

the EIBEN FAMILY

Missionaries to Pohnpei, Micronesia

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Broadcasting the Good News in the Regions Beyond

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Summer 2018

Dear Family and Friends,

Thank you for allowing us the honor of serving as your representatives here in the Micronesian Islands. We can't begin to thank you enough for your continued prayers and support. This summer has been very busy with many opportunities to preach and teach God's Word while continuing to broadcast the Gospel around the clock. A couple of those opportunities took me to some unexpected places as you'll soon see.

On the morning of Friday, June 1st, we received an email from Dr. Jim Bailey letting us know that, due to a very serious illness, he would be leaving the island of Kosrae. Pastor Bailey and his dear wife Patty had arrived there five weeks earlier to serve as furlough relief for another missionary couple serving with World Wide, Daniel and Megan Fetter. As we prayed for the situation, the Lord gave peace about traveling to Kosrae to try to assist the Baileys as they prepared for their departure. Susan and I began packing feverishly, and by 2:30 that afternoon, I was on board the first available flight to the eastern-most island in the Federated States of Micronesia. When I arrived, national Pastor Henry Skilling took me to the Fetter's home where the Baileys were staying. Pastor Bailey welcomed me and shared what had been going on and what would need to be done in his absence. Though he was dealing with double pneumonia, extreme physical pain, and dislocated shoulder, I never once heard a complaint, only sorrow that he couldn't see the mission through to the end. What an honor it is to serve the King of Kings and Lord of Lords alongside some of the finest Christian men and women I have ever known. Since arriving home, Pastor Bailey has made a modest recovery, but will not be able to return to the Micronesian Islands for furlough relief due to continuing health issues. Please keep the Baileys in your prayers as they enter this new phase of their lives.

During my ten days in Kosrae I had the joy of ministering to the wonderful folks of the Tafunsak Baptist Church along with a special meeting at the Calvary Baptist Church of Malem. National Pastor Henry Skilling invited the folks of Tafunsak to join them for a combined service at Calvary and asked me to preach. We had a wonderful service with many responding to the message. Thank God for the great things He is doing in Kosrae. While I was gone, Susan and Benjamin did a fantastic job holding down the fort. Every day, Benjamin would diligently help his Mom as they kept everything running smoothly at the station.

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PRAYER

- For Pastor Jim Bailey and his full recovery from pneumonia
- For the Tafunsak Baptist Church of Kosrae while their Pastor is on furlough
- Nathan and other campers who came to know Christ at the Baptist Summer Camp
- Pastor Joel and his recovery from double eye surgery and recurring heart issues
- Susan's English Ladies Sunday School Class
- For fruit from the preaching and teaching opportunities
- For the discipleship class at CCA to grow in attendance and spiritual maturity
- For all our friends & family in eastern Carolinas affected by Hurricane Florence

Preaching at the Calvary Baptist Church with Pastor Henry Skilling



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Shortly after my return, I was invited to preach one of the final services at the 2018 Black Coral Christian Camp, hosted by our Baptist churches here on Pohnpei. With over 80 teens in attendance, it was a joy to preach to these young people and see God working in their lives. I could only be there one day, but through the week nearly two dozen teens trusted Christ as Savior, including a young man named Nathan who I had the privilege of introducing to the Lord. Nathan has since followed in believer's baptism and faithfully attends one of our sister churches. Please pray for Nathan and these other new believers as they head back to school with all of its associated temptations.

We are very thankful for the continued opportunities God gives us to minister, not only through radio, but also at the Calvary Baptist Church of Kolonia, Pohnpei. Susan faithfully ministers to the Ladies English Sunday School while I frequently lead music, preach, and teach the Men's English Sunday School, while the whole family gets involved with the Thursday night Nukuorean outreach. In August, our Pastor, William Joel, was hospitalized with what was feared to be a heart attack. Thankfully, it was an arrhythmia which was treated with rest, diet modifications, and medication. That, coupled with double eye surgeries, put Pastor out of commission for most of August, making for a very busy month. Please pray for Pastor Joel and his continued recovery.

With summer concluded, we have started back with our weekly discipleship class at the Calvary Christian Academy. Our first class was well attended even though scheduling conflicts kept many upperclassmen from being able to participate. Faculty is currently considering changes to the schedule that would allow all interested students to attend this voluntary class. Please pray for the needed schedule changes and for students to grow in the Lord.

As we send out this letter, many friends and family are recovering from Hurricane Florence. Please know that we are praying for you all, asking God to meet the needs while giving opportunities to share the love of Christ with others. Thank you again for your love for the people of Micronesia and your prayers and support for us as we continue to share God's message of redemption in Christ.

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***Susan & Benjamin
holding down the fort
while I was in Kosrae***

PRAISES

- Thanking God for Pastor and Mrs. Bailey's safe trip back to the US for medical
- For the opportunity to preach to the kind folks of Calvary Baptist Church on the island of Kosrae, FSM
- Nearly 2 dozen teenagers saved during the 2018 Black Coral Baptist Camp. Amen!
- We were originally told that Pastor Joel had had a heart attack. Thankfully it was an arrhythmia easily treated
- Good participation in the weekly discipleship class

***Teens responding to the
final message at the 2018
Black Coral Summer Camp***



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