

The Mark Zimmer Family

Serving in Yap, Micronesia



August 2025 Update

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 5:16

For the last several months, the ministry team and servant leaders at Yap Baptist have been preparing for summer outreaches at the church. These outreaches provide opportunities for others to see the Light of Christ shine brightly, glorifying God and giving hope to those around them. We praise the Lord for the initiative and hard work the YBC church family shows as they serve others.

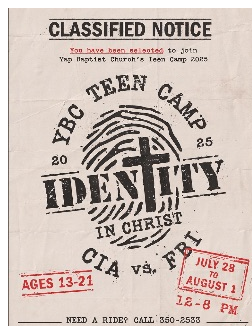
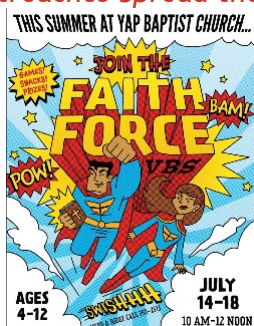
Shining the Light in Yap

Back in April, Yap Baptist Church celebrated Christ's resurrection with singing, worship, and an ice cream fellowship. Our hearts were encouraged to see them faithfully continuing to praise the Lord together. For Mother's Day and Father's Day, Pastor Francis and Steven made t-shirts to give to the ladies and men. Our son Caleb made the design and then the guys used the vinyl press to transfer the design on to the t-shirt.

YBC Leadership Let's Their Lights Shine

The Lord provided a great group of young adults to help in the church while we have been on furlough. We are grateful for their team spirit and desire to honor the Lord as they serve together. Brett Taylor, a teacher at Yap High School, served at YBC while he fulfilled his teaching contract. At the end of the school year, everyone was sad to see him leave and move on to his next place of ministry in China.

Summer Outreaches Spread the Light



Resurrection Sunday



Mother's Day Shirts



Brett Taylor with SS kids



Faith Force VBS 2025



In July the ministry team along with a great group of helpers from the church rallied together to share Christ with children and teens. VBS was July 14-18 and they chose a Super heroes theme challenging the kids that God can use anyone who has a surrendered heart. The kids enjoyed their Faith Force shirts, and we pray that many of these children will take a stand and be heroes for Jesus. The teens enjoyed their week of teen camp July 28-August 1 with the timely topic of finding their identity in Christ. The ministry team was excited that many teens gave their lives to Christ during this week. They enjoyed their new t-shirts as well!



Identity in Christ Teen Camp 2025

Shining Christ's Light through Serving

It's always a joy to our hearts to see the islanders serve the Lord so selflessly. These young leaders grew up at YBC and now they have chosen to serve the Lord as well. Allysha taught the 7-9-year-old class in one of our koyengs and she and her husband Steven worked hard to prepare, organize, and work in the VBS and Teen Camp store. Steven also taught the 4-6-year-olds and planned and executed all the games for each week. Pastor Francis taught the 10-12-year-olds for VBS and brought messages to the teens during teen camp.

Ladies in the church provided snacks and meals during VBS and Teen Camp. It was amazing to see how the Lord brought new people to the island this past year to step in and help.

Christina and her husband James moved to the island this past year and have been a big help in the ministry. Abi Thompson recently moved to Yap after serving many years at Harvest in Guam and will be teaching at Yap High School while serving at YBC. We are so thankful for these new servants the Lord has provided for His church!

Videos to Watch:

<https://vimeo.com/1107953167> (Teen Camp Big Ball volleyball)

<https://vimeo.com/1107951366> (VBS kids sing happy birthday to Mark)

<https://vimeo.com/1107952122> (kids sing "He Has Made Me Glad")



New Students Share the Light at Harvest Baptist Bible College

Please pray for three college students YBC sent to HBBC in Guam this year. Amlynn, Kekai, and Shally spent the last couple of years serving at YBC through music, teaching, and serving in preparation to attend HBBC. Kekai and Shally have been a part of YBC with their families since they were kids, and we are excited for them to take this next step of following the Lord's call on their lives. Please pray with us that the Lord will use them as they study to serve the Lord.



Mission Team Comes to Shine Their Lights for Christ

A mission team from Faith Baptist Bible College, led by Dean and Faith Taylor, came to help at my brother's school, and we were thankful that they were able to stay in our home as well as help in our church ministries during their time on Yap. They were a great encouragement to our church and local pastors.

Shining the Light to the Outer Islands

It was exciting to see pictures of the outer island churches ministering to their people during the past few months! The Bible study on Falalop Ulithi, under the leadership of Pastor James Layomai, built a local structure to accommodate their growing congregation. Pastor James and his family also visited Yap and encouraged the YBC local pastors as well as spent time on Fais Island helping his brother Patwin with their VBS and Teen Camp. Pastor Patwin and his wife Juanita continue to faithfully serve the Lord at Fais Baptist Church.



The Joy of Spending Time with Family

Furloughs offer a special season to spend time with our families that we miss out on during the years we are on the field. Our immediate family got to take a trip to Niagara Falls together as well as visit Mark's parents in Traverse City, Michigan. Mark's siblings and their families all joined together for a family picnic and a wedding, and Diane enjoyed spending time with her brothers and parents. Please continue to pray for Diane's dad as his health is failing quickly and they had to move him into assisted living.

It was also an incredible blessing for us to spend time with many of you, our brothers and sisters in Christ, as we traveled reporting to churches. One highlight was spending some time with Rachelle Bergeron Hammerling's husband, Simon, and her family in Wisconsin. You may remember Rachelle was Diane's close friend and the Attorney General who was shot and killed on Yap in 2019.



Visiting with Tom Bergeron and Simon Hammerling



Additional Prayer and Praises

- **Pray as we return to Yap:** We have our tickets to return to Yap on September 7th. We will leave the states on September 2nd and stop in Guam for a few days to get the roofing and other supplies to repair Fais Baptist Church.
- **Pray for the Outer Island ministries:** Pray for Pastor Patwin on Fais and Pastor James on Ulithi.
- **Pray for continued faithfulness** of the ministry team and YBC church family.
- **Pray for current HBBC students and for new students, Kekai, Shally, and Amlynn.**
- **Pray for our family:** Please continue to pray for our adult children: Joe (owner of Generation Roofing) and his wife, Karalyn (high school English teacher), John Mark (self-employed web developer), and Cherith (Publix supervisor), and for our sons still living with us: Levi, 10th grade homeschooling, and Caleb, a college junior majoring in graphic design at Liberty University online.
- **Praise the Lord** for the time we have had with our granddaughter, **Hollzi**, who is now **9 months old!** Need we even say we are going to miss her horribly! **Please pray for our hearts!**
- **Praise the Lord** for allowing us to celebrate our **30th wedding anniversary in May!**

We enjoyed seeing many of you over the past few months and we appreciate your generosity and encouragement to our family. We will look forward to when we can see you again! Thank you for your faithful prayer and support of our family and the ministry in Yap!

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