



# the BOYLSTONS

MISSIONARIES TO THE ISLAND OF POHNPEI

It is very encouraging to know that even when we face uncertainties and when things happen for which we did not plan, God is never surprised and He will always be there to lead and guide us through whatever we face in this life. We did not anticipate a series of expensive repairs and replacements all happening together, and yet, as always, God provides. We needed tires on the van for a while, but since a new set costs almost \$200 per tire, we had been saving up for replacements. Then the refrigerator, which had been hanging on for over a year, finally died. The stove, brake pads, radiator, and thermostat on our van also went out. BUT, God is faithful and even allowed some churches and individuals to contact us out of concern and help us out tremendously with some of these needs. What a blessing to see God work (Psalm 37:25) and know that He is ever on the throne and never surprised. He already had ways of provision for us and we thank Him, as well as those He used to help with what happened, some of which was so unexpected.

Living in a 3<sup>rd</sup> world country, we sometimes encounter things which would be unusual in the States. One such thing I wanted to mention as a prayer request. About 7 months ago we tore down a tin porch roof off the church where people would gather before and after services and where we would have fellowships. The tin had holes for years and the damage to the porch from the leaks and termites prevented salvaging any materials. The plan was to cut down a big tree right next to the old porch and build a new one a little bit bigger and with better drainage to help the new one last longer. A power line touches the tree so we went to the power company and paid the ten dollars for them to come out and take down the line so we can cut the tree down which had caused some of the damage to the roof from its falling limbs and fruit. The power company said they would come out, but even after going to them an additional 20-25 times and hearing the same story that they will come out the following week, the power line remains. We really miss the porch and want to build it so we can have a place out of the rain for fellowships, but we are still waiting on the power company to do their job. There is nothing else to be done, but hopefully, if people will pray, God will move those at the power company to do their job.

One of those saved recently was a lady who is a relative of one of our church families. She came from Guam to visit and while she was here she became ill and had to be hospitalized. Pastor Kihleng went to visit her and explained salvation to her from the Bible. After her discharge and later in the week she talked to Pastor again and told him that she needed to be saved. She made a profession of repentance and faith that weekend. She got baptized the week after that and then left to go back to Guam the next day. It was amazing how God worked out that timing. We are praying that other family members that she talked to that live here on Pohnpei will also be saved soon.

Please pray for the salvation of Noriko Lopez, Noriko Sato, and Nobuko Sakai, Japanese ladies that Christa interacts with regularly. These ladies have expressed a willingness to let Christa explain more to them about what the Bible teaches. Noriko Sato is Christa's English student. She saw a picture of the manger in one of the Christmas books that Christa was using for class and she got really excited and said, "I've seen that symbol, I've seen that symbol. That symbol means Christmas!" When Christa shared the true story of Christmas, Noriko said that she had never heard that story before. Pray that the Lord would give Christa wisdom and would give these ladies understanding of the gospel!

Our Christmas cantata went well and the gospel message was clear to all who attended. Kaleb had a part in the play and even received applause after he did his Pohnpeian lines. We hope each of you had a Merry Christmas spending time with church families and other family and friends. Thank you all for your faithfulness, especially this past year.



## Praise and Prayer

- \* Praise the Lord for the souls that were saved recently and for their following baptism
- \* Praise for a wonderful Thanksgiving with the Kihlengs and Eibens and friends from Ambassador Baptist
- \* Praise the Lord for a couple that attend our church that decided that after years of the traditional marriage of living together with the approval of both families, they needed to acknowledge the importance God places on marriage and be legally married
- \* Pray for a faithful young man in our church that will be returning to Bible college after taking a semester off to help his family when his father died
- \* Pray that the utility company will take down the power line so that we can finish repairs on the church
- \* Pray that the Lord would provide a van for church ministries.
- \* Pray for the Spring 2016 Semester for Baptist Bible Institute of Pohnpei
- \* Pray for Ambassador's missions conference in January
- \* Pray for the salvation of Noriko Sato, Noriko Lopez, and Nobuko Sakai
- \* Thank you to those that sent birthday greetings, cards, and gifts for Kaleb, Kody, and Christa.
- \* Thank you to those that sent Christmas greetings, cards, and gifts
- \* Thank you to those that sent funds to replace our oven and tires