



the BOYLSTONS

MISSIONARIES TO THE ISLAND OF POHNPEI

I was reminded recently of an officer I witnessed to while I was in the military who refused to accept the gospel and instead chose to divert his attention to fight the point that he did not believe that God could be Sovereign and in control of things that happen in people's lives. Instead, he, along with the world's philosophy, tried to explain things that happen by using terms such as "by chance," "by coincidence," or "by luck." I am glad that we do not have to trust our "fate" or things that happen in our lives, ministries, or families to simple "chance," but we can know, as Christians, that our Heavenly Father does care for us. He has a plan and purpose for everything that happens, even though we may not understand it now or even in this lifetime. We saw vividly God's hand of protection in our own family one afternoon when Christa and the kids were coming home. Kody was driving and had slowed down to turn into the driveway. A man with a bloody face staggered up to the car shouting and attempted to punch Christa through the open window. His fist hit the plastic rain guard at the top of the window, breaking off a large piece that flew in and hit Christa's arm then bounced off and hit Khloe in the face. Thankfully neither were hurt. The man continued on his way up the road.

We also heard just today that God also protected my mom this week. When the storms went through South Carolina, a giant oak tree fell down in the place that she had been just a little while earlier. We are thankful that it did not fall on the house and that there were people who were able to help with the damage caused to the carport by the upturned roots.

We are thankful for another great year of VBS. There was a talented lady from the States visiting with the Kihlengs that led craft time which was a huge help. It was an unusual year for our family since it was the first year that we only had one child as an actual student. Since Kierra joined the youth group this summer, she was able to be a helper in crafts which she loved. Kaleb enjoyed being a part of the skit crew and the Squatty Body Duo. Kody resumed his position in games for his fourth year. We were thrilled that Dayson, our young neighbor boy, was able to attend for a few days. Several children made professions of faith for which we rejoice. That same week Kyle was working maintenance at Ambassador Baptist College during their Camp Barnabas. We enjoyed sharing testimonies of God working in the lives of young people on both sides of the world at two different Ambassador Baptists during the same week.

We have been privileged to assist with the ministry in Nukuoro. We are thankful to have been able to assemble shipments for the Peelers each time the ship makes its rounds. They work with Pastor Ray Ezekias, a BBIP graduate. While in Nukuoro, Pastor Ray stepped on a nail and the wound became infected. He has been on Pohnpei for just over a month now and was able to have a doctor look at his foot. Although we enjoyed getting to see him and spend a little time with him, we are thankful that his foot is beginning to heal and the doctor has given him permission to return to Nukuoro. Please pray there will be no complications after he returns to Nukuoro this week. He is also a diabetic which makes a foot infection of special concern.

I am thankful that our God is a God that says in **Jeremiah 29:11**, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." Whether in our lives, in the ministries God gives us, or in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ, we have a God who desires our best and cares for us more than we can even understand.

Praise and Prayer

- * Praise the Lord for the young people that were saved and made other decisions at VBS. Please pray for their spiritual growth.
- * Praise the Lord for a good start to another semester of the Baptist Bible Institute of Pohnpei. We have a smaller group this block, but are thankful to have several students that returned after fulfilling the scholarship requirements. We are also excited to have three new students.
- * Pray for the brother and nephew of a pastor in the Marshall Islands. They went fishing a few weeks ago and a storm came up and they have not been found.

Family

- * Thank you for the cards and messages for our wedding anniversary. We are thankful for the twenty-two years that the Lord has allowed us to have.
- * Praise the Lord that we received confirmation from three different eye doctors of three different nationalities that it will be fine to reduce Khloe's prescription to give her clear vision without any negative effects on her weak eye.
- * Kody has set traps and caught three rats in the house in the last couple of weeks. He responsibly takes care of this without complaint along with his usual chores and the ones that he inherited when Kyle left. At the start of homeschool this year, it really sank in that he is a senior and that we will be having another son leave for college next year.
- * Praise the Lord for a gift that was given toward Kyle's Bible college tuition and for care packages that were sent to him.



Pastor Ray Ezekias