

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

2014 2nd Quarter

Dear Praying Friends,

This quarter was very busy, taking us to Indiana, Alabama, Florida, and Georgia, with several meetings right here in North Carolina. I am excited to report that we now have **support commitments totaling 94%**, and a total of **20% of our passage need** has come in. God is so good! With this being the case, we are now shifting our focus to preparation for departure. This of course will involve the obvious task of sorting through our belongings and determining what we will need to take to the field as well as what must be obtained. Please pray for wisdom as we stream-line our lives for the work in Micronesia.

This quarter has been filled with the need for medical treatment. Benjamin has been in and out of the doctor's offices along with two trips to the ER. The first time was for two stitches to close a deep cut to his eyebrow, and the second was for two more stitches to close another gash about an inch above the previous wound. **Welcome to boy-hood!** He has also been back to the eye doctor and is now wearing his glasses full time. The doctors still don't know why his vision changed so suddenly (again) but are hopeful that he might outgrow it. We appreciate your prayers for his vision and especially for his safety!

We finished our second quarter with my ordination here at home in Shelby, North Carolina. It was a sobering experience to stand before the ordination council, made up of men, both my peers and men my senior. As I gave an account of my doctrinal positions, the older men, some of which have been in the ministry for nearly half a century, gave me advice drawn from their decades of experience. What a humbling honor it was to have them take the time to share their perspective with me in order that I might benefit from their wisdom. In the evening service of Sunday, June 29th, **I was officially ordained** by Maranatha Baptist Church, of Shelby, North Carolina, to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As deputation winds down, we thank God for bringing us to this point and trust that He will supply the rest of our need shortly, along with the finances necessary for our passage, as well as a buyer for our home. Thank you for your continued prayer and support. We truly could not do it without you. As we draw closer to Micronesia, we need your prayer all the more, which brings me to a particularly urgent prayer request. Recently, Susan began to experience some discomfort and went to the doctor for an evaluation. After many tests it was determined that she had two very small "masses" which were abnormal. The only way to be 100% certain that there is no cancer is to remove them completely. Susan currently has surgery scheduled for August 25th. Following the surgery, a complete pathology will be done, and we should have the results by the end of the month. **Please join us in praying that there is no cancer and for her swift recovery.** As you might imagine, this has been a bit unsettling, but we rest in the truth that God is still in control and that He makes no mistakes. We are all disappointed that we will not reach the island by the end of this summer, but know that the Master's timing is perfect. Thank you again for your faithfulness to bring us before His throne.

Your Fellow Servants in Christ,

The Eiben Family

Psalm 62:5 My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him.

PRAISE & REJOICING

- Being ordained by the Maranatha Baptist Church.
- We are now at **94%** support!
- We have received **20%** of our needed passage funds.



"Stitches are no fun!"

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For Susan's surgery on August 25th and her speedy recovery.
- For the sale of our home.
- Finances for our passage.



Teaching a great bunch of kids in Ocala, Florida

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