



the BOYLSTON family

MISSIONARIES TO THE ISLAND OF POHNPEI

No matter what location God chooses to place His children in this life, all of us are required and commanded to be faithful in our testimonies before God and before men. We are to be proclaimers of the gospel in what we say, and in how we act. We are very grateful that God chose to place us in Pohnpei, and for the huge part that each of you play in making that possible.

Along with daily power outages lasting several hours, these last few months have reminded us vividly that our new home in Pohnpei is different from what has been normal.

One way we saw this was in our shopping. When we entered a grocery store, we found completely empty produce cases, almost empty freezer sections, and shelves with items placed single-file and spread far apart - a sure sign that the ship has been delayed. In this case, the container ship had run aground on its way here. Its replacement was delayed, delayed again, and then again another time. We are thankful that the grocery stores and market did have other things available. Eggs have been almost impossible to find for over a month, but trays of chicken skins have been on sale. The rat running across the aisle was an unusual sight too.

We were reminded another way by an incident that took place near the church. A group of guys drunk on sakau started a fist fight with some others, drove off, and then decided to come back and fight some more. On their way back, they wrecked their car, and one of the guys ended up flying through the front windshield. The other four guys were also injured and caught rides with people passing by to the hospital. When the cops and ambulance were called for the guy who had gone through the windshield, the reply from the cops was, "We're sorry, but we can't come at this time. We don't have money for gas."

Sadly, the last way we were reminded was seen in the family of a young girl who committed suicide. The father had been thrown in jail for murdering his wife, but was released "because there was no one to take care of his three girls." He was very jealous and controlling and ended up fathering children with both of his own older daughters. When the younger daughter was coming of age and had experienced firsthand her father's rage for talking to a male classmate, she decided to take her own life rather than suffer the same things her sisters had endured. The gospel could have brought freedom to her soul.

Please pray that God will direct our paths, give us boldness, and open doors widely to faithfully proclaim the gospel here to everyone, but especially to those nearest death's door.



Praise and Prayer

- * **Ambassador Baptist Church - Services during our November Missions Month**
- * **Growth and faithfulness of new believers**
- * **Baptist Bible Institute of Pohnpei**
- * **Thank you for praying for our electronics. Our kids' school computer lasted 7 years before finally dying.**
- * **Asun Aron, a very faithful older lady in our church recently had to be hospitalized several times**

Family

- * **The boys enjoyed camping overnight with another missionary and some friends at a local waterfall**
- * **Christa had the opportunity to teach elementary chapel, something she always enjoys.**
- * **Our entire family got fish poisoning. It was definitely an experience we never want to repeat, but we did learn some valuable lessons.**