

# *the* EIBEN FAMILY

## *Missionaries to Pohnpei, Micronesia*

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*Broadcasting the Good News in the Regions Beyond*

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### 2018 Year End

Dear Family and Friends,

Happy New Year! Thank you to all those who sent greetings of encouragement, care packages, and financial gifts this Christmas. We have been overwhelmed by your generosity and can't thank you enough for your continued support and fervent prayers. It's hard to believe that 2018 is already behind us. We thank God for all He has done and look forward to all that He will do in the coming year. As we approach 4 years on Pohnpei, I find myself asking, "Where has the time gone?" Once again we are reminded of the words of our Savior who said in John 9:4 "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work."

The station continues to broadcast the Good News across Pohnpei, even reaching to some of the outer islands. One listener reported receiving the AM signal 100 miles to the south-west on the island of Ngatik (na-chick). Thank God for the opportunity to use the medium of Christian Radio to spread the truth of God's Word. While the transmitting equipment continues to function normally, the same cannot be said for the station plumbing! A few months ago we were shocked when Benjamin sprang into the house saying, "Dad, come quick! Water is pouring out of the door downstairs!" I ran out onto the catwalk and looked down to see a river of water flowing from under the door leading to the station prophet's chamber. When I went in, there was about an inch of water throughout the entire apartment with water making its way into the studio. I immediately isolated the line break, and we spent the rest of the day cleaning up the mess. We thank God that the break happened in the morning and was quickly detected. The flooring was ruined and will have to be replaced, but had it happened during the night, the entire studio and transmitter room would have been flooded with catastrophic results. We hope to get the prophet's chamber back in full working order as we are optimistic that the Lord will supply a furlough relief later this year.

Our fall and winter have been very busy with several cleanup projects around the station. We hosted our first Baptist Radio Work Day and many folks from the church came out to lend a hand. As the saying goes, "many hands make light work." What a blessing to labor alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ and see so much accomplished. Susan and Benjamin have also been painting the building while I have worked with friends to clear out the mud in front of the station. This has increased our available parking area by nearly 50% while making storage areas accessible. Even though we are a long way from being done with all the renovations needed here at the station, it is exciting to see progress being made.

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### PRAYER

- More souls to be saved!
- Discipleship class at the Calvary Christian Academy
- Evangelistic Opportunities
- Furlough Relief Support
- Needed repairs following prophet's chamber flood



***Church work day at the Calvary Baptist Radio!***



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We thank God for the fruit He continues to give as we minister His Word. Nowhere is this more evident than in the Wednesday discipleship class at the Calvary Christian Academy which has grown to over 40 students. Recently, while teaching on assurance of salvation, an invitation was given for those who wanted to be saved and 4 young men stayed after class to learn more. After showing them God's plan of salvation, they each bowed their heads and individually prayed to receive Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Amen! Please pray for Damon, Deatrick, Joshua and Kyle as they grow in their new found faith and for all these young people to grow in the Lord.

Our Wednesday Night Bible Study has recently changed its venue. Due to health issues, our pastor, William Joel, requested that we move our Wednesday night English class from the Radio House to the Church, combining the English and Pohnpean classes. While it has been an adjustment for everyone, I count it an honor to have the opportunity to assist our Pastor and minister the Word of God in this way. Please pray for Pastor Joel as he continues to have health issues affecting his heart as well as Mrs. Joel and her ongoing recovery from a stroke.

Christmas has been a wonderful time here on the island with people being more receptive than usual to God's Word. During the annual Calvary Christian Academy Christmas Parade, Susan, Benjamin, and I distributed nearly 300 gospel tract packets, while hundreds more were given out by the church through the Christmas season. Please pray that these seeds of the Gospel will take root and bear fruit. Our favorite festivity by far was our Thursday night Nukuorean outreach Christmas party. Weeks earlier, half a dozen of these kids trusted Christ as Savior, making this a truly special holiday. When we arrived, we found that the kids were so eager with anticipation that they had been waiting nearly 2 hours for us! Though we were earlier than our normally scheduled time, young Daphnia exclaimed, "You're late!" The children were delighted as we taught through the Christmas story, sang songs, and distributed simple gifts.

We thank you so much for your continued prayers and support. It would not be possible for us to continue spreading the Gospel in the islands without you. Please pray as we are communicating with a couple about the possibility of coming out to provide our furlough relief. They are in the midst of raising their needed support so we pray that the Lord would work out all the details.

Your fellow servants in Christ,  
**The Eiben Family**

***Benjamin approving of  
some heavy duty  
cleanup!***

### **PRAISES**

- Thank God for the kids saved in the discipleship class and at the Thursday night Bible Study
- All the hard work done by our volunteers on the station work day
- Praise the Lord for safety during all the work done
- Thank the Lord for all the generous Christmas gifts, cards, and care packages

***Christmas party with our  
Nukuorean Kids!***



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