

# *The Schell Family*

## *Reaching Micronesian Islanders for Christ*



Dear Pastor and Church Friends

Summer 2011

Summer Greetings from your missionaries to the Micronesian Islanders. We thank the Lord for the wonderful opportunities He has given to us to minister the saving Gospel, and for all the faithful friends who have continued to pray for and support our family and outreach to the tens of thousands of Pacific islanders living on our shores. We have had the joy to meet folks from all across the Pacific, and look forward to seeing many more of them come to Christ. Property here is very expensive, so we are especially thankful for the encouragement and support of several local churches who have offered the use of their facilities for our Micronesian ministry.

I understand there was some confusion with some churches last month about the support address change, so please be reminded that even though we are being sent out by our home church, CMC is now handling our financial matters, and all US support should be sent to them at: CMC, P.O. Box 219228, Houston, TX 77218-9228. We are indeed grateful that most of our supporters continue to sponsor our ministry through this changeover, and that we are able to continue doing just what we had envisioned, in the reaching out to a greater area of the islands by partnering with national men to reach their own islands. Although we would prefer to actually be physically in Micronesia, I trust you will see how obvious it is that God has a plan for us in this place at this time! Your continued prayer and support is especially needed and appreciated, and we thank you for it.

Last Sunday was a special blessing as I preached to nearly fifty folks from Pohnpei, Kosrae, Chuuk and the Marshall Islands at Ohana Baptist church facilities. Pastor Anter was a student at the Bible college in Guam when I spoke there many years ago, and now he is faithfully ministering to his fellow Chuukese here. He is excited that we are here to encourage him, and are expanding the outreach to the other island groups as well. We had a great service, and many remarked how good it was to worship together with their brothers and sisters from the other islands. After the evening service I had the wonderful pleasure to lead a young man from Kosrae to Christ. We started ministering to his family shortly after we arrived here, and have been praying for his salvation, and that he would desire to serve God by reaching his own people. Please continue to pray for him and our other local island men as we seek to encourage and train them to take the Gospel to the scattered islands of the Pacific. After being saved through the Fetter's ministry in Kosrae, his sister has been praying for her 12 family members' salvation for many years, and after church she rejoiced that now there are but 2 left!

We have been praying that we could contact folks from all the Micronesian island groups, and several weeks ago we finally met a family from a small outer island just over 600 miles from Yap, located very close to Chuuk state. We had just picked up our college kids who came out for a summer mission team, when Mike overheard a family speaking the outer-island language and started talking to them. We had a joyous conversation relating how we knew many of the same people and had actually taught the Bible to their son at the Maritime Institute in Yap! They were excited to talk with us, and informed us that were about half as many folks from their island living here as there were on back on the home island. Please pray for the salvation of Dino and his family. His son is actually studying for a ministry in the Catholic Church, and it would be wonderful if he could be saved and carry the true Gospel back home!

It is great to serve together with our family, and to have all but two here with us for the summer. (Our two oldest girls are working in SC, and Monica, after nearly 2 years of marriage is due to have their first baby in July. Julia is there with her and will be helping out!!) The two college kids aren't home much as they will be ministering on the mission team into July, but we are thankful they are willing to use their summer to serve the Lord doing youth camps, VBS, and other outreaches throughout the summer. They always have a trail of island kids following them as they relate very well to them after having grown up in the islands. Please continue to remember them and well as our ministry as we seek to reach out to all the Pacific islands for Christ. There is much to do, and the time is short. Thank you again for being such a big part in our ministry!

Reaching our world together,

Handwritten signature of Mike Schell in blue ink.

Mike Schell and Family

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