



the BOYLSTONS

MISSIONARIES TO THE ISLAND OF POHNPEI

We would like to extend a special, “Thank you” to each of you that have continued to support us during this transition period. Having talked to others we knew obtaining disability was going to be an endeavor. It is extremely hard to get without help. After the first denial, we appealed on our own, but were rejected again. We ended up getting a lawyer for the next level of appeal. The attorney stated, bluntly, but as an unfortunate fact, that my age was against me. She said it is very hard to get disability under the age of fifty, but we were encouraged that after reviewing our case she considered it strong enough to agree to take me as a client. A hearing before a judge is the next step. She said it could take around eighteen months or more to get that scheduled. My wife, while researching a little bit about the process, read an article that said ten thousand people with open disability cases died in 2016 while waiting for their hearings. Thankfully, my cause for disability is not life-threatening. We are certainly glad as Christians that we have a Father above who knows all about it and who can make everything we go through to turn out for good (Romans 8:28). Even though we do not know the future, we can trust that God is directing our steps. (Proverbs 16:9, 20:24) We are thankful that our times are in His hands. (Psalm 31:14-15)

My wife had the privilege of speaking at the ladies’ tea fellowship during missions conference at Ambassador Baptist College. A few months ago, Pastor Davidson, the pastor of our sending church, Maranatha Baptist in Shelby, North Carolina, encouraged her with a passage in Psalm 25. That was the catalyst for a study on Biblical waiting. She enjoyed the opportunity to share some of the things that the Lord had taught her with the other ladies.

We are always encouraged when the Lord directs our paths to cross with people in the United States that have come from Micronesia. We have met several over the past year. We read an interesting news article recently that said ninety-nine percent of chefs for the Miyabi restaurant chain are Micronesian. The owner went to Pohnpei to find a “reliable source” of chefs. We stopped by an express location and were excited to be able to briefly talk to two men from Pohnpei. We are thankful that even though we cannot go to Pohnpei, the Lord has allowed us access to a “reliable source” of the people that are so dear to our hearts. We continue to pray for opportunities from the Lord to share the gospel and for the Lord to bring laborers for His harvest.

Prayer and Praise

Continue to pray for the ministries on Pohnpei.

Thank you to those that sent birthday greetings for Kierra’s 15th birthday. We are so thankful for our book-reading, piano-playing, art-loving girl. We appreciate her sensitivity to sin and her desire to do right.

Praise the Lord that we were able to spend time with family in October. Several years ago Christa’s parents started the tradition of getting together in South Carolina for a week. We were thankful that Kyle and Kody both were able to get off

of work for a few days during fall break from college so they could be with the family. We were thankful that Christa’s sister and family were able to come from Colorado to join with the rest of the family.

Praise the Lord that Khloe’s hip surgeon released her from physical restrictions and has allowed her to return to normal activities.

Praise the Lord for His protection. We have witnessed several car wrecks recently that happened just within a few car lengths from us.

Praise the Lord for His provision. It is “abundantly above” and “much more”! It is both humbling and encouraging to see how the Lord has used family, friends, friends of friends, and sometimes even complete strangers to meet needs.