



the BOYLSTONS

MISSIONARIES TO THE ISLAND OF POHNPEI

Because of all the close friends and relationships that the Lord allowed us to have, leaving Pohnpei was very difficult. Through many tears on both sides, our family was showered with many hugs, flower leis, shell ornaments, and other keepsake gifts of affection. The goodbyes continued after church when we arrived at the airport where many of the church folk and others came to see us off at midnight. I am thankful that being part of the family of God means we can always tell other brothers and sisters in Christ that we will see them again. Should we not see them in this life for some unexpected reason, then we will reunite in heaven at the rapture or at our deaths, whichever come first.

We are very grateful for all the prayers that went up for us as we traveled back to the States. The first thirteen hour leg was not so bad, but before we started the second thirteen hour leg many in the family had gotten sick. I came down with it that very day we were leaving so the achiness from being sick greatly magnified the pain in my back. Praise the Lord, as you know, His grace is always sufficient and through your prayers and His strength we made it safely to our awaiting families in Charlotte, NC. For our flights back to the States Kierra decided to wear a local Pohnpeian skirt. During a layover a lady noticed and came up to Kierra and asked if she was a missionary. Kierra told her that we were missionaries in Pohnpei and the lady said that she recognized the design of the skirt because she was from Chuuk, another island state in the Federated States of Micronesia.

As an added answer to prayer, we are thankful that God allowed our family and friends to find a vehicle for us to purchase. It wasn't able to be used to pick us up from the airport because it could not be registered with our expired driver's licenses, but within a couple days with the help of our missions agency we had our licenses, the van was registered, and we were able to start using it. Thank you again to those who helped and gave to make this possible.

Christa and the children had the blessing of being able to attend part of the missions conference of our sending church, Maranatha Baptist Church in Shelby, NC. The conference speaker was a former missionary that had a great influence on Christa's desire to be a missionary when she was a child. It was also nice for them to have the opportunity to spend time with the people of the church that have prayed for us and supported us so faithfully. Several of the other missionaries in attendance were also sent from Maranatha. It was an encouragement to spend time with friends that hadn't been seen for so many years.

Some pastors have already contacted us for meetings, but until I can get some relief from the constant neck and back pain we are going to be holding off on scheduling those. However, for those not wanting to wait, my wife and children would be available for shorter trips for the time being until, Lord willing, I am able to join and travel with them. Praise the Lord, we were able to transfer our care from the Guam VA to the VA in Asheville, NC so thank the Lord the process is at least started. We do also have an initial appointment scheduled for Nov 3 to see a primary care physician, and we hope he will be able to schedule the appointments with the specialist soon thereafter. It is a process and each step in that process gets us closer to a solution. Thank you again for your prayers in this matter.

We have also had people ask about Christa's multiple sclerosis. We are thankful that even though the disease has progressed, it has not significantly impacted her ability to remain active in the ministry. Thank you for your prayers and concern.

Praise and Prayer

- *Praise the Lord for safe travels.
- *Praise the Lord for providing a van
- *Praise the Lord for the improvement of Braden's foot. We were encouraged that he was able to attend church the last Sunday we were on Pohnpei.
- *Praise the Lord for Resio and Terisa Aron's healthy baby boy.
- *Praise the Lord for an appointment with the VA.
- *Please pray for the Ezekias family and the ministry in Nukuoro while the Peelers are on furlough.
- *Pray for Ambassador Baptist Church and the Baptist Bible Institute of Phone

Family

- *Thank you to those that sent cards, greetings, and gifts for Kierra's 14th birthday on September 14th.
- *Praise the Lord that the Kia company agreed to replace the engine on my mom's car that she had been having trouble with almost from the time she purchased it.
- *Pray for a good job for Kody.
- *We are thankful that on November 2nd, Lord willing, we will be able to be with Christa's grandmother to celebrate her 89th birthday and Kaleb's 17th.
- *Our kids miss rice - plain, sticky, medium grain white rice. They were surprised it was not an option as a side dish at restaurants. They obviously miss many other - and much more important - things, but please pray for their adjustment. Thankfully we are recovering from jet lag and adjusting to the time difference. The kids did think that crossing the International Date Line and "going back in time" was a unique experience.