

## **Carol Witthun's Guam Chronicle – September 2019 Edition**

Hafa Adai from Guam!

You may recall in my last prayer letter I mentioned June marks the beginning of rainy season. It started off kind of slow – a few showers here and there. Then early August came, and we had five straight days of rain with over 11 inches. In fact, the ground got over-saturated with water causing some trees to come down and a mudslide to occur on a major road. I was beginning to wonder if I was going to have to build an ark.



### **Summer Happenings**

The Hodgins family were on furlough May to early August. Grant is our Station Manager, so it's nice to have him back. We said good-bye to Dale & Becky Philyaw. They were a retired couple who served here about four years. Becky did follow-up work with our TWR listeners responding to English broadcasts. Dale was a tremendous help in our maintenance department. They will be missed. The 2020 Budget was finalized for Guam and TWR globally. We praise God for guiding TWR's global leadership in finalizing a balanced budget. August 10<sup>th</sup> marked my 28-year anniversary with TWR. I arrived on Bonaire August 10, 1991. Twenty-six years later (August 10, 2017), I arrived on Guam.

### **Future Happenings**

- Sunday School at church starts up this month. This year I will be teaching elementary age kids (I haven't taught that age group in quite a few years) with a lady named Marilyn. I hear the class is made up of all boys...should be fun. Please pray for Marilyn and me as we teach the Word of God to these young people.
- The end of September marks the end of TWR's fiscal year which means prep work begins for our annual global audit. I've been able to get an early start for Asia as well as helping Africa and the offices in Cary.
- The week of September 9<sup>th</sup>, Beate Kiebel, TWR Director of Global Broadcast Media Operations, will be visiting Guam. I first met her in the spring of 1994 when I was working at TWR's offices in The Netherlands. With Beate's new role, she wants to see firsthand Guam's operations and get to meet the staff. When I worked in Cary, I would see her often when she attended global leadership meetings. However, it's been a couple of years since I've seen her, so we have much to catch-up on.
- In past letters I've mentioned a much-needed replacement for our 24-year-old Detroit 750kW Generator. Having a back-up generator is critical in keeping the broadcasts airing at night when we lose island power. This month a special appeal letter is going out to help raise the last of the funds needed. Please pray that God's people would be generous in their giving towards this project.
- Jeremy and Tammy Weaver were recently appointed as missionaries to come to Guam. They, along with their two children Emma and Cole, will be moving from Anchorage, Alaska, to Guam once they have their ministry team in place to pray and fund them. Jeremy will provide technical and engineer services. They are greatly needed here, so we are praying their support comes in quickly.

Mitch Becker took this picture from the top of Tower 4. We praise God for men and women who are not afraid of heights, and willing to climb these towers to maintain our antennas. Because rainy season started slow, work was able to be done well into July.



Wishing you God's blessing until we meet again.

In His Service,

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