

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

3rd Quarter 2013

Dear Praying Friends,

Jesus said in John 9:4, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."

On September 3rd, with an immune system already weakened by a long battle with leukemia, veteran missionary Dave Arthurs was called home to be with the Lord. Brother Dave had served God for over 46 years in Christian missions work. During the past 26 years, he and Ruth Ann established and maintained the radio ministry of Calvary Baptist Radio, while ministering at Calvary Baptist Church of Kolonia, Pohnpei. It is impossible to calculate the multitude of souls that have been impacted by their many decades of faithful ministry. As a fitting testimony of his love for the Micronesian people, the body of Dave Arthurs was laid to rest there at the station.

Words cannot begin to convey the swirling emotions we have felt since Dave's home-going. We are deeply saddened, yet we rejoice knowing that Brother Arthurs is now with the Savior whom he has so faithfully preached these many years. There are several aspects of the ministry we had hoped to learn from Brother Dave first hand; however, I must confess that my greatest disappointment is that I will not have the opportunity to glean wisdom from the walk of a man who has served God for nearly five decades.

When I read of Elijah and his mentoring of Elisha, I marvel at the amazing opportunity this young farm boy had to learn from the great prophet of God. One day, however, the time came when Elisha was to rely upon God alone. I have to wonder, if Brother Arthurs, with all of his years of experience, had one lesson to share with us, wouldn't it be to "rely upon the Lord"? I am so thankful for faithful men of God who stand in pulpits all over and point people to the all-sufficient Savior. If we are not careful, though, we may begin to look to man to supply what only God can. While I don't fully understand God's timing, I rest assured that His plans are far better than mine, and that He can supply all our needs according to His riches in Christ Jesus.

When we started deputation in June of 2012, our goal was to raise our support and get to Micronesia quickly to work alongside Dave and Ruth Ann. In light of Brother Arthurs home-going, we are more eager than ever to get to the field. As Ruth Ann continues the ministry there on the Island of Pohnpei, please join us in praying that churches would recognize the urgency of the situation and prayerfully consider partnering with us to continue the radio ministry of Calvary Baptist Church, reaching the regions beyond with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support.

Because of Calvary,

The Eiben Family
Matthew 9:37-38

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ❖ God's continued comfort to the Arthurs family
- ❖ For churches that will partner with us to reach Pohnpei with the Gospel
- ❖ Health and safety for Ruth Ann



At the controls with Dave

PRAISE & REJOICING

- ❖ Safe travel for Ruth Ann and Denise Arthurs from Pohnpei
- ❖ Now at **54%** of our support



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at Calvary Baptist Radio*

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