

The Joshua McClure Family

THIRD GENERATION BAPTIST MISSIONARIES TO THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

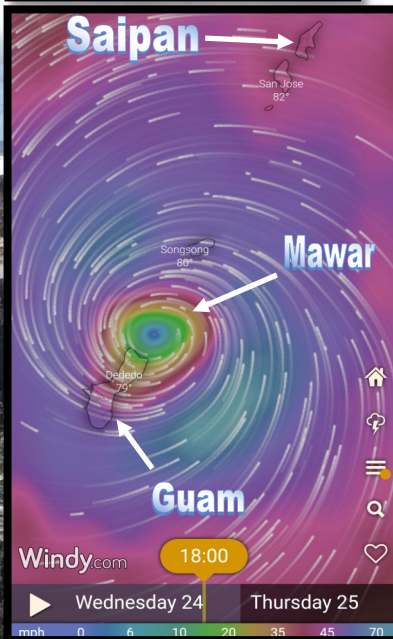
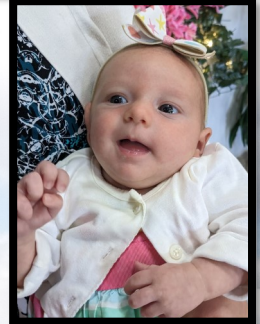
Dear Pastor & Church Family,

Thank you all for your prayers. April and May have been interesting months and much has happened to which one page cannot contain. However, I will give you a few highlights and prayer requests to better help your time praying for us and others in the ministry. I have an aunt, Lois Jacobs, that is a pastor's wife and has been faithful in the ministry for many years who was able to come visit us for 4-5 weeks in March-April. She was a blessing and an encouragement to both our church and us. Our Easter Sunday went very well as Brother Terry McClure preached on the resurrection of Christ. That evening, we had a **baby dedication** for my youngest, **Makenna**, and then a wonderful time of food and fellowship because that was aunt Lois' last day with us before flying back to Ohio.



“As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.” **Proverbs 25:25**

On Mother's Day, we were able to celebrate with 6 moms in attendance and Bro. Terry delivered a message on “The Mother's Role in the Home.” The month of May also brought news of a tropical storm which was slowly moving and gradually intensifying into a typhoon. By May 19th meteorologists were predicting it would hit Saipan. By May 22nd the storm was creeping along but then predicted to hit the south side of the island of Guam and had grown to a category 5 typhoon with sustained winds of around 155mph. Many Christians were praying for the Lord's will and safety for which ever island it would hit. The **typhoon, Mawar** by name, changed its trajectory once more and ended up passing north between the islands of Guam and Rota. God heard the prayers of all His kids because He gets the glory for this next part, before passing through the island chain, the eye wall deteriorated and winds died down a little shrinking the storm down to a category 4 typhoon with winds around 140mph; and then after it passed the islands, it quickly grew even more to a category 5 Super Typhoon with sustained winds of over 185mph. **Many thanked God for this as it could have been a lot worse!**



We also got to honor my parents on their 41st anniversary as the church asked them for some wisdom regarding relationships. This was a sweet time of sharing memories and thanking them for their faithfulness to each other and our Lord. It is right to honor the good examples in our lives.

During the First week of June, my wife and I were able to go to Guam for a week to bring some supplies to aid some of the missionaries and churches there. The island has been devastated by Mawar and many are thankful that it was not worse. Please **pray for Guam** and the **recovery** efforts that are going on. Also, **pray for Christians** to keep **trusting God** and remembering that He is with us even in hard times so that **others may see Him in us.**

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” **Matthew 5:16**

Cheerfully Serving Christ,
Joshua & Amanda McClure Family



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