

the EIBEN FAMILY

Missionaries to Pohnpei, Micronesia

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Broadcasting the Good News in the Regions Beyond



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1st Quarter 2018

Dear Family and Friends,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thanks to your prayers and generosity, we have been able to continue broadcasting good, conservative Christian music as well as the Gospel of Jesus Christ 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We thank God for allowing us to serve Him here at the Baptist Radio and especially enjoy the opportunities we have to work with the beautiful people of Pohnpei. At the beginning of the year, Gabe was asked to preach the High School Spring Revival at the Calvary Christian Academy. As our first service began, it was as though someone had put a spiritual wet blanket on the place. With very little response to the preaching, I went home greatly disappointed. The next day I preached on "Reaping What You Sow." The teenagers were a bit more attentive, but at the close of the service, there seemed to be no response from the 130 young people attending. Frustrated, I went home and wrestled with the Lord over the final service. Was it me? Was there something in my life hindering the work of God in the hearts of these young people? I prayed earnestly, and the next morning I went to the school early, walked the campus, and prayed for God to break through the spiritual blockade that seemed to be in place. Though I had planned to preach a different message, the Lord led me to John 3:16 and the love of God. At the end of the message, an invitation was given and **absolutely no one** came forward to receive Christ. Completely heartbroken, I concluded the service and dismissed the teens to their classes. As I sat down wondering if I had totally missed the mark, a teacher approached me with two young ladies at his side. "Mr. Gabe, these ladies need to speak to you." When I asked them how I could be of help, tears began to pour from their eyes. With a quivering lip, Miss Esmerelda said, "**I need to get saved!**" "Me too!" came the response from Miss Sade. After taking them through the Scriptures, both ladies prayed to receive Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Amen! As I began to leave, another teacher came with another young lady. After seeing Miss Megan trust Christ as her Savior, yet more students came. For the next 3 hours, we had the joy of seeing 19 students pray to receive Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, while 3 more received assurance of their salvation. Praise the Lord! What an awesome privilege to see God move in such an amazing way. Since many of those that were saved do not attend a good church that teaches the Bible, God burdened my heart to begin a weekly discipleship class at the school. It is completely voluntary and has been consistently attended by about 2 dozen students. Please pray for these young people that they would grow in their hunger for the things of God.

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PRAYER

- For new believers to grow in their hunger for God's Word.
- Help as we look to complete the back porch project.
- More souls to be saved!
- Discipleship class at the Calvary Christian Academy.

PRAISES

- Praise the Lord for the teenagers saved during the Spring Revival at CCA.
- Thank the Lord for the Moore family and their help
- God bless all those who helped and contributed to the porch renovation project.
- Thank God for the safety He gave during demolition.

Discipleship Class at CCA



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Wednesday night ribbon cutting on the back porch!

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February was filled with preparations for our back porch renovation project. On March 6th our friends arrived from Virginia ready to work. After a day of rest, we began demolition work on the floor and ceiling. We are happy to report that as of this letter, all the termite eaten flooring has been replaced with treated lumber and the rotten ceiling with cement board, both of which should last for many years to come. Though **there is still a tremendous amount of work to do**, we resumed Wednesday night services to the delight of all our English Bible Study folks. We thank God for Daryl and Katy Moore, without whom we would not have been able to accomplish such a tremendous feat, and for the generosity of the Tidewater Baptist Church and all those who gave to make the project possible. We also want to thank the donor who provided our Bible Study with 20 brand-new termite-proof plastic chairs! Amen!

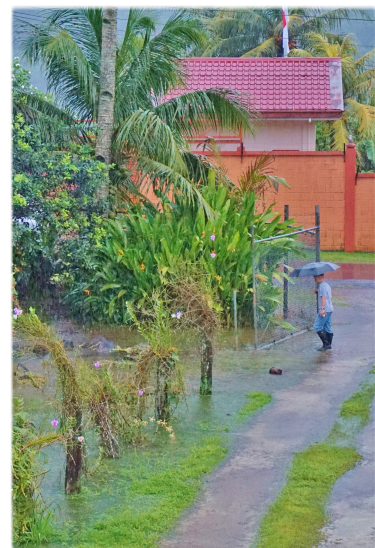
Along with their tools and expertise, the Moores also brought a bundle of brand new pocket sized **New Testaments for our Nukuoren kids**. At the end of one of our Thursday night studies, Mr. and Mrs. Moore presented them to the delight of our students. None of the kids had ever owned their own Bible before. With great care, they wrote their names into the front covers of their Bibles and now proudly bring them to the Thursday night studies. Pray that they would grow in their hunger for and understanding of His Word.

As we closed out our quarter, we were met with one of the wettest months on record. A total of **25" of rain fell in 48 hours** causing over 30 major mudslides around the island. Tragically, one of the slides resulted in a fatality as a woman and her husband were buried alive. He was later rescued and recovered, but her body was never found. In total, we received **58" of rain** for the month of March. During the worst of the weather, I received a call to come and help the government station try to get back on the air. After some trouble shooting, the problem was isolated, but required the local utility to fix the problem which was on their equipment. With the government station off the air, we were left as the only station able to announce to the island the Declared State of Emergency. Please pray for our friends, Pastor Kihleng and family, as they recover from a mudslide that damaged their home. Thankfully, no one was injured, but a good deal of clean up and repair will be required to get their home back to normal living conditions.

We thank you for your prayers as we continue to share the Gospel with the people of Pohnpei. Please pray that the Lord would help us to get the back porch project completed and that many would be helped by the preaching and teaching of God's Word.

Your fellow servants in Christ,

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Benjamin investigating the flooding from 25" of rain!

Our Nukuoren Kids receiving their very first Bibles.



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