

# *the* EIBEN FAMILY

## *Missionaries to Pohnpei, Micronesia*

*Gabriel • Susan • Benjamin*

*Broadcasting the Good News in the Regions Beyond*

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2017

Dear Family and Friends,

Thank you so much for your continued prayer support for our family as we serve the Lord here on the Island of Pohnpei. Our third quarter started with the opportunity to preach one of the opening revival services at the Calvary Christian Academy as well as issuing the Biblical charge to the parents and teachers. The high school students listened intently, and at the invitation many students rededicated themselves to living for Christ. Several teens acknowledged their need to be saved, but none prayed to be born again. The following day, one of these young ladies went to the principal's office and said, **"I need to be saved!"** The principal promptly took the Word of God and led her to Christ. John 4:37 says, "One soweth, and another reapeth," but it's God who saves. Thank God for the opportunity to have a part in His harvest.

A couple weeks later I received our first invitation to preach at the Bible Believer Baptist Church in one of the more remote locations on the island. Pastor Alfonso Moses has labored there faithfully for many years in spite of being unwelcome by the mainline denominations. There was great liberty in the service, and at the invitation, I was able to introduce two young men, Reagan and Emmerson, to Christ while Susan led a young woman, Mara Rose, to the Lord. We are happy to report that nearly two months later, while visiting the church for a revival service, Reagan, Emmerson and Mara Rose were all in attendance, and according to Pastor Moses, have been **faithfully attending since their professions of faith**. Praise the Lord!

Toward the end of summer, one of our Wednesday night Bible study members approached me about starting a Bible study with his extended family on the island of Sokehs. We prayed about it, began meeting immediately and continue to meet every Thursday night. We gather together under the family "nast" which is a large covered area with no walls. The children lay a mat on the floor and sit Indian style while the teenagers and adults sit on wooden benches. Interestingly, the dogs are not allowed to join us for the study but the cats are! (All three of us are allergic to cats!) While **the young people are very faithful**, the same cannot be said for the adults. Please join us in praying that this study would grow and that souls would be saved.

The quarter ended with our pastor, William Joel, and his wife making an unexpected trip to the US to help their daughter with emergent medical needs. Pastor asked me to stand in his stead while he was gone, and by God's grace we were able to do things decently and in order (well, depending on who you ask!) Needless to say, with all the responsibilities at the station and the church, it made for an extremely busy month. I am thankful that Pastor Joel is back, but would ask that you remember his family in prayer as their daughters and grandchildren continue to have medical needs. Along with all this, Mrs. Joel suffered a light stroke following their return to Pohnpei, which is now affecting her right side. Please pray for her full recovery.



### PRAISES

- Growth in our Wednesday night Bible study. Amen!
- For the souls saved at Bible Believer Baptist Church.
- A new Bible Study on the Island of Sokehs on Thursdays.



*Fellowshipping with Pastor and Mrs. Moses at Bible Believer Baptist*



*Revival at Calvary Christian Academy*

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### **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2017 Continued...**

The Wednesday night Bible study (pictured at top) has been growing steadily to the point where we are nearly out of room. Recently we have had Islanders and folks representing 4 different continents in attendance! I can only imagine what Heaven will be like with believers from various tongues, tribes, and nations all worshipping our Savior together. Due to safety concerns resulting from extensive termite damage in both the floor and ceiling, a significant portion of the station back porch has been roped off. Renovating the entire 16' x 40' porch area would greatly increase the space available for services. Our plan is to replace the existing wood with termite resistant marine board and cement board that should last for years to come. We thank the Lord for the contract builder who has already volunteered to come and help us with the structural repairs as soon as the Lord provides the finances necessary. Please join us in praying that God would give wisdom as we seek to be good stewards of all He provides.

On November 10<sup>th</sup>, we are planning a special outreach to the remote atoll of Pakin. Our plan is to brave **27 miles of open ocean in 20-foot skiffs** in order to preach the Word, hand out Gospel tracts, and distribute some solar powered radios that are pre-tuned to the Baptist Radio. The atoll has about 50 inhabitants with no Gospel preaching church there. This outreach has some obvious inherent dangers, so please pray for our safety and for souls to be saved. There are currently 2 boats that will be going, weather permitting, with men from 4 different Baptist churches uniting together to get out the Gospel.

We thank you so much for all of your prayers and support. You may remember that last year I issued a 1K4 Christmas challenge to the church: 1000 Christmas themed Gospel tracts distributed before Christmas. The church ended up giving out over 1400 tracts, so this year I am issuing the **2K4 Christmas challenge!** Pray that we would not only get the tracts distributed, but that the Word of God would take root in hearts and bear much fruit. God bless you as you reach souls in your corner of the world.

Sowing for the Savior,

**The Eiben Family**

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Wisdom and provision as we seek to make facility repairs.
- Our upcoming outreach to the remote Atoll of Pakin
- The 2K4 Christmas Challenge and Christmas outreach
- Growth for the Wednesday and Thursday night Bible studies and English speaking Sunday School classes.
- The medical needs of Pastor Joel's family.

***The Atoll of Pakin on the  
Distant Horizon***



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