



the BOYLSTONS

MISSIONARIES TO THE ISLAND OF POHNPEI

Health has certainly been an issue since our arrival in Pohnpei. This past year especially, from having numerous boils to getting an abscessed tooth drilled out without any numbing medication, I have experienced some of the worst pain I can remember. God, however, really encouraged me as I was teaching through Thessalonians at the Baptist Bible Institute of Pohnpei with **1Thess 3:3** "That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto." Paul had been chased out of Thessalonica by the unbelieving Jews, and the Christians who were left there were still facing persecution. He reminds them that "afflictions" and trials are not only a part of life that we face, but also are something we are "appointed" to, a divine appointment. For only through the avenue of trials can we grow stronger (**Rom 5:4**), can we learn to depend on God more (**2 Cor 1:4**), and can we develop more in our goal of Christ-likeness (**Job 23:10**). When you think of that way, one can see why Peter would say in **1Pe 1:7** "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth..." Praise God for His love and care and for the "divine appointments" He sends our way that allow us to grow as Christians.

As many of you probably already know, Pastor Rickson Kihleng's mom, Shrue Kihleng, passed away the beginning of April. Although we mourn her absence, we are thankful she now is at home with her Saviour. The Lord also blessed and we were able to see a man who had come to the funeral make a profession of faith as the gospel was shared with him.



We have been working on getting the church ready to be chartered. We finished writing the church constitution and bylaws and have fulfilled the legal requirements. Lord willing, once those documents are translated into Pohnpeian and discussed thoroughly with the church, we hope to have the chartering service soon thereafter.

Thank you for praying for Mrs. Ruth Ann Arthurs as she moved to SC to live near her daughter, and Nathan Fry as he returned to Pennsylvania to be married and work at a Christian camp. They were both such a blessing to us and we already miss them immensely, but we are excited to see what the Lord has for their futures.

Thank you for your prayers, support, gifts, e-mails, and cards. Your encouragement means so much to us and we thank the Lord for you.

Because of Christ,

John and Christa Boylston
Kyle, Kody, Kaleb, Kierra, Khloe

Praise and Prayer

- * Those of Shrue's children that live in the States and on another island were able to make it to Pohnpei in time to tell her goodbye and then to stay for the funeral.
- * The first graduation for BBIP is planned for the end of may with two graduates.
- * An intern from Ambassador Baptist College will be coming to help for the summer.
- * Preparations for church chartering
- * Summer outreach programs of Youth Camp and VBS.
- * Many repairs needed on the church building



Family

- * Lord willing, Kyle will be accompanying Jack and Melinda Peeler, who are also WWNTBM missionaries, as they move to Nukouro to begin a work there. The island where they will be living currently has no running water, no sewer, no electricity, no telephone or internet service, and no buildings. Kyle will be staying for the summer and assisting them in any way possible.

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