



the BOYLSTONS

MISSIONARIES TO THE ISLAND OF POHNPEI

It is amazing to think that we have less than five weeks left before we head back to the States for furlough and medical needs. Reflecting back over the four and a half years we have been here brings mixed emotions as we rejoice over what we have seen God miraculously do, and yet we see the needs for so much more that still needs to be done. We know of missionaries who go and come back from furlough to the field to find the work almost half the size it was before they left. Thankfully, God has partnered us with another missionary family so that is not a concern, but as with all of God's work, prayer remains an essential part to have not only God's continued leading, protection, and blessings on that work, but also to keep His people faithful, focused, and free from sin. We do ask that you thoughtfully pray for the people, the work, and the needs that are here. We did have some people ask for more detailed financial needs so they could pray more specifically so I wanted to share some of those needs.

Converting our church nahs (outdoor pavilion) into a church building was shot down by engineers because no footers were put in when it was built years ago. Originally a church had committed to give a significant amount toward a new church building as well as to help bring in the coral to build the land and foundation for where the church would be built, but this has since fallen through. Praise the Lord on Sunday mornings we are out of room and a bigger building would allow for more to come. The focus then for building has shifted back to bringing in the coral to lay the foundation for where one day, Lord willing, the new church will be built. It will probably take around \$12,000 to bring in enough coral to extend the property far enough for a new building.

Recently, the ones God was using to provide Sunday School curriculum and VBS curriculum for our church have experienced financial hardship and will not be able to provide this service in the future. While I am sure we all would like to be in a place where we could afford to pay for the big needs that arise in the work of the Lord like purchasing property for a church or providing the funds to build a church, that just isn't the case for most of us. Of course, with God the dollar amount we give is not important. Jesus teaches us that the two mites given by a widow was more than multiple gifts given by rich men (Luke 21:1-4). Maybe some churches would be willing to send used SS material or VBS material once done with it. Teachers here read the lessons in English and translate for their lessons. This would be a big blessing for the church and meet a need that just arose. We are so thankful for people and churches God has partnered us with and that helpful, sacrificial attitude we have witnessed time and time again.

A few months ago we asked our family, mission agency, and some friends to start looking for a vehicle we could buy for furlough. Some possibilities did come up, but none ended up working out so far. Please pray for those that are so graciously giving their time to do this for us will be led by God to the right vehicle. We also are very grateful to a church and some individuals who generously gave toward this need.

As you can see God has given us small and big needs for which we simply ask for your prayers. We are so thankful that since it is God's work, it's not a matter of will it get done, but instead a matter of who and how God will use people to meet these needs (Esther 4:14). Thank you so much for your faithful support and prayers.

Praise and Prayer

*Praise the Lord for the children that were able to attend VBS. Pray that those that were saved will faithfully grow in the Lord.

*Please pray for Braden, a man in our church who fell off a roof and badly broke his ankle. He had to go to the Philippines for surgery and while he was there the doctors discovered that he needed dialysis because the hospital on Pohnpei had given him too much antibiotic and had damaged his kidneys. His surgery went well, but he has a long recovery.

*Please pray for the numerous church members that have been traveling or moving this summer.

*Please pray for the ministry in Nukuoro. The Peelers have gone to the Philippines for medical needs. We are thankful that two former BBIP students were able to accompany the shipment of supplies for the Ezekias family.

Family

*Thank you to those that send greetings for our wedding anniversary. We thank the Lord for the twenty-three years he has given us together.

*Khloe was able to accompany the wife of one of the pastors to the outer island of Sapwuahfik. She enjoyed making new friends, helping with the move, getting water from the well, and especially making balloon animals and giving them and candy to the Bible club children.

*Kaleb and a friend enjoyed having the opportunity to teach the primary class for VBS this year. This was his first year teaching and he really enjoyed it. They also helped with announcements and did the skits every day.

*Pray for Kody as he seeks God's leading. His plan is to work for awhile in order to be able to attend Ambassador in 2018.

*Kyle will begin his second year at Ambassador Baptist College at the end of August.

*Please pray that we will be able to get VA care transferred and appointments set up quickly.