



the BOYLSTONS

MISSIONARIES TO THE ISLAND OF POHNPEI

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We trust each of you had a wonderful time with family and friends these past few weeks of holidays reflecting on the goodness of our great God and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. One verse which sums up well the extent and magnitude of God's love is Romans 8:32 which states, "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" God has already given us His best by sending His only Son to shed His precious blood on the cross of Calvary for our sins. There is nothing God could have done greater than what He has already done by sending Jesus into this world. Therefore, all of our other needs pale in comparison to our greatest need of salvation. If God loved us enough to spare not His only Son for us, it only stands to reason that He should also care for all of our other needs. Praise God that He "daily loadeth us with benefits" (Psalm 68:19).

Our first Thanksgiving and Christmas here were truly the warmest that we have ever experienced with temperatures being in the high 80s both days. We enjoyed open doors, a nice breeze, and several fans for Thanksgiving. We have a window air conditioning unit which we use about once every two months for an hour to help prevent mold and mildew, but we decided to splurge for Christmas and used it for several hours. The kids especially enjoyed having a cooler atmosphere that is usually associated with Christmas. It did seem more like Christmas and the hot chocolate tasted better too!



The cantata that the teens and Christa had been working on for months was a huge blessing. The Lord helped them all to do a very good job of relaying multiple times throughout the story, the true meaning of Christmas. There were many visitors in attendance for which we thank the Lord and pray that they each will let God work in their hearts and that He will draw them unto Himself.

The enthusiasm with which New Year's is celebrated here was a surprise to say the least! Banging on pots, cans, propane tanks, and 55 gallon drums started about ten minutes to midnight and continued without interruption for 24 hours straight. Needless to say sleep was minimal, but the kids all had a blast being able to stay up with a good excuse because of all the noise. When we drove across town we forgot a prior warning to roll up our windows and I was gleefully doused by children waiting with cups of water.

We are excited about a new year of service and pray that the Lord would use us much this coming year to honor and please Him reaching and encouraging people in the Lord. Thank you so much for all of you who graciously gave cards, monetary gifts, and even sent presents during this Christmas season as well as all of you who faithfully support us financially and with your prayers. I am glad that God "is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name," (Heb 6:10) for us. May God bless you abundantly and use you each in a very special way this coming year.

Praise

- * Beautiful weather and no power outages for Thanksgiving
- * Good attendance for the Christmas cantata and services
- * A productive fall semester of Bible institute and homeschooling
- * New temporary supporting church
- * Continued opportunities to witness
- * God's evident working in a situation that had been heavy on our hearts

Prayer

- * Ambassador Baptist Church
- * Bible institute - spring semester students
- * Continued progress in the Pohnpeian language

Family & Friends

- I contracted pinkeye over Christmas, but with the Lord's protection and much diligent precaution it did not spread to the rest of the family.
- Kaleb, Kody, and Christa had good birthdays and appreciated all the kind cards and e-mails that were sent.
- Kyle learned how to play his favorite Christmas carol on the guitar
- Kierra enjoyed learning to play many new Christmas songs on the piano.
- Khloe' diligently counted down the days to each birthday and holiday. She loves any reason to celebrate and spend time with people. She misses the rare NC snow and thinks it is a very sad thing that most Pohnpeians have never seen it.