

the EIBEN FAMILY

Missionaries to Pohnpei, Micronesia

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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

2019 Second Quarter

Dear Family and Friends,

Recently, the Lord granted me the opportunity to take the state ship from Pohnpei 250 miles south-west to the remote atoll of Nukuoro for three days. There is no airstrip, so the only way to get there is by ship. I traveled to assist another World Wide missionary, Jack Peeler, as he assessed ministry needs there on the island. The journey took two days on the open-decked vessel with a relatively calm sea (for which I am very thankful!). Now some of you may be thinking that this was a cruise ship with comfy staterooms, hors d'oeuvres, and shuffleboard. Well, I assure you, it was nothing like that. People were scattered all about the deck with belongings piled high and hammocks hanging everywhere. The group next to us carried on until the wee hours of the morning, drinking, smoking, and blaring music. I awoke in my hammock at about 3 am to the stench of hot alcohol breath in my face. When I opened my eyes, I was surprised to find a man hovering about 2 ft. over me, peering down ominously. When I asked him, "How can I help you, sir?" he turned and staggered away. It was not exactly an ideal witnessing opportunity! When we arrived at the atoll, we took all our luggage and supplies down a ladder on the side of the ship, jumped onto a bobbing 20ft skiff, and made our way miles across the lagoon to the home of Pastor Ray Ezekias. I was overwhelmed with joy to see my old friend and his dear wife Mercyda, who made sure to keep me supplied with lots of boiled bananas and fish fritters! While there, Pastor Ezekias invited me to preach at their Wednesday night service with over 40 islanders in attendance. This might sound like a small crowd, but it represented over a third of all islanders in the atoll. What a joy it was to share with them the love of God and His salvation through Jesus Christ. At the end of the service, three teens indicated their need to be saved but were too shy to be dealt with by the "foreigner." Please pray for Pastor Ezekias as he follows up with these dear young people.

The next day, it was determined that we needed fish, so I went out spearfishing just on the edge of the reef with the locals. Once in the water, I was surprised to see sharks everywhere! I admit I was a bit scared at first, but it didn't seem to bother my local friends at all, so we kept on fishing. A bit later, an overly-friendly shark came to visit me and didn't want to go away! To get my point across, I poked at him with my spear, and he finally departed. Needless to say, I wasn't really in the mood to do much fishing after that! Once we were all back on the boat, I turned to my island friends and said: "Boy, the sharks here sure are friendly!" With a mischievous grin, one man said, "Well, they really like white meat!" Can you imagine feeding your family this way? But for the Nukuorean people, this has been a way of life for centuries.

Now that I am back on Pohnpei, being able to talk to the Nukuoreans about their home island has opened up so many doors. God is blessing the outreach in Sokehs with souls saved, folks coming consistently, and new people expressing interest in the services. We are currently picking up riders in our SUV and a small borrowed truck and need something much bigger. We are asking God to supply a vehicle large enough for picking up riders and doing work here at the station. God is so good to us. Space does not permit me to share all of His blessings, but please know that you folks who so faithfully pray and give are among the biggest blessings of all. Thank you.

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Picking up Riders for services in Sokehs!

Click the following link: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/5g5flu3nt2i2hz5/2019%20Q2%20-%20Nukuoro%20Final%20Rev%20With%20Music.mp4?dl=0> for our latest video update.

PRAYER

- For the Lord to supply a large truck for Sokehs riders and station use.
- Spiritual growth for new believers.
- More decisions for Christ.



Can you guess what this hut is used for? Let us know what you think @ eibens2pohnpei@wuntbm.com

PRAISE

- Opportunity to preach the Gospel on the remote atoll of Nukuoro.
- For keeping me safe on my journey to Nukuoro.
- The wonderful cards and gifts for all of our birthdays.

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