
THE WAGARS

To Chuuk, Micronesia - April 2023

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Our Dear Friends,

I think we forgot how beautiful spring really is; we haven't experienced it for many years so it is an absolute joy to see spring with fresh eyes! When we originally were planning this furlough, our plan was to return to Chuuk around this time. However, the Lord has seen fit to keep us here for just a little longer. As many of you know, I (Josh) was planning to return alone in May in order to do some repairs on the house and get things in order for my family to return. This was also a way to test my ability to re-enter the country. Through very

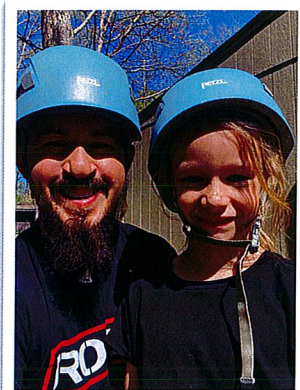


clear leading of the Lord and counsel from Pastor Mike, we have decided that June is the better option. The plan still remains the same for now: I will return alone for about ten days and then I will bring my family over soon after. Please be in prayer for clear wisdom and leading from the Lord and for truly open doors to get back in. After six years of waiting for a resolution, we are ready to know how the Lord will resolve this. But please know that it is our every intention to return and get back to work as soon as we are able.

It has also been so good to be able to reconnect with many of you, though often it was too brief of a time together. We are now finished with our travels and only have one local meeting next week. We will be able to take the month of May and

prepare to return and also get in a little bit of quality time together without being on the go. We thought furlough would be a bit more restful, but now we know better!

Everyone in the family is doing well, thank the Lord! Many of you have asked about Uriah and we are happy to report that he is well. He will have one more MRI before we leave to double check



one thing, so please pray for that. He will need to follow up with cardiology in about a year so his cardiologist is working on finding some contacts out in the Pacific. Milena is almost done with school (we are ALL happy about this) and also recently had her first piano recital. She did amazingly! Sarah and I are well in health and spirit. We are ready to settle back into a bit more of a routine.

Though we are certainly ready to return to Chuuk, we also are dealing with mixed emotions. It has been truly good and refreshing to be around so many of you and especially to be reunited with our families. Milena has made many new friends and Sarah and I feel that, though we have been able to connect with so many old friends, we have also not been able to connect with everyone we were hoping to. We also know that with our return new challenges will arise. People have moved on, the gym will need to continue to be renovated and furnished, and life and ministry in the middle of nowhere will resume with fervor. Additionally, a unique level of spiritual warfare



will also resume. I don't write any of this with a woe-is-us attitude, but am simply acknowledging the reality that we will face and, once again, request your fervent prayers. We need specific prayer for several areas. First, pray for our return - that I am able to re-enter with no issues and that the entire legal issue can be resolved once and for all. Pray for our physical health; we know sickness will hit soon after we get back as our bodies re-adjust to Chuuk. Pray for us spiritually; we are called to Chuuk and it is home, but Satan (and even some people in Chuuk) don't want us there. Spiritual warfare

will be strong. Pray for the gym. This is a clear calling from the Lord, but we know that much more blood and sweat will need to be poured into it. We also still need all of the equipment. And finally, pray for Chuuk. We have spent over half a decade laying a foundation. Our desire is to see a great spiritual awakening within the islands however difficult this task may appear to be. Friends, now is the hour of prayer. We need it desperately and we know that the Lord hears His saints. Thank you for praying on our behalf and for helping us see the Kingdom in Chuuk! Over these next six weeks, please keep us constantly before the throne. We look forward to seeing the fruit that abounds to all of our accounts because of it.

Until the Islands Know Him,

Josh, Sarah, Milena, and Uriah Wagar