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# the BOYLSTON family

MISSIONARIES TO THE ISLAND OF POHNPEI

A special thank you to all of those who have given to our outfit and passage expenses! To date we have had \$1,100 come in toward a goal of \$15,000 for plane tickets and possibly up to \$20,000 for shipping and moving expenses. The container has been our focus of late since it can take up to four months for it to arrive at destination. We have been comparing and working with multiple shipping companies to get the best deal, but have run into some disheartening information. We knew from talking to the Kihlengs that shipping a container was going to be expensive, however the companies are now telling us that “the shipping rules for Micronesia have changed” which means it is even more expensive than we originally thought. The cheapest quote given to ship a 20 foot container not including the cost of the container, not including getting our belongings to port and packed in the container, not including paying 4% customs tax on all items when we get to Pohnpei, not including offloading the container, and not including getting it to the final location (and back if we rent the container) is \$13,000. The price could easily jump to \$20,000 when those other expenses are added.

One can immediately see our dilemma. Most things can be bought in Pohnpei, but since they have to be imported, the prices can easily be double, triple, or more depending on the item. Another option we are considering is shipping a crate (or crates) whose maximum allowed dimensions would be around 8’x7’x4’. We are waiting for a quote and if the price turns out to be reasonable, we may pursue a combination of shipping some essential items and then just getting the rest in Pohnpei as we have the funds. Thank you for your prayers for us that we might have wisdom and direction to make the right decision regarding this situation.

This last month reminded us again that it is God alone who protects us and keeps us from harm and accidents while out on the road. Shortly after we left a church in upper New York to start a 14 hour trip back home, three deer crossed right in front of us. We slammed on brakes narrowly missing the last one. Later that same trip, we came upon construction which at first delayed us, but then brought us to a complete stand still. After an hour and slow progress down the detour of a frontage road, we passed an overturned 18 wheeler with a burned out cab still lying across both lanes of the interstate. It was what remained of an accident that had sandwiched a SUV between two 18 wheelers killing the driver of the SUV. This had happened only 30 minutes before, right in our path, yet the Lord protected us. A few weeks later, I narrowly missed broadsiding a car which blocked the on-ramp for a two lane highway as he tried to accomplish a three point turn in the middle of the highway. God allowed us to see him in time and once again enabled us to avoid the accident.

We praise the Lord for bringing us up to 85% of our needed support! By God’s grace we hope to soon resolve the outfit and passage issues and be able to set a date and purchase tickets. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support.

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