

the BOYLSTON family

MISSIONARIES TO THE ISLAND OF POHNPEI

As Christians, I am thankful we serve a God who desires our fellowship, cares for us, and has promised to never forsake us. These last couple months have brought a recurring storm of sickness our way; but, praise the Lord, the Bible encourages us. When the believer goes through storms, no matter how slight or severe, God has promised to be right there with us. *"When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee."* (Isa 43:2). The girls experienced the first wave of coughing, nausea, and fever for a few days, and then it tapered off into just a very bad cough which they graciously shared with most of the rest of the family. Later Christa came down with a very bad case. Just as that was going away, she had a severe reaction to an unknown allergin. A trip to the hospital, a few rounds of progressively stronger medicines, and a couple of weeks later and she is doing much better. Thank you for your prayers for our health.

We have continued searching for a structured class setting for language study, but to no avail. Currently, we have been meeting with Pastor Rickson Kihleng twice a week for a few hours of language study which has helped us quite a bit. The language is unique in many ways. I think it actually has more exceptions to the rule than the English language does! One feature which is totally different is numbering. There are over thirty different counting systems depending on if the object you are counting is a round thing, a flat thing, a long thing, a living thing, etc... One of our first great accomplishments was being able to get all the Pohnpeian song numbers right during a church service.

Power outages have been another huge adjustment. It does help on the energy bill since electricity is so expensive here, but it also is quite inconvenient. It goes out quite frequently, almost daily, and has ranged from just a few minutes up to six hours at a time. More often than not it is out for three hours at a time during the middle of the day. However, I am thankful we do have electricity even though it is sporadic. I know some missionaries and others do not.

VBS starts this week and youth camp will take place two weeks later. Camp takes place on a small island off the southern part of Pohnpei. To offset the cost, kids are asked to bring a few canned goods and ten dollars which can be expensive for some, especially those from big families or from families with opposing religious backgrounds who dislike the idea of giving any money to a Baptist ministry. Should any want to designate funds to help these kids, we will make sure it gets distributed properly.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness and prayers.



Praise

- *Privilege to serve the Lord and share His Gospel
- *Opportunities to preach weekly in various ministries and churches

Prayer

- *Kihleng family as they go to the States for furlough
- *Ambassador Baptist Church and Bible Institute
- *Possibility of moving closer to our church
- *Exact language tutor that God has for us
- *Ability to learn the language fluently

Family & Friends

Thank you so much for the many cards and messages you sent for Khloe', Kyle, and John's June birthdays!

Since we have been here, going to the post office and finding mail has been a great excitement and encouragement. We would like to thank those of you who have taken the time and money to send cards or packages. What a blessing you have been to us!