



# the BOYLSTONS

MISSIONARIES TO THE ISLAND OF POHNPEI

Many thanks to those who took the time to pray that the Lord would move the power company to take care of a power line problem touching the big tree very close to the church that was preventing us from making repairs to the building. Months kept going by as promise after promise to come fix the line was never fulfilled. It was not very reassuring to be informed that another Baptist church about an hour away was still having to use candle lights for their evening service because two years have passed since they requested for power to be run to the church. But I am glad we serve a living God who hears our petitions and can accomplish His will despite the odds or obstacles. We praise the Lord that He answered prayer and progress has been made. The power company came out two days and cut off many limbs of the huge tree. It was mango season and the tree was loaded with green mangos, so everyone was able to take their fill. It is a good thing that we were able to put up the church sign a few months ago, because we can no longer use the description, "the building under the huge mango tree" to identify the church building. Later the power company returned again to take care of the power line. We are thankful to now be able to begin the building projects. Please continue to pray that the whole project will be finished soon. What a blessing to see God work and answer all the prayers that went up for this. 1 Peter 3:12 "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayer:, but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil".

We would like to ask you to also pray for rain. We are experiencing a drought that is expected to continue through the summer. The prediction is that it will be the worst one in quite a few years. It seems strange since Pohnpei is one of the wettest places on the earth, but apparently it does happen. Some of you had heard and have already been praying for which we are very thankful. We have had some rain and seen some improvement in the water levels, but much more is needed to fill the reservoir and to prevent shortages in the coming months.



The well that Kyle dug in Nukuoro

Our oldest son Kyle had planned to help out fellow missionaries on the outer island of Nukuoro as he had earlier for a few months. His plan was to go down to stay for another few months and come back when the next boat went down. He then would be here for around a week before flying to the States to go to Bible college. However the ship that he was planning to return on in March was canceled so he was not able to stay, but instead could only go down on the January ship, stay for the week, and come back on the return trip. Both his brothers were able to also go down with him to deliver supplies

and help that week building the foundation for the missionary's house. Meetings have been going well on the island and we praise the Lord for the souls that have been saved there since the work started this last year. Please do pray for Kyle as he makes this transition and that the Lord would direct him specifically in his life.

We worked on a church constitution and Pastor Rickson Kihleng has recently been explaining it on Sunday nights to ensure people know the beliefs of the church. We plan to have a church chartering service on March 13th. We also plan to have the first business meeting and adopt a budget in the near future. These concepts are very unfamiliar here and we are thankful for the direction we see the church heading.

## *Praise and Prayer*

- \* Praise the Lord that the utility company cut the tree!
- \* Praise for a good missions emphasis, month in January. Please pray with us as we prayerfully consider which ministry we should add to our missions program.
- \* Pray that the Lord would provide a reliable van for church ministries.
- \* Pray for our sending church as they are in the process of renovating and moving to different facilities.
- \* Pray for several of our supporting churches that need pastors.
- \* Please continue to pray for the salvation of Christa's English student. Noriko Sato will be returning permanently to Japan at the end of March, but someone has donated a Japanese Bible that Christa will be giving her at her next class.
- \* A faithful Christian couple in our church are in the process of adopting a little boy. Please pray that all the paperwork will be completed quickly and smoothly.
- \* Pray for rain.
- \* Kyle has his ticket to return to the States in April with plans to begin Bible college in the fall.
- \* Khloe is excited about the new puppy our neighbors gave us.
- \* Kierra is enjoying learning how use a sewing machine.
- \* The kids all got to go for their first time to Nan Madol, ancient ruins that are a popular tourist attraction.



Khloe and Mabelline