worked with on Kosrae is coming to Hawaii for medical treatment. He has diabetes, and an enlarged heart. Please pray for him! We would love to keep him for this ministry. This is Pastor Ersin and Shrue Kihleng.

SPECIAL NOTE: Pastor Wayne Surface asked permission to enclose a personal letter from him, concerning the Micronesian work. You will find the letter attached to this Christmas letter --- Please read it, also.

Yours in His Service,
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Aloha! I am Pastor Wayne Surface of Ohana Baptist Church in Honolulu, Hawaii. For the past few months Dalton and Norma Heath have been here ministering to the Micronesian islanders in our church facilities. I asked Brother Dalton if I could write to you to explain how important this ministry is.

Hawaii is called the "Crossroads of the Pacific." We have representation from every Eastern and Pacific culture. We have the highest concentration of Micronesians any place outside of the islands themselves. The big advantage is that we have them all in one place.

The Federated States of Micronesia are spread out over a distance equal to that of Maine to California and are composed of hundreds of islands and atolls, some of which have never seen a Gospel preaching missionary. We don't have enough missionaries to go to them, but they are coming from all of those islands to one place—Hawaii. We have people from every Micronesian state and almost every island in those countries.

Dalton and Norma's years of experience with three different Micronesian island groups ideally suits them for the ministry. Through those who get saved and grounded here, we can reach back into their home islands and villages with the Gospel. We have already seen converts go back to atolls with less than 100 people to share their new found faith!

The Heath's health has made it impossible for them to continue their ministry in the islands with the people that they love, but God has now opened up a greater door of opportunity for them to use their years of experience to reach even more places for Christ. I hope you will continue to support them as long as they are able to stay and work here in the islands of Hawaii.

Our church has opened up our facilities for them to use. We already have between 70—100 coming from 3 different island groups to services in their own language. We also support the Heaths and will continue to do so. If you have any questions, feel free to call or write. You can read more about our church ministry at www.OBChurch.org. Mahalo and God bless you!

Aloha in Christ,

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