

the EIBEN FAMILY

Missionaries to Pohnpei, Micronesia

Gabriel • Susan • Benjamin

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

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Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you so much for making us the object of your prayers. You will never know the many ways in which God answers. Many pray for our safety as we travel, but sometimes that safety comes before we get on the road. One recent example highlights this truth. We were preparing for a Sunday meeting hundreds of miles away. While I was at work Friday night, Susan stopped by on my lunch break to surprise me. When I went out to the parking lot, I noticed a strong coolant odor coming from our Suburban, which had not been there previously. I did not immediately find the source of the smell, but when I arrived home later that night, I performed a more thorough investigation and found a degraded coolant connection, which was ready to blow loose. Saturday morning, when we would have been on the road, I called the pastor and was able to reschedule the meeting so I could make the necessary repairs. God is so good to answer the many prayers for our safety as we travel. If God had not nudged Susan's heart to surprise me, I would not have noticed the coolant leak, and we would have likely loaded up first thing Saturday and gotten on the road. I can only imagine what could have happened had the fitting blown off somewhere in the mountains with little or no cell phone reception. Thank you so much for praying! The writer of Hebrews admonishes us in chapter 4 and verse 16 to "come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." We not only have permission to come before God with our requests, but are encouraged to come with a bold confidence that our God who is full of mercy and abounding in grace will answer according to His own character. Amen! I do not have to worry if the resources are there to answer because God has it all at His disposal, nor do I have to foresee every potential hazard. Jesus said in Mathew 6:8, "your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him." We have now covered over 23,000 miles of ministry travel since we started deputation a year ago, and God has kept us safe the entire journey. Praise the Lord!

We also praise the Lord for answered prayer concerning Brother Arthurs. As you may recall, we sent out an urgent prayer request as Dave was battling pneumonia back in May. He has recovered from that, but is now dealing with internal and external shingles. Please continue to keep both Dave and Ruth Ann in your prayers. Whenever Dave is sick, Ruth Ann must take on many extra responsibilities of the ministry while being a caregiver to Dave.

As we continue down the deputation trail, we ask that you would continue to pray for the Eiben family. Our heart's desire as we visit churches is not to simply "raise support," but to see churches encouraged, Christians challenged, and lives changed. What a blessing it is to share how God has worked in our lives and to hear how He is working in the lives of others.

May God richly bless your ministry of prayer.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- ❖ Dave's recovery from shingles and strength for Ruth Ann
- ❖ Wisdom for coming decisions
- ❖ To quickly raise our support



Benjamin & friends, Micah Forbes & Benjamin Cash in Smithfield, VA

PRAISE & REJOICING

- ❖ Dave Arthurs full recovery from pneumonia.
- ❖ Safety on the road!
- ❖ Now at **42%** of our support!



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