



the BOYLSTONS

MISSIONARIES TO THE ISLAND OF POHNPEI

Yet again the Lord showed Himself in a mighty way while dealing with the trip to Nukuoro that finally went in late March after multiple delays. I felt I could relate in some small way to what Moses must have experienced and thought when he prayed and penned Deuteronomy 3:24 "O Lord God, thou hast begun to shew thy servant thy greatness, and thy mighty hand: for what God is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works, and according to thy might?" Because of the delays, most everyone, including the missionaries in Nukuoro were running really low on food and supplies. So much so that the mayor had issued a plea to any who had extra food to please share it with others in need. Although the missionaries did help donate as they could, they still had around thirty of their roaming chickens stolen for food because of the shortage. Because of the increased needs, the shipment of supplies was quite large, but the loading of the shipment went well this time. We thank the Lord for some men he used to help with strength and vehicles to get fuel barrels and move a boat motor all which were things we could not have done on our own.

The morning of the day that the ship was scheduled to leave, we were going to set up ropes and tarps for the trip, but we were waiting for a sudden downpour to pass. As the rain began to taper off, a lady stopped by our house and said that the taxi must have dropped her off at the wrong place. She was a lady from the Netherlands that was on Pohnpei for just a couple of days to give a speech at a women's council. Christa was able to give her a ride to the correct location, but because the lady was late for her appointment, they were only able to talk briefly, but were able to exchange contact information. What seemed to her as the taxi driver's mistake, may be the Lord's divine plan to lead Welomed to salvation.

We ended up getting the ropes and tarps set up later that morning, only to find out that night that the ship was delayed yet again. The Lord, however, used what seemed to be a pointless delay to allow for a big blessing to take place. At the last minute before each trip, we check the post office one last time for orders, letters, and gifts that have been sent to take down to the missionaries. Quite often things are lost or greatly delayed in the mail. One thing we were waiting on that had not showed up yet and that the missionaries were running low on was their prescription medications. The day after the ship was supposed to leave, the medicine showed up at the post office, so because of the delay (Divine Intervention), we were able to send it down. Had the ship left on time, there would have been no way to get the medicine down to them for at least two more months.

Please do pray for Christa and Khloe. While on the island they contracted a bacteria which has resulted in open sores on their legs during the last couple weeks. With Christa's MS, she did not want to take oral antibiotics so both of them had regularly been putting topical antibiotics and essential oil on the sores. Other than some pain and discomfort while walking both seemed to be getting better, but Christa woke up the other day with muscle spasms. She initially dismissed it since she frequently experiences that with MS, but then she developed chills, dizziness, redness, nausea, and intensified pain. We took them both to the doctor to get them on oral antibiotics to eradicate the bacterial infection in their bodies and heal the sores, but on top of the infection Christa now also has a clear case of cellulitis. Thankfully they both saw improvement soon after beginning medication. Please pray for their continued recoveries.

We have been encouraged by the interest in the plans for converting Ambassador Baptist Church's open pavilion into a church sanctuary. Thank you to all who have given toward those expenses. Funerals, sickness, and extensive rain have prevented the projects from progressing, but we look forward to what the Lord will allow to be accomplished in the near future.

Thank you all for your faithful support and faithful prayers for our family, the ministry, the people, the church, and the work that God is doing here on the island of Pohnpei and its surrounding islands.

Praise and Prayer

*Praise the Lord that three precious girls and a boy made professions of salvation and followed the Lord in believer's baptism.



*Pray for Baptist Bible Institute of Pohnpei. There is only one block remaining in this semester. We are looking forward to the graduation of a faithful young lady in May.

Family

*Khloe loved her first trip to Nukuoro. We were concerned that she might be seasick on the boat trip, but it turned out that she is a great sailor. She enjoyed sharing her snacks and teaching other passengers how to play a game. Once on the island she quickly made friends with a little boy whose mom regularly attends the Bible studies. She collected coconuts; husked, cracked, and grated them, then fed them to the chickens and pigs. When she wasn't helping with the animals or drawing water from the well, she enjoyed exploring the island and paddling around the edge of the lagoon in a little canoe.

*Kierra is loving piano lessons. We are so thankful for the young lady that is willing to give the girls lessons over Skype.

*Kaleb is now a licensed driver.

*Pray for Kody as he finishes up the requirements for his senior year of high school.

*Kyle was excited to have the privilege of helping assemble over 40,000 John and Romans booklets at Ambassador Baptist College.

*Please continue to pray for our health.