

# Lighthouse Baptist Church

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Greetings Beloved!

We have six weeks before we head back to the US mainland on full time deputation, and we are busy trying to get everything ready for our church and for Caleb and Bella as they prepare to steward the church in our absence. If all goes according to plan, they will be married in early May, and we will have only one bachelor son remaining. On that note, Dan is doing well and has just finished his first year of college.

Our “punch-list” is dizzying and has taken on the “hydra-effect”, insomuch that when we complete one task, two more seem to take its place. To maximize our time, I will be leaving my secular job in early April so we can focus on getting things accomplished.

We’ve been doing a little reminiscing of the past six years especially as we try and put together a brief video documenting the work her at Lighthouse Baptist Church. We’ve seen God save some and change their lives, especially among some of our young people. To highlight a couple for you, one of our ladies was recently hired, but lost her job after a month. She lives just over the poverty level and had been saving her money to give as an offering, but because she is now unemployed, she struggled deciding what to do with her offering. In the end, she gave all that she had saved, in faith. The part of this story that makes this so remarkable to me is that she is a very tough and hardened woman who has had a very tough and hardened life... giving money to the church is not something she would have ever done before.

And then there is a very young couple who are from the island of Chuuk, who live together and have two children. It is NOT the culture of the Chuukese to marry like we westerners do (and trust me, while they don’t speak about it much, the Chuukese are quite proud of their culture). I spoke with them about this a year and a half ago, but it seemed I was bumping up against a cultural norm, of which I could not change. But just last week, the young man came to me and stated that they wanted to get married, and by this Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup>, they will be. You’ll just have to take my word for it, because this is a major departure from standard Chuukese practice and will likely end up with some family and friends distancing themselves from this young couple.

I’m not a great (or even a good) preacher or missionary, but we serve a great God; and to watch as He grows faith and strengthen families in the most unlikely of places, is just so wonderful that I’m not able to adequately describe it to you. These decisions were made, not for our sake, but for the Lord’s. Praise the Lord!

I will update you when we arrive in the states and hopefully be able to share some of our schedule with you at that time. In the meantime, please keep Caleb and Bella in your prayers as well as the church here at Lighthouse. I am attaching their prayer letter once again as this one has some additional information on it. It may be that you are able to have a direct and eternal part in the work that goes on here on Guam.

Lastly, thank you... a thousand times over, thank you. Your prayers and support have made the difference in our ministry and stewardship of this good church. We are honored by your confidence in God through us.

Yours in Christ,

Kenny, Suzanne, and Dan, the soon-to-be-back-in-Greenville, man