



the BOYLSTONS

MISSIONARIES TO THE ISLAND OF POHNPEI

As a new year begins, we pray and trust the Lord will do mighty things in each of your lives, ministries, and churches this year. We were glad to be able to be with all of our immediate family this Christmas, but our hearts still yearn for our church families especially those in Pohnpei. The transition into the new year in Pohnpei is always a huge and very noisy event. The last New Year's Day that we were able to be there the banging on pots, pans, trash cans, etc... went on until almost dawn. Our kids were excited this year to be able to bang for the holiday. They all had fun, but we cut it off after thirty minutes since we do have close neighbors now.

We have had the privilege as a family to read through the Bible each year. As I was finishing up this last year, I was encouraged and challenged by a passage in Isaiah 48 as God speaks to Israel. "For my name's sake will I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off. Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another" (Isaiah 48:8-11). I am thankful for the Lord's mercy, salvation, and grace. "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not" (Lamentations 3:22). At salvation we become God's children which allows us to have a special relationship with Him. May we endeavor this new year to not do anything in our lives that would profane His holy name (2 Samuel 12:14), but instead to be busy about His work and service as He has called us all to do (Ephesians 2:10, John 9:4, Romans 13:12).

We are thankful that I have an appointment with the disability lawyer coming up within the next week, so please pray that will go well. I also have been contacted by the VA to set up another appointment with a neurosurgeon to see what options may be available. I should have a consultation with them also sometime within the next few weeks.

Christa's neurologist ordered a new MRI to get an update on her multiple sclerosis. The results revealed active lesions and disease progression so he is recommending a medical treatment that he thinks will be helpful.

Please pray that we will have wisdom and peace for these medical decisions.

Recently when Christa was at the store, Khloe called and told her that someone had come by the house and dropped off a gift of fresh produce - pineapples, grapes, cantaloupe, and cauliflower. What an unexpected blessing! A short time later while Christa was still shopping, Khloe called again to say that a dear family friend had come by and brought a whole turkey! When Christa walked out of the store the first thing she saw was a truck with a storage trailer. On the side of the trailer, in big letters were the words "God Always Provides". Yes, He does! We are so thankful for His provision and for those that are willing to be used by Him to be a blessing.

After a challenging sermon by Pastor Davidson to not allow our attitudes to become cynical and our hearts to become hard and calloused but instead to reach out to others with God's love and kindness, we were praying for an opportunity to do exactly that. Two days later the Lord brought directly to us a gentlemen named Thomas that needed some help. What a blessing that the Lord answers prayers and gives us specific opportunities to obey Him.

Thank you again for your concern, support, and prayers.

Because of Christ,
The Boylston Family - John, Christa, Kyle, Kody, Kaleb, Kierra, Khloe

Prayer and Praise

Continue to pray for the pastors, missionaries, and Baptist churches on Pohnpei.

Pray for the Baptist Bible Institute of Pohnpei, Calvary Baptist Radio, and Nukuoro Baptist Missions.

Pray for Jack and Melinda Peeler as they plan and prepare to return to the island of Nukuoro in February.

Thank you to those that sent Christmas greetings and gifts. We really appreciate your thoughtful generosity.

Thank you for the birthday wishes for Kaleb, Kody, and Christa. We are thankful to have the opportunity to have more time on this earth to serve the Lord.

Praise the Lord that Kody was able to complete his first semester of college with good grades and a paid school bill.

Kierra was especially thankful for the blessings that the Lord gave to her in December. She had been wanting a cat for several months, and a few weeks ago was able to finally adopt her rescue kitty - Precious Penelope Noel. She was also thankful that the Lord provided her with a piano.

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