

# *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

### 1st Quarter 2016

Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you for all your continued prayers and support. The first quarter of 2016 has been a dry one for us. The Super El Nino reduced our normal monthly rainfall of 15 inches a month to about 3 or 4. Due to the lack of rain, the local water utility imposed daily outages in order to conserve resources. We are very thankful that the outages only went on for a few weeks, but it highlighted the need for us to be prepared. We recently went a month with only an inch of rain followed by 13 inches in 2 weeks. Things now seem back to normal with plenty of rain along with the accompanying humidity.

Toward the end of 2015, during a prayer meeting of the Baptist pastors and missionaries, one of the national pastors asked a question concerning God honoring music and the problem he was having with some of the "new" music making its way to the island. At the end of the discussion that followed, I volunteered to host the first island conference on God-honoring music. Since I am no expert on the subject, I contacted Dr. Ken Lynch, a preacher who has traveled in evangelism for nearly 40 years, who happens to be an expert in this area. He authorized me to use his video series "Gospel Music: Blessing or Blight?" as well as the study notes for our seminar. At the end of February, we held our two-weekend conference at the Calvary Christian Academy with representatives from all but one Baptist church in attendance. At the conclusion of the event, many of the attendees thanked us for taking the time to put the conference together, telling us what a blessing and help the information was to them. Some pastors have even inquired about having us come to their church in order to hold a seminar for their respective congregations. The area of music is so very important as the Devil tries to push the world's music into the local church. You might think that being in the middle of the Pacific would insulate us from such advances of the enemy, but the Islanders are a very kind and trusting people. They often assume that if the music comes from a minister or a religious institution, it must be ok. After our first Island Music Conference, many of the national pastors stated that they were now better equipped to identify worldly music and Biblically support their position. For this, we praise the Lord. A special thank you goes to Evangelist Ken Lynch for his graciousness to allow us to use his material.

The quarter ended with Susan and Benjamin preparing to make their way to Honolulu for medical tests and routine check-ups. Benjamin was experiencing heart palpitations which needed monitoring for an accurate diagnosis. After several weeks of running from appointment to appointment, both Susan and Benjamin's medical results came back normal, for which we praise the Lord. In fact, Benjamin's eyesight has improved to the point that he needed a weaker eyeglass prescription. Thank you Ohana Baptist Church for allowing them the use of the church van and a special thank you to the Sanbeck family for allowing them to stay in their home while there in Hawaii. I am grateful to report that they are now back home with me, and I am gaining back much of the weight I lost in their absence!

We thank you for your continued prayers as we are seeing tangible results. God has answered your prayers by keeping us healthy, giving us safety, allowing us to broadcast 24 / 7, growing our Wednesday night English speaking Bible study and Sunday School classes, as well as seeing some saved in the prison ministry. Along with preaching in the prison, I have begun a Bible study program with a dozen of our new converts there, providing them all with KJV Bibles and Bible study materials. Join us in praying that these men would grow in the knowledge of the truth that they may be "free indeed." Thank you again for keeping us in your prayers.

Sowing for the Savior,

**The Eiben Family**

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### PRAISES

- The First Island Conference on "God Honoring Music" was a well-attended success!
- Susan and Benjamin had a safe trip to and from Honolulu and good medical test results, Amen!



**Preaching at the Capitol Hill Baptist Church**

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- For souls to be saved
- For growth in our Sunday and Wednesday Bible Classes



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