

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

1st Quarter 2013

Dear Praying Friends,

It's hard to believe that we are already well into the New Year. As we look back at 2012, we praise the Lord for all the blessings He has provided. Last March, we were able to visit the Arthurs on the island of Pohnpei and get a first-hand glimpse of the ministry of Calvary Baptist Radio. We returned and started deputation in June and had a full schedule planned through Thanksgiving. Yet, no sooner than we had begun deputation, we were notified that my Dad had suffered a heart attack and was facing triple bypass surgery. What seemed like a setback for the whole family proved to be one of the sweetest times our family has ever known. The Lord enabled us to be with my family in Michigan through the whole procedure. As a family, we found ourselves reflecting on the love and goodness of God to us all, even in the midst of great adversity. God is so faithful! He brought Dad through with flying colors, and he has since returned to a normal routine. I believe that Dad's speedy recovery is a direct result of your prayers. Thank you! It has been so humbling to have people praying and to meet people all over who greet you by saying, "We've been praying for you, but now, we can put a face to our prayers." What a blessing to be a part of God's family.

We ended the year by celebrating our 10th wedding anniversary. Proverbs 18:22 says, "Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord." I can safely say that next to my salvation, Susan is the best thing that's ever happened to me. I could not pursue God's call on my life if it were not for the love and support of my dear wife.

The most exciting part of 2012 has been seeing folks trust Christ as their Savior and watching God work in hearts through the preaching of His Word. I often wonder what decisions are being made in the pews and at the altar and what fruit will be born as a result. What will God do in 2013!

With spring right around the corner, we look to the coming months with great excitement. We are now at 25% of our needed support not including those who have assured us that we are next on their list to support. A number of churches have expressed sincere interest in partnering with us to reach the people of Micronesia with the Gospel, but financial hindrances have prevented them from moving forward. Please pray that God would remove these barriers so that we might quickly raise the support needed to get to the field to work with Dave and Ruth Ann Arthurs and minister to the people of Micronesia. During the first week in January, we were able to have lunch with Brother Arthurs in Taylors, SC. He had just finished chemotherapy treatments and was heading back to the Island of Pohnpei where Ruth Ann had been managing the ministry alone. He looked strong and was in good spirits, but we know that his health is fragile. Please pray that God would protect both Dave and Ruth Ann's health and speed our way to the field.

Because of Calvary,
The Eiben Family

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ◇ Health and strength for Dave and Ruth Ann Arthurs
- ◇ A Full calendar of meetings
- ◇ To see folks respond to the preaching of God's Word



Benjamin making new friends in Edinburgh, VA!

PRAISE & REJOICING

- ◇ Dad's full recovery from triple bypass surgery.
- ◇ 10 years of Marriage! Amen!
- ◇ Now at 25% of our support



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