

the EIBEN FAMILY

Missionaries to Pohnpei, Micronesia

Gabriel • Susan • Benjamin

Broadcasting the Good News in the regions beyond

"Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off..." - Jeremiah 31:10



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Dear Family and Friends,

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support. These past few months have been very challenging and your prayers have been essential to the ongoing ministry here. From mission's revival preaching to station tower maintenance to emerging health issues, your prayers have proven vital to our family and to the Calvary Baptist Radio of Pohnpei, Micronesia.

Our spring began with invitations to preach at both the Good News Baptist Church and the Wone Baptist Church, as part of their Spring Mission's Revivals. I was later invited by Pastor William Joel to preach both the opening and closing messages for the Mission's emphasis month at the Calvary Baptist Church of Kolonia, Pohnpei. We thank God for the opportunity to present to indigenous churches the need to participate in missions here and around the world.

Not long ago, it came to my attention that maintenance needed to be done on our towers here at the station. After a precarious 90' climb up the wind generator tower, I began to make the needed repairs when I suddenly heard loud "cracks" coming from a high power pellet rifle in the jungle below. Looking down, I saw some teen boys in the woods aiming their gun up into the trees in my direction. With shots zinging by, I hastily finished my work and made my way down the tower. As I reached the bottom, the shooting abruptly stopped and the boys quickly disappeared into the bush. I then called the police to report the incident. Upon investigation, the officers discovered that the boys had been "hunting" for dinner. Supposedly, the boys were only shooting at a chicken in the trees, but they nearly got a turkey on the tower! Thankfully, no one was injured, but this serves to vividly illustrate the vital importance of your prayers.

One of the bright spots in our spring quarter has been the Children's Church services. We have dozens of kids that come regularly with frequent visitors. A few weeks ago, one of the boys came back after the service to ask about being saved. I was able to take the Bible and show him God's way of Salvation through faith in Jesus. Now that he has trusted Christ, Kakoa plans to follow in believer's baptism in the coming days. Please pray for Kakoa and other new believers to understand the purpose of baptism and to grow in their knowledge of the Lord.

On a more somber note, Susan recently began feeling very tired and easily winded. After getting plenty of rest and still feeling exhausted, she went to see the local doctor who performed a few tests. The initial results were inconclusive, but with her condition worsening, an EKG was ordered with negative results. Two more EKG's were performed on different machines and all three indicated a possible heart attack. While the doctors are not entirely sure what actually happened, they all agree that Susan needs to see a cardiologist who can accurately assess the condition of her heart. After six consecutive years on Pohnpei, we had hoped to finally have a furlough, but this is certainly **not** what we had in mind! We will begin a medical furlough when we fly out on May 16th to Honolulu where medical appointments are already scheduled. The station will be left in the capable hands of one of the families from our local church until the border opens for our furlough relief, the Norman family, to arrive. Please keep Susan in your prayers. With medication, she is feeling some better, but many things need to happen before we depart. We thank you again for your fervent prayers and faithful support.

Your Fellow Servants in Christ,

Gabe, Susan, and Benjamin

Benjamin and his friend Kakoa, who recently trusted Jesus as his Savior!

PRAYER

- Pray for new believers and their upcoming baptisms.
- For Susan's upcoming doctor visits in Honolulu.
- That we would avoid a 10 day quarantine in Hawaii.
- Pray for safe, covid-free travel as we begin our medical furlough in May.



Some of our amazing Children's Church Kids!

PRAISE

- For young people who have recently been saved!
- For His protection while up on the station towers.
- That Susan is feeling some better with meds.
- Praise the Lord for those who are already stepping forward to help us during this challenging time.

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