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#### GOAL OF THE WORK

- Evangelizing Tinian and Rota, and continue evangelizing Saipan
- Edifying the saints and future converts
- Equipping the saints to teach, lead, and evangelize
- Encouraging the saints to be self-governing and supporting

*“Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!”*  
*John 4:35b*

# Taking the Gospel to the Northern Mariana Islands

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## Saipan/Tinian Report

Hafa Adai from Saipan. We have had another whirlwind month in August. Once again our regular Thursday night studies have produced fruit. At 8:30 p.m. on August 21st, Ruel Reyes was baptized into Christ. Ruel has been faithful in his attendance both in worship as well as these evangelistic classes. From the very beginning when I met him, Ruel has been inquisitive asking very insightful questions and showing great concern for the word of God. In my estimation, he truly is someone who is seeking the truth (Matthew 7:7-8). Since his baptism, Ruel has been perfect in his attendance and has participated

publicly in the worship of the Saipan church of Christ. He is a great encouragement to us. His conversion was a wonderful example of how friendship evangelism works. His good friend and our brother Ross, invited him to services of the church. From that beginning he determined that we were preaching and teaching the truth. Truly God’s word is effective in reaching the hearts of those who desire to know His will. I ask that you join us in praying for Ruel’s continued zeal for the Lord and for his growth as a young babe in Christ.

August was a very busy month on the island of Tinian. I traveled to Tin-



ian a total of 5 times in August. These trips involved door to door evangelism as well as follow up on correspondence course students. We now have 18 students who have signed up for the course on Tinian.

In addition, we found a building to use for worship with a small two bedroom apartment at the back. This will enable us to save money by not having to rent a tent for services and not having to pay for the hotel every night. Mr. David Evangelista is the owner of the building and he has agreed to let me do some repair work on the building in lieu of rent. (cont)



(Cont from pg 1) I have repaired the plumbing which required replacing fixtures and parts as well as extracting suicidal geckos from the water lines (Yuck!). Freddie, Jamie, Jared, Dana Omengkar, and I also painted the inside of the room where we plan to hold worship services. It is a large room that can easily hold 40+ people. We will also be able to use the two bedrooms for classrooms. We still have some work to do on the building but we plan on having the first service at this new location, Lord willing, on September 21st.

Two of Mr. Evangelista's sons, David and Ryan, came by while I was working. Ryan especially showed interest in our establishing a congregation, and said he would bring his wife and two small children to services. Please pray for our continued efforts to win souls on the island of Tinian.



Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

1 Timothy 2: 1-2

Hello friends,

I have just returned from a very brief trip to the states. My grandmother, Mimmie, died August 29, just five days after her 96th birthday. She lived a long life of service, and we were able to celebrate her life with joy.

I got the prize for coming the farthest (just kidding). My mom was comforted by my unexpected presence. I was thankful for the blessing. The kids didn't like me going to the states without them, but they were very mature about it. I'm thankful to God that it worked out.



Here in the tropics, we get very heavy downpours with little or no lightning or thunder. The kids like to play in the rain; the hard rains are a particular treat. The last time Sarah got out in one of these good soakers, Pat joined her and they had a very good time.

I'm still teaching the Ladies' class, and enjoying it tremendously. The ladies say they are enjoying it as well. I think maybe I enjoy teaching Bible class as much as Pat does - maybe not, he really loves it.

School is going well for the children. Pat kept them going while I was gone. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. We are blessed by each prayer on our behalf.

Maria