

# the BOYLSTON family

March/April 2016

Missionaries to the island of Pohnpei

It was very exciting to see Ambassador Baptist Church conduct a chartering service and pastor appreciation in March. The church adopted a constitution and many came forward to sign the charter as the original members of the church. We were able to formally thank our pastor, Rickson Kihleng, for his faithful service and love to the people of our church. We will be conducting our first financial business meeting shortly as we attempt to follow God's plan of doing everything decently and in order.



For the past several months, I have been experiencing pain in my neck which would not go away. After eighteen sessions of therapy, I was referred off island to the Philippines to have a MRI done. They discovered six of the disks in my neck have degenerated. The loss of spinal fluid in the disks is causing me much pain as the bone rubs straight against the spinal nerves. Surgery to remove the most severely disintegrated disk and replacing it with a metal plate with separators between the others is the recommended course of action, but for the time being, due to finances and location, we have opted to try pain management. Lord willing, the surgery may be possible through the VA sometime in the future.



We appreciate your continued prayers for our oldest son, Kyle, as he transitions to living in the States. We are thankful that he had a safe trip and we are thankful to our parents and family for helping him during this time of adjustment. The Lord answered prayer and in less than a month he was able to take his SAT tests, get his GED to supplement his homeschool diploma, finish his Bible college application, obtain health insurance, pass his NC driver's license tests, see a specialist about a problem he has been having with his hand, and get a temporary job. He enjoyed being able to attend some of the chapel services at Ambassador Baptist College before the school year ended and is looking forward to starting classes there in the fall. His biggest hurdle, at this point, is the weather. Having acclimated to the high temperatures of Pohnpei, he now is always cold. When true winter comes, he will be in for a surprise.



## PRAISE

- Ambassador Baptist Church was able to have its chartering service in March
- The tree is completely cut down and a new porch roof has been constructed
- The faithful BBIP students finished the entire school year and completed the additional requirements to qualify for the scholarship
- God's safety and provision for our travels
- Enough rain to fill the reservoir
- Kyle has a job for the summer

## PRAYER

- Ambassador Baptist Church - summer outreach
- Health - wisdom for decisions, effectiveness of treatments, consistent Godly testimony
- Obtain a reliable, inexpensive church van
- The completion of the adoption of the couple in our church
- Kyle to find a permanent job
- Continuation of translation

As I read in my devotions in Hosea, I was encouraged with the calling of God in our lives. God draws attention to Israel's problem in Hosea 4:1 "Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land." Later in Hosea 4:6, God says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..." Israel had turned from God and His Word and filled their minds and lives with other idols and false gods. Their lack of the knowledge of the true God and His Word brought about their destruction. How very important it is for us to be filling our minds and lives with the knowledge of God and His will for us that we find in His Word. We are excited that the translation of Genesis into the Pohnpeian language has started, and should the Lord tarry, we long for the day when the knowledge of God will be clear and accurate through a complete translation of God's Word in the Pohnpeian language. Please specifically pray for my health and ability as we attempt to continue on with this feat.

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