

Missionary Volunteer Program



June 2025

Dear Friends,

Our last full month on Guam has already passed! It seems like we were enjoying a great stride, but our ministry must now be moving forward from here.

We have many highlights to report to you:

- In the time we've been here we have had several visiting families, coming even from the furthest areas of the Island (around 45 minutes north).
- Three families have been faithfully returning on Sundays. We've gotten to know two of the families better and are happy to see them every week!
 - o Please pray for these families to remain faithful as the church transitions to the next interim pastor and his wife.
- I was blessed to be the guest speaker at Guahan Baptist Church for their first-ever Men's Fellowship Breakfast. We feasted on all-things breakfast food, and enjoyed a sweet time of fellowship, devotion and challenging team games! My partner and I ended up winning both games that had a prize available, and I left with a gift card to one of the popular coffee shops here on Guam. 😊
- We've focused even more this month on the young people who have been coming to church. We encourage them as much as we can every time we see them, and we've been feeding them after the Sunday p.m. service, and Wednesday p.m. service. Also, we have a time of fellowship playing group games that they enjoy very much!
 - o With summer break here, the group of kids that we pick up fluctuates a lot since they may be with other relatives around the island for some time, out and about some days, and even sleeping in too long on some Sunday mornings. We've been praying for them diligently.
- Yet God has greatly blessed. We have reached several young people and adults with the gospel and nine have trusted the Lord during our time here!
- Four young people and two adults have followed the Lord in believer's baptism, and one teenager will be when she is back in town. Praise the Lord. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Sunday night baptism last week was accomplished in the baptistry with just 12-inches of water! The whole church, and especially little Ella, was excited to "get it done" and that's just what we did! The whole church was standing on the platform peering over the glass to watch as well. What a memorable baptism!
- I was able to join two other missionaries, and we witnessed at a large apartment complex one Saturday. Please pray for the gospel tracts to plant "good" seed into their hearts.
- We've had four missionary families, and one neighbor over for dinner and had a great time of fellowship encouraging each other.

- One couple was just on Guam for a week to allow their Visas into South Korea to reset. They were really happy to converse in English and have fellowship with Americans again after serving in a non-English-speaking area for three months! Also, they enjoyed “real American food” greatly!
- Joanie had a combined teen/ladies’ Meeting this month. Once again, the food was delicious, and everyone enjoyed the good lesson and fellowship. I’m thankful for Joanie’s heart to help and serve others. She also had three missionary wives attend.
- We ask that you continue to pray for our health. This month Joanie has had to deal with extreme pain along her right leg. The road conditions here have aggravated her sciatica and one misstep caused deep bone pain, too. We went to the hospital to get a clear idea of what was happening, and to pursue answers for the bone pain (a new symptom for her). Turns out she had broken her fibula leg bone (the smaller of the leg bones) in the past, however it can be refractured by twisting the wrong way. She has been careful with the amount of walking she’s doing, and avoiding steep inclines, etc., allowing it to heal again.
- Our daughter-in-law is being quite the trooper, she is currently in her trial therapy at the University of Pennsylvania hospital; it’s a new type of Car-T therapy but can have some possible serious side effects. We thank God that so far she has been fine. Your partnership in prayer in this matter is precious to us. Please pray for her full remission and recovery.
- We’re making plans for our next mission trip which is coming up in September. We will be serving with a church that has a great outreach to the American Military members serving overseas in Italy. We’re thrilled to have this opportunity, and to bring Bibles and supplies to the missionary family.
- Our pathway home will take us for a very quick trip to Manila, Philippines where we will serve with two tremendous ministries on Sunday. They each have amazing outreach programs, Christian schools and Bible Colleges. I will be blessed to preach for them both! Please pray for the Lord’s leading and power as I am given this wonderful opportunity.
- Our last Sunday in Guam we had a special offertory song played by one of our teen girls. That was a blessing for us all. Also, Joanie performed a sign-language song and everyone enjoyed that so much.
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We thank the Lord for you, and for all you do and sacrifice for the ministry.

*For a Greater Harvest,
Darrell and Joanie Bolton*

