

# the EIBEN FAMILY

*Missionaries to Pohnpei, Micronesia*

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*Broadcasting the Good News in the Regions Beyond*



"Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off..." - Jeremiah 31:10

**June-August 2012**

Dear Praying Friends,

It's hard to believe that we've been back from Pohnpei nearly three months. Before I fill in the details, let me say thank you to all those who prayed and gave to make our safe journey possible. Our time there on the island was absolutely life-changing.

We first landed in Honolulu where a wonderful family took us in during our lay over. Very early Monday morning they took us back to the airport for our flight out to Micronesia. After crossing the date-line, we arrived in Pohnpei Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, and stayed at the radio station with Dave and Ruth Ann Arthurs in the downstairs living area. While there we had the privilege of fellowshiping with some of the finest Christians I've ever met. Our days were spent following our host's every move. I would go with Brother Dave to the meetings of Congress when in session while Susan and Benjamin would accompany Ruth Ann into town for various errands. The first Sunday I had the honor of preaching at four different churches with three different interpreters. I had never preached with an interpreter before so the learning curve was a bit steep. The services were so humbling. Even though it was around 90° and about 90% humidity, the people were eager to hear God's Word. The last church of the evening was located in Weno. We arrived on a little white truck with over twenty people on board! We were told that the power was out so we'd have to improvise on lighting. The church doors were propped open and that same little white truck was pulled up to the front entrance of the church. With a dog in the isle, chickens fighting outside, very little breeze, and truck headlights glaring in our eyes, we preached God's Word. In spite of all the distractions, the people were very attentive and many responded at the end of the service.

Later that week I was able to re-seal some electrical connections on the radio tower. After finishing my work, I spent a few minutes on top of the tower talking to the Lord. The Bible says in Matthew 7:7 "Ask and it shall be given you..." so I asked the Lord to continue to knit my heart to the people of the island. I did not know how quickly God would answer. Later that night we arrived at a little jungle church building that consisted of a small bamboo structure with a thatch roof and a dirt floor. The pews had been fashioned from pallets and a small lantern was hung as the only source of light for the service as it was now dark. After I finished preaching, the pastor gave an invitation and several islanders came forward to be saved. Praise the Lord! As they prayed to receive Christ, my heart went out to them, knowing that they would likely face great opposition for the decision they made that night. Please pray for these new babes in Christ. In the Island culture, to go against the religion of one's Father is a great dishonor. Many are forbidden to return to the Baptist Church and some are persecuted for their faith.

We returned to the U.S. in April and officially began deputation in June. It has been an honor to meet people from all over who are eager to see God's work continue on Pohnpei. Thank you for your encouragement, your support, and especially your prayers.

Because of Calvary,  
The Eiben Family

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- ◇ Quick filling of our schedule with meetings
- ◇ Brother Arthurs' leukemia would stay controlled
- ◇ Spiritual growth and safety of those saved in Pohnpei



21 people aboard the  
Weno Baptist Church truck

## PRAISE & REJOICING

- ◇ Susan's full recovery from her gall bladder surgery
- ◇ Safe journey to and return from Pohnpei, Micronesia
- ◇ Souls saved in Pohnpei



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