



the BOYLSTONS

MISSIONARIES TO THE ISLAND OF POHNPEI

Thank you again for continued prayers for us during this medical hardship. Praise the Lord my wife and I were able to talk to a neurosurgeon last Monday. We were able to discuss with him the pros and cons of surgery. I have bone pushing on the spinal cord nerves which creates a higher risk for complications during a surgery. As an alternative he said there is a chance that therapy could help my situation. I did go through about a month of therapy in Pohnpei and two weeks in the Philippines, but I haven't done any at a stateside level. Epidural shots are also another alternative. I had three of them in Guam. They were invasive and I still am having issues from having had them done, so I do not want to pursue them as an option anymore. Strengthening muscle through therapy may help realign my neck toward a backward curved position which it right now is lacking. At this time, I believe that trying therapy over surgery is what I need to do. Surgery is always something I can fall back on if the therapy does not make a difference. We have requested the therapy and are awaiting VA approval.

It has been a blessing to have a bit of stability with Christa and the kids while we await medical treatments. We are currently staying with my mother in SC. She is scheduled to have hip replacement surgery in March. We are praying that she will gain increased mobility and relief from the pain that she has experienced for the past few years.

Christa has enjoyed having the opportunity to sing in the choir and to speak for a few ladies meetings - one even over Skype. Her multiple sclerosis has gotten worse, but thankfully at a slow rate.

Kyle is in his second semester of his sophomore year at Ambassador Baptist College. He lived with Christa's parents his first year and a half, but when they moved to SC this semester he moved into the dorm. It has been an interesting and expensive transition for him, but he is adjusting. We praise the Lord for providing a better job that pays his tuition and dorm fees. We are thankful that the Lord allowed Kody to get a good job in SC. We are enjoying being able to have him with us a little while longer before he begins attending Ambassador Baptist College in the fall. It has been encouraging to see his concern for the spiritual condition of his co-workers. Pray that he will be a good example and have opportunity to share the gospel with them. Kaleb, Kierra, and Khloe are continuing their homeschool classes. Not having to deal with the inconveniences of power outages and internet failures has made it easier to stay consistent. Kierra recently was overjoyed to receive an old piano from a supporting church. She has happily resumed her practicing and we hope to have her begin lessons again soon. Kaleb and Khloe have been enjoying the freedom of spending time outdoors in Grandma Boylston's large yard. Though all the kids miss Pohnpei immensely, it has been encouraging to see them beginning to make friends and get involved in the ministries here while we are Stateside.

We especially thank the Lord for the times that he has allowed us to meet people from Pohnpei here in the States. What a blessing to be able to surprise them by greeting them in the Pohnpeian language and then to be able to talk to them about home and then share the gospel with them.

Please continue to pray for Ambassador Baptist Church. We were excited to hear that progress is being made on the new building project. Please also continue to pray for the Baptist Bible Institute of Pohnpei students and also the Ezekias family and their work with Nukuoro Baptist Missions.

Because of Christ,

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