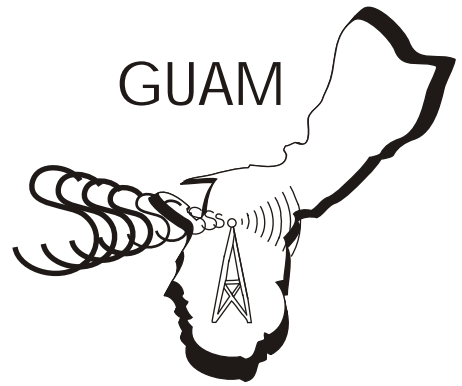




# SIGNALS

*A news letter from the Gregsons*



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Greetings from warm and sunny Guam!

Our family is all finally together again in the same side of the world!! It is amazing how much can change in only a few months! For those of you that have been in touch by email, you probably know the challenges that our family and our ministry have been going through. If not, we will update you with the highlights... Let's start with furlough and family. . .

### **Furlough:**

Our furlough meetings ended in December. We were blessed by the time we spent with those who partner with us in ministry. We had about 50 meetings which we believe resulted in a better understanding of what God is doing to reach people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Asia region. We are overjoyed that some new individuals and churches have decided to partner with us... Welcome to the team!

Most of the pledges have turned into regular commitments of prayer and gifts and we are starting our new term on Guam nearly fully supported. We know that the economy and the current world politics are affecting our partners in a way that makes a regular financial commitment to be even more of a step of faith. We are assured that the same God who directs our decisions for ministry will also supply our needs. Philippians 4:19 reminds us "*And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.*"

**Family:** Joy has always had sleeping difficulties but we felt they were slowly improving. Around Christmastime, however, we observed something rather dramatic when her sleep was being interrupted by inconsistent breathing. This led us to consult with a doctor in Massachusetts who advised a sleep study be performed. The problem was timing. Nearing the end of furlough caused us to act quickly-- it was an amazing experience! God was so good to get us the appointment just in time before Doug returned to Guam to help with the typhoon recovery. Then, much to our amazement, our busy little toddler sat still for about an hour while a perfect stranger slopped all the goopy glue and electrodes all over her head and body. She just sat there and played with the air tube used to dry the glue and handed it to Willie when he needed it. The two of us just sat and stared at each other in disbelief. Then, to top it off she lay down to sleep and slept almost perfectly, waking up at about 6 am when they were coming in to get her up anyways. Praise God that she has been sleeping pretty good most of the time now. Although we are still awaiting the complete report, the study revealed that her sleep apnea was within acceptable limits and we will need to keep an eye on her for future problems.

God works in amazing and mysterious ways! A secondary reason for Denise and the girls to have remained in the mainland was to be with her mom and dad while they experienced health issues. Denise's dad went through heart bypass surgery in January and is recovering well. She was grateful to spend some time with him and the rest of the family during this difficult time. Denise's mom is going through procedures to evaluate and treat the growth in her abdomen as well as a cyst or growth that was also found on her liver.

Would you please continue to pray for her family!

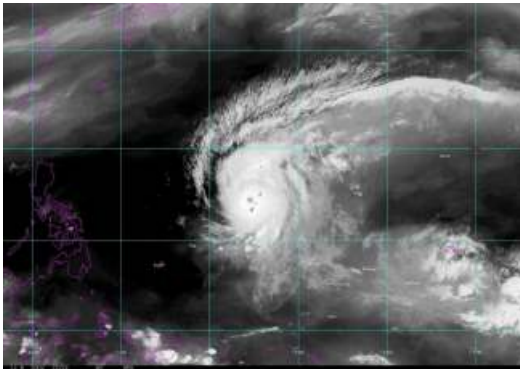


The 1st snowstorm of MANY on furlough  
Sarah & Joy experienced snow for the 1st time

Doug's trip back to Guam on January 17<sup>th</sup> to help aid in the typhoon repairs was much less eventful than the trip for Denise and the girls a month later. Fortunately, Doug's brother and girlfriend Amy helped to make the trip easier, considering they got stuck in Newark in the middle of a blizzard!

**TYPHOON Pongsona!** The word Pongsona is a Korean word for beautiful flower (Touch-me-not or Balsam) especially loved by Korean Women since ancient time for its shyness and tender feeling. Typhoon Pongsona was anything but shy or tender. It hit Guam on December 8<sup>th</sup> with sustained winds of 150 miles per hour and gusts to 184 mph, essentially flattening parts of the island.

The island sustained heavy damage knocking out utilities for about a month. Trans World Radio's building and antenna field received most of the damage and work crews were brought in from various places to aid in the recovery process. At the time of this writing most of the antennas have been repaired, but we are waiting on parts to arrive to complete repairs.



**Satellite picture as Pongsona passes Guam**  
(Guam is the tiny spec about the size of the eye)

**Antenna #1 was completely destroyed**

**A pile of broken antenna parts**

We were thankful that most of the TWR staff only sustained minor damage at their homes. When Doug arrived in Guam he was amazed to find only minor damage to house and vehicles. It was like God placed His hand over the house to protect it. The rest of the island did not fair so well.

Here are a few pictures to testify to the typhoon's amazing strength:



**The strong winds flipped cars and trucks in parking lots**

You can find additional pictures and details concerning the storm at <http://www.twr.org>



**Fuel tank fires burned out of control - stopping the flow of fuel to run vehicles and standby generators**

Please email us if you would like to receive our occasional email updates in addition to these prayer letters. Until next time,

Lord Bless

*Doug Denise*  
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