

Sabin Signal

Wide Variety of Happenings

Felis Navidad (Chamorro for "Merry Christmas") from Guam. We hope your celebration of Jesus' earthly birthday and even the preparation for the big day turn out to bless you all. Christmas tends to sneak up on us here due to the weather not providing the cues that most of you experience.

Just as in the States, it was a busy storm season in this part of the world. Typhoon Mangkhut passed close enough to Guam to damage several trees and knock out our power for a few days. This was made worse by the failure of KTWR's main generator. (This generator is what allows KTWR to stay on the air when the power goes out.) It took us weeks to get it repaired. (TWR is raising funds for a replacement generator. Please visit <https://www.twr.org/project/guam-generator-project> for details.) A few weeks later, Super Typhoon Yutu passed over Tinian and Saipan. It was close enough to Guam to cause some minor power outages, but the damage to our northern neighbors was devastating. It turns out that this storm was the most powerful to ever hit US soil in recorded history. It will take a very long time for Saipan and Tinian to recover.

Mike took two trips to Asia over the past few months. The first one was to Singapore for several meetings as well as leadership and technical training. The meetings were good, but being away from Eli for nearly three weeks is something we do not want to repeat.

The second trip was to Sri Lanka for meetings and studio testing. It was very encouraging to see that both studios TWR uses there passed the reverb tests. It was also nice to meet the new staff in Colombo and work with old friends in Puttalam.

While Mike was in Sri Lanka, KTWR's Antenna 5 failed. A cable in one of the feed lines (non-parallel cable in the lower half of the middle photo below) was shorting out the entire antenna. This forced KTWR to use antennas that were not designed for the low frequencies we use for Korean broadcasts.

We had to lower the antenna to the ground to repair it. (The antenna is made of thousands of pounds of wires. The towers just hold it all up.) This was a bit scary since it was the first time KTWR had done this operation without any trained antenna riggers. Once the repair work was complete, we successfully raised the antenna array back up. It is now working very well, and the Korean audience can now hear the programs much better.

It seems that KTWR staff photos are mostly taken when someone is leaving. That is the case with the photo below. The Dills are leaving Guam for another ministry in the States. It is sad to see these friends go, but they are following the Lord's leading in their lives. We do look forward to adding a new family to the staff next year.



Mike and local staff testing a studio in Sri Lanka



One broken cable shorted out all of Antenna 5



KTWR's latest staff photo



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"This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him."

1 John 4:9



Working Staycation

For quite some time, we have had difficulty deciding on where and when to take a vacation. We had also kicked around the idea of doing a mission trip. The decision was made a bit easier when it became clear that we needed to stay on Guam.

Mike heard about needs that we could fill at Pacific Islands University (PIU), a small Christian school here on Guam. The PIU staff had been working feverishly to get ready for the fall semester, but there was still a lot left to be done a few weeks before classes started. We decided to spend a week working at the campus to help where we could.

Eli worked in the business office putting her clerical skills to good use. Mike helped the school president with a wide variety of tasks. This included repairing light fixtures, removing unused electrical circuits and plumbing, rebuilding two restrooms, installing an air conditioner, testing and repairing three generators, patching roof leaks, and fixing small to medium plumbing leaks.

It was a lot of work, but it felt good to help with this ministry. The Lord gave us an unusual opportunity to use the experience and skills He has given us over the years. There are others who volunteer on a long-term basis by teaching or helping in maintenance.

We encourage you to keep your eyes open for opportunities to serve local or distant ministries with the skills you already have. Just a few days could make a big difference in you and the people you are helping.

TWR is looking for people to join in the work the Lord has given us. Please visit www.twr.org/serve to see the list of opportunities.

Praise & Prayer

- Praise the Lord that KTWR's staff was able to repair Antenna 5.
- Please pray for the residents of Tinian and Saipan as they deal with damage left by Super Typhoon Yutu.
- Pray for the Dill family as they move on to the next ministry that the Lord has set before them.
- KTWR's staff has some roles that need to be filled. An engineer and some antenna techs are sorely needed. Please pray for the Lord to send laborers to bolster our team soon.