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# Taking the Gospel to the Northern Mariana Islands

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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 your, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! John 4:35b

Sister Herme Omengkar with her grandson, "Booboy" (Jared Omengkar).

## Tinian Evangelistic Effort!

Hafa Adai from Saipan.
We have had a good
month in the CNMI. We
continue to have the regular Thursday night studies
with about eight people in
attendance. In addition,
we have been having ongoing studies with members and some of their
family members who are
not Christians.

With thankfulness to God, we were able to go to Tinian for an evangelistic effort. In addition to my family, we had three members of the Saipan church of Christ work with us. We were able to door knock the entire Marpo Valley which is where sister Herme Omengkar's



son Freddie lives.

During the door knocking, we went house to house (Acts 20:20) inviting people

to worship, offering Bible studies, and correspondence course studies. We were very pleased with the reception for a first time effort. We had seven people sign up for the correspondence course which we prepared and mailed the Monday we got back from Tinian. We also held, to our knowledge, the first worship service of the Lord's church on Tinian. Please pray with us that those we met will have a sincere interest in the God's Word.

Brother Boyet Cabaluna,



Our evangelistic team getting last minute instructions before we go house to house door knocking in Marpo Valley, Tinian.

our local preacher, and I went back to Tinian for a second door knocking and to have worship services. We were able to canvass a section of Marpo Heights and were able to enroll an additional seven correspondence students. We were also able to have a very good study with Sallie Panis, a friend of sister Minda Barbo.

We are planning a third trip for August 8, 9 & 10th. It is our intention, Lord willing, to concentrate our efforts on Tinian from now until the end of the year. Please join us by offering up your prayers for open hearts and open opportunities.

Brother Lito leads us in singing during our first service of the Lord's Church on Tinian.

Brother Boyet officiated at a traditional Filipino wedding ceremony that we were blessed to be able to attend. The couple and some of their family has been visiting our worship for some weeks now. (A cord is being tied around the couple to show how they will be bound together in marriage.)

The Saipan church of Christ family before Scott and Melinda Crockett returned to the states. Brother Steve Vice, elder and minister of the Forest Park church of Christ in Atlanta, was visiting. Brother Vice and his family lived on Saipan for 11 years. He took a brief stop on his way home from Chuuk to exhort and encourage the brethren.







And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Galatians 6:9

Hello friends,

We are pretty much settled in now, and things are going well. We have had contact from so many of you, our friends, and it is truly encouraging. Thank you all for your prayers, emails, and letters. Each one is truly appreciated.

The children are doing well. We have received permission to home school from the Commissioner of Schools. We begin studies next Wednesday, the 13th. Because of our moving, Jacob had some science to finish and Sarah had math. They have been working on it this summer, and are ready for this year's work.

We have a cheerful addition to our home. In Tennessee, we had a dog and two cats. We found homes for them, and we promised Sarah that when we got settled here she could have a cat. Aladin is our new addition. He's a ball of fire, as most kittens are. Sarah is getting lots of lessons in responsibility which she did not realize were coming.

Thank you for your continued prayers. Please continue to bring us up to the Lord of all.

Maria

