

# THE WAGAR'S

## Praises

1. 6 souls saved in 2018

## Requests

1. Deportation Situation
2. To please God in 2019

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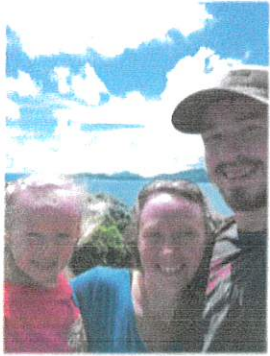
I went to another island for a few days for a quick scouting trip. This is in the local school.



Our Dear Co-laborers,

Happiest of New Years to you all! The New Year is always a time of reflection as we come out of the old year and prepare for the one that is just beginning. The New Year celebration here in Chuuk is LOUD. As soon as the clock strikes midnight on January 1, people begin to bang on pots, pans, water buckets - you name it. Then comes the endless honking of car horns and blaring radios. Through the day, groups of kids (usually) come walking down the street chanting about "Happy New Year, we want candy!" The same thing happens a bit more the night of January 1, and then it is all over - peace and quiet at last!

As we reflect back on 2018 we must recognize the goodness of God. We were able to see six souls make professions of faith this past year! We praise the Lord for it. Our church hosted its first VBS; Pastor Mike and I began a small visitation program (from which we saw three of those souls saved); and I was able to finish preaching through the book of Titus and begin a new series on Basic Christian Growth. Furthermore, Sarah started a growing Sunday School for the kids in our church as well as a ladies Bible study to encourage one another in the Word. Our language skills have progressed and now I (Josh) sound about like a 3 or 4 year



old! I can be happy with that! Milena has grown so much this past year and is really a fixed part of our little community. She added new verses to her repertoire through the year as well, and she has come to absolutely love singing. God's grace upon us has been abundant and evident.

Though the year was filled with so many good things, there has also been much difficulty through the year as well. Satan is not trying to hide the fact that he is out to destroy the work of God. Many of your pastors may already have informed you, but a serious trial is upon us at the moment. Upon our arrival in Chuuk there was a paperwork error made on my part with which the national government took issue. Steps were made to resolve the problem, but we now have the national government trying to deport us. Though the Attorney General of the FSM, Joses Gallen, is undoubtedly coming after us for political gain (it would look good for him to deport an American), this entire situation has, without question, been a harsh tactic of Satan to hinder the work of the Lord. Steps are being taken to fight against this deportation and as things progress we will keep your pastors up to date so that they are able to inform you. It goes without saying that your prayers in this matter are much needed and desired; the burden is heavy.



In the midst of all of this, however, we desire to continue to press forward in the place where we know that God has called us to be. Tomorrow I will start a Bible study with two local friends and we will dive into the book of John. This is a crucial matter because so many people here do not have a firm grasp on the Gospel. Please be praying as we meet every Wednesday to discuss John. Furthermore, we have our eyes to the future as we continue to search out the opportunities that God has in store for us. We look forward to seeing the marvelous things that He has planned for this year. Thank you for your love, care, prayers, and support. We are grateful to each of you and are privileged to serve along side of you. Thank you for being faithful as you reach your Jerusalem. Happy New Year!

Until the Islands Know Him,  
Josh, Sarah, and Milena Wagar  
Romans 15:21