

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

2nd Quarter 2017

Dear Family and Friends,

As I write this letter, it is with a heavy heart. On June the 15th, the founding pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church here on Pohnpei, Pastor Isamo Welles, went home to be with the Lord. Many have referred to him as the "Apostle Paul of the Islands." God used Pastor and Mrs. Welles to reach hundreds here in the Micronesian Islands and around the world. Aside from founding the very first Baptist church on the island of Pohnpei, he was also instrumental in helping to start six other independent Baptist works here. Along with his church work, Pastor Welles also began the Calvary Christian Academy, which currently serves to educate over 300 students K-12. He also worked closely with Missionary Dave Arthurs to get the Calvary Baptist Radio on the air, which has been broadcasting the Good News for nearly 30 years. During his decades of ministry, he preached over 4,000 radio messages, which are still touching lives today. Though we rejoice to know that he is in the presence of our Savior, this soldier of the cross will be sorely missed.

The quarter began with the opportunity to preach the opening service of the Spring Revival at the Capitol Hill Baptist Church in Palikir. Unfortunately, the Pastor was not able to stay for the entire week of revival meetings as medical issues took him to the Philippines for treatment. After the revival, I spent the following four Sundays filling the pulpit until Pastor Padock was able to return. Though we thoroughly enjoyed our time with the dear folks at the Capitol Hill Baptist Church, we are very thankful that Pastor Padock has returned and is doing much better.

One of the highlights of any quarter is the opportunity to preach to the young people at the Calvary Christian Academy. I was asked to speak to around 80 K-4 to 2nd graders. Even though I did my best to arrest their attention, there always seemed to be at least one youngster determined to do his own thing! (See Top Pic) Praise the Lord for the opportunity to sow the seeds of the Gospel among these precious little ones.

Finally, we want to say thank you to all those who sent cards, gifts, and encouragement for our birthdays in May, June, and July. We had planned to take some time off island to celebrate together; however, with all the responsibilities at the station, we thought that it would be best for Susan and Benjamin to fly home to the U.S. to visit our families while I remained behind. As you can imagine our families and friends were thrilled to see them and showered them with love. We would like to especially thank the sweet couple that provided us with a brand new laptop and iPad. God bless you! We would also like to thank our family and friends for housing them while they were in the U.S. We praise the Lord that on their trip, they were both able to take care of some important medical and dental visits. Thank you for your continued prayers concerning our health and safety. God is giving excellent opportunities to share the Gospel so please pray that the seeds of His Word would take root in hearts that we might see fruit for His glory.

Sowing for the Savior,

The Eiben Family



PRAISES

- Good results for Susan and Benjamin's medical visits.
- Praise God for our new laptop computer and iPad.



Revival at the Capitol Hill Baptist Church.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Greater opportunities to share the Gospel with the lost
- Fruit from a new Bible study
- New believers to be grounded



Benjamin turning 10, Big double digits!

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