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Dear Friends,

We are happy to report that Yap island now has a Baptist radio station running 24 hours a day. I was able to go over to Yap in November to assist in getting the station on the air. Fortunately a church in Georgia had sent a group of men out before I arrived and had all the building built and I only had to install the electronic equipment. They have been getting good results already. Soon after going on the air a storm went through the island and the missionary, Paul Zimmer, kept the people informed of the storm, gaining many new listeners quickly. The Baptist station was the only station reaching some parts of the island as the government station is operating with limited power since a major storm a year ago.

I had been trying to work out the itinerary for the trip for several weeks as well as working in a stop on Chuuk to work on that station, and then Ruth Ann broke her arm, making things a little more difficult. Then the President's office called me and said they needed to send someone to Beijing, China, to the Asian Broadcast Union conference and asked if I would like to go. My sister was going to be visiting a friend there about the same time so I quickly agreed to go. This also allowed me to make the two stops for the radio stations at little cost saving nearly \$1,000 on plane tickets. My sister's friend had been saved while a student in the U.S. and had just returned to China a few months ago and had not yet found any other Christians or a place to attend church. My sister and I had a good time together, and her friend showed us many interesting sights. While at the conference I was talking to a Chinese man and mentioned to him that I had been in his country for two weeks and had not seen one church. He told me that his wife was a Christian and through this contact my sister's friend is now attending a house church there in Beijing. It seems that as long as Christians don't get involved in politics they are left alone to worship in houses. This does not seem to be always true in some areas but in larger cities like Beijing, which is 15 million, they seem to look the other way.

My last stop before returning to Pohnpei was Chuuk. The Baptist station there was not up to full performance and the coverage was limited. After a couple of days we got it up to full performance, and the missionary was pleased with the increased audience. At the present time the government station on Chuuk is only operating four hours a day due to limited power on the island, but a hotel with a generator has allowed us to locate our transmitter and antenna on its roof, providing power 24 hours a day. This gives us more opportunity to capture the audience.

Ruth Ann's arm has been healing well. An orthopedic doctor was on the island just a few days after the break and examined her X-rays. He said it was healing properly but she needed to get on medicine to strengthen her bones or she would have more breaks.

While I was on Guam I spoke in the chapel service at Harvest Baptist Bible Institute. A young man came up to me after the service and said he was from Pohnpei and got saved listening to our station. He had come to Guam to join the military and ended up in the Lord's training facility. We look forward to the day when he returns to Pohnpei to serve the Lord.

In Christ,

Dave & Ruth Ann