



the BOYLSTONS

MISSIONARIES TO THE ISLAND OF POHNPEI

What a blessing to know as Christians that God is in control. We need but trust in Him, and we have His promise that He will direct our paths (Prov 3:5-6). We saw this vividly in July while we were in Asheville at the VA. Khloe', our youngest daughter had been having pains for several weeks in one of her thighs. Christa and I thought at first that it was just growing pains, but we decided to have it checked out by a doctor just in case it might be something worse. The first doctor gave her pain medicine and said to come back in a month. After the month follow-up, the doctor referred her to a specialist who did x-rays. That specialist then referred us to a pediatric orthopedic specialist for an appointment at the end of the week. That very next day the pediatric specialist called us telling us that Khloe's growth plate had slipped in her leg and that she was not allowed to walk on it at all. She needed to be carried, use crutches, or use a wheelchair. They wanted to the surgery immediately the next morning. She ended up getting a screw in each hip to hold her growth plates from slipping anymore. The specialist said that if they had slipped anymore then she would have had permanent damage for the rest of her life. Had we gone back to Pohnpei as we had expected, it is highly unlikely the her problem would even had been discovered much less fixed. We praise the Lord for His leading and directing in all our lives not only in life changing decisions, but also in the daily grind of life. We are also thankful that Khloe' is getting better.

We also clearly saw God's hand of protection. Because of Khloe's surgery we had to leave the hotel in Asheville a day earlier than our reservation. We talked to management the day before and were told everything was fine. The morning we checked out a different manager informed us that we would still be charged for the extra day. The conversation carried on for approximately fifteen minutes. We needed to stop and pick something up from CVS before a VA appointment. When we got there the police had one entrance blocked off and stopped us when we tried to go in the other entrance. We went to a different store then went on to the VA appointment. After it was over we were curious what had been going on at CVS. The news said that a gunman had entered the store, ordered all the customers and employees into the pharmacy, and threatened the police that had responded. This confrontation happened fifteen minutes before we arrived. If the misunderstanding at the hotel had not delayed us then we would have been in the store.

We were turned down for disability the first time. From talking to others this was to be expected. One consultant who makes her living helping with disability claims said that anyone under the age of fifty always gets turned down the first time. We resubmitted and are awaiting their next decision. Thank you for your prayers and continued support through all of this. We do pray that God will bless you all richly.

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



Prayer and Praise

We were thankful the Lord has allowed us twenty-four years of marriage.

Praise the Lord that Kaleb and Kierra were able to attend two weeks at Bible camps.

Praise the Lord that Khloe's surgery went well and she is improving.

Kyle was able to start his third year at Ambassador Baptist College. Please pray for him as he takes a full class load and also works full-time.

Please pray for Kody as he began his first year at Ambassador Baptist College.

Kaleb is diligently completing the requirement for his senior year of high school.

Kierra has transferred her love of science to history this year. She is also very excited to begin learning the French language this year.

Khloe would rather be cooking or playing with her puppy or reading or almost anything else other than school, but so far she is doing well in seventh grade.

Pray for the students and teachers of Baptist Bible Institute of Pohnpei

Praise the Lord for bringing a buyer for our van in Pohnpei.