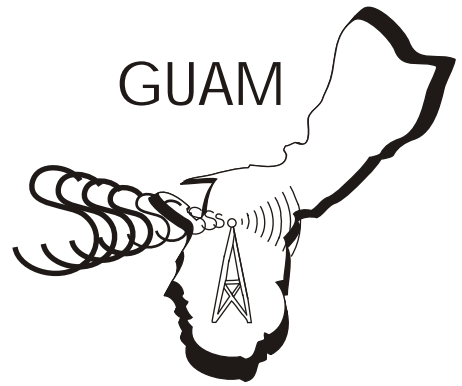




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A news letter from the Gregsons



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Warm Guam Greetings,

It is that time again to bring you up-to-date with our lives and ministry. The next time you hear from us we should be in Massachusetts on our furlough.



Visits:

Over the last month we had visits from the leadership of our Southeast Asia and Northeast Asia regions. Some time ago the Asia region was divided into two separate regions due to the sheer numbers of people in Asia. On Guam, we serve both regions through our shortwave broadcasts. In addition, TWR is on the air with local broadcasts and satellite throughout Asia.

It was encouraging as always to get a feel for where the ministry is at in these regions and where they are headed. We often feel far removed from our listeners so we appreciate these periodic reports. Some of the things that we got excited about are: expanding radio distribution projects in hard to reach countries of Asia, expanded programming to youth, positive response to the women's programming and seminary training over the air.

Doug was able to have a fruitful week of meetings with the Information Services Director for Southeast Asia. They were able to share information and coordinate how to work together better to serve the region.



Doug works with Nigel from Southeast Asia

Furlough:

Due to Joy's adoption, our furlough has been delayed until late July. We appreciate those who have been patient as we try to confirm our departure date and schedule appointments. At this point we plan to leave Guam in late July. Our contact address on furlough is: 313 East. St. Duxbury, MA 02332/ Phone: (781)585-6981.



Gotcha Day!

In adoption terms "Gotcha Day" stands for the day that the adoptive family receives their child. At the time of this writing Joy's Gotcha Day is scheduled for mid June! If the remaining paperwork is completed according to schedule, we will fly to Taiwan to receive Joy from June 15-17th. Needless to say, if all goes as planned it will be a very special Father's Day for Doug this year! It seems strange that after an 11-month "pregnancy" our family will soon be a family of four. Joy will be 16 months old when she joins our family.

Chinese

We have begun to learn some Chinese (Mandarin) by cassette. It has been challenging, but a lot of fun. Sarah breezes in and out while the cassettes are playing and pretends not to be interested. However, she questions me if we miss a day and at various times we have heard her quietly counting to ten in Mandarin on her own. We are told that Joy knows some words in Chinese and some in English.

Play dates

Through MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Sarah and Denise have made good friends who we see on a regular basis, not only during the bimonthly meetings, but a terrific (Beth Moore) Bible study and regular play dates as well.



Suffering Economy

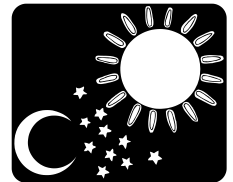
Guam continues to feel the effects of a struggling Asian economy coupled with the 9-11 tragedy, since tourism is the mainstay of Guam's economy. Many are out of work forcing some people to leave the island to seek employment.

Earthquake

Guam is subject to earthquakes on a regular basis. The most recent powerful earthquake (measured at 7.2) occurred in April and it really shook Sarah up. She still talks about it. Somehow she couldn't understand why when the "earth danced" it was felt inside the house as well as out. Fortunately, the structures on Guam are built to withstand a good rattle.

Astronomy

The heavens really do "declare the glory of God," don't they? Guam is a great place to see many stars and planets, as long as the weather stays dry enough. Doug especially has enjoyed viewing some of the sights in the Guam skies. Recently all five of the visible planets were observed in the Guam skies, along with eight of the ten brightest stars. Later this month we hope to watch a lunar eclipse and in June a 98% solar eclipse!



Doug took the opportunity to share with the youth group about the awesome design and order to God's creation. Doug is particularly fascinated with God's creation of the ionosphere which allows shortwave broadcasts to reach huge numbers of people around the globe. *Did you know our sun has spots?* The earth's ionosphere is greatly affected by the sun. To learn more and see a photo visit Doug's astronomy page at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/7831/dougastro/mainastro.html>. Be sure to take the "Tour of the Universe."

*** Note: If you haven't visited our personal website in a while you may not recognize it since it has had quite a facelift. There are also some additions including pictures of Joy. Visit: <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/7831>*

Prayer needs:

- Finalization of Joy's adoption and family adjustments for all of us
- Furlough preparations -- scheduling of appointments, preparation of presentations, housesitter while we are away
- Our church's building construction which is underway. The main structure should be finished by the end of May. Several teams of volunteers will begin to come in August to finish the interior work.

Warmly in Christ,

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