



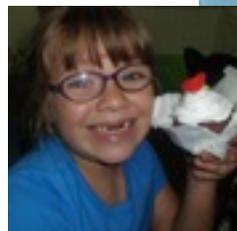
the BOYLSTONS

MISSIONARIES TO THE ISLAND OF POHNPEI

A few weeks ago while sharing the gospel with a family, the Lord vividly reinforced to us the burden He has given us for the people of Pohnpei. Here, visitation is often done in a way which would be a bit different from how it is done in the States. Pohnpei still has chiefs who will come and preside over funerals as well as other important meetings that fall within their areas of influence. Therefore, having an organized meeting where a person will call a group to attention to address them with his cause is common. Visitation can start with getting permission to visit a family, who upon accepting the invitation will pass the word around in the community ensuring that anyone who is interested may know to come. Also, one must remember that often multiple families live in the same house: parents with their children, with their children's children, with their grandparents, with their siblings, with their siblings' children, and so forth. All these factors result in this type of visitation basically being a full church service in the home. Everyone sits around on the floor while the person in charge expresses their gratitude to the family for allowing the group to come and then leads the meeting in songs, prayer, testimonies, favorites, and preaching.

This same format is common even while visiting the hospital where one may have 20 to 25 beds in an open ward. The whole room is called to attention and then the service will follow. Afterward, it is common for one to stand up who represents those at the hospital who will then publicly thank those who came to visit.

After visiting a family and having visitation in this manner with the service in the home, the matriarch of the family addressed us, thanking us for coming. She told us she really enjoyed the service and loves it when people come to her home and talk about God. She then went on to express her gratitude for the Mormons who come and the Moonies who come, and others who also come to sing and talk about "god". Upon hearing this, my heart immediately sank; but what can one expect when the message of the true God is missing. Paul praises the church in Thessalonica in 1The 2:13 for having received his words not as the "word of men," but as they truly were, the "word of God"; and it was this word, the living Word of God, which "effectually" worked in them. It changed them, brought light to their dark hearts, revealed to them their need of a Savior, and after salvation still worked on them to be conformed to the image of that Savior, Jesus Christ. Thank you for supporting us and making it possible that we can give God's message to the people of Pohnpei, now by spoken word, and one day, Lord willing, with an accurate, written translation as well.



Praise

- * Mrs. Arthurs' safe return to Pohnpei
- * New language tutor
- * Faithful church members
- * Encouragement and prayers from supporting churches
- * Specific opportunities that Kyle had to witness to two teen boys
- * 1 Corinthians 1:27

Prayer

- * Salvation of families visited and others still in darkness
- * Continued progress in the Pohnpeian language
- * That the Lord would increase the longevity of supplies and equipment
- * Correct diagnosis and treatment for a rash I have had for over a month

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