



the BOYLSTONS

MISSIONARIES TO THE ISLAND OF POHNPEI

As Christians, we know that “Jesus is the reason for the season.” No greater gift has ever been given than that of our Lord. He clothed Himself in humanity, being born to die as the sacrifice for our sins. God spared not His own Son (Rom 8:32), giving His best (John 3:16) for us when we had nothing to offer in return (Psalm 8:3-4). As God's children, we are encouraged in many passages of Scripture to follow our Father's example of giving. While reading Luke 14, I was encouraged that when giving, to make a special effort to also seek out recipients who are not able to give back. When we give to those who cannot recompense us back, God will be sure to reward us “at the resurrection of the just.” (Luke 14:12). We thank God for your faithfulness. There is no way that we can ever repay the gifts, the continued support, and all the prayers that have gone up for us; but know this, God is keeping the records and one day He will reward everyone for every act done for Him.

Pray for Ambassador Baptist Church and the Baptist Bible Institute of Pohnpei. We praise the Lord for the good reports we have heard of the missions conference, baby dedication, and Christmas cantata. BBIP ended well and had seven students qualify for the scholarship. It is hard to be away from home in Pohnpei for Christmas, but we are thankful to be able to spend time together with family and friends in the States. Thank you so much for the Christmas cards and gifts. We appreciate the kindness and generosity of so many of you that have gone out of your way to make this time special for our family.

We were able to be seen by the VA in Asheville on two different occasions in November and then again in December. Currently, we are awaiting the results from the MRI they did on my neck during that last visit. The latest the doctor said was that he was going to send that MRI, along with the one done over a year ago, to a civilian neurosurgeon in Asheville. With that information he should be able to compare the two and give his recommendations for how we are to proceed on my case. We are also thankful that while here in the States I also was able to get on a three month shot rotation for my knees. This should ease some of the pain I had been having in them.

Praise the Lord that Christa and the kids were able to see some of our supporting churches and pastors. We pray the Lord will allow us to resume traveling as an entire family in the near future.

We have had several people inquire about our address while we are in the States on furlough. Currently our preferred address for receiving mail is 9400 Old State Rd., Cameron, SC 29030, but mail can also be sent to Maranatha or WWNTBM.

We pray that God will give you a wonderful time during the holidays as you spend time with your families and church families. As we give to others, let us remember and thank God for His great gift.

Because of Christ,
John, Christa, Kyle, Kody, Kaleb, Kierra, Khloe

Praise and Prayer

- * Praise the Lord for advancement in the process with the VA.
- * Please pray for the Ezekias family and the ministry in Nukuoro while the Peelers are on furlough.
- * Pray for Christa's parents, Frank and Renee Camp, as they move to Darlington, SC. The Lord has allowed him to pastor a church there and they are excited. Please pray that they will be able to sell their house in NC.

Family

- * Thank you to those that sent cards, greetings, and gifts for Kaleb, Kody, and Christa's birthdays.
- * We were thankful to be able to spend time with Christa's 89 year old grandmother for her birthday and also when we were driving near her home on the way to the VA appointments.
- * We are thankful that Kyle was able to finish another semester at Ambassador Baptist College and will be moving in the dorm for the spring semester.
- * Christa had the privilege to speak at the ladies meeting at our sending church, Maranatha Baptist Church. The ladies were so sweet to her, and she thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to share the evening with them.
- * Thanks to the generosity of others, we were able to get a refurbished rice cooker that was the same model as the one we have used for our entire time in Pohnpei. It was even on sale. We were also happy to find out that medium grain rice is now fairly common and easy to find.