

# *the* EIBEN FAMILY

## *Missionaries to Pohnpei, Micronesia*

*Gabriel • Susan • Benjamin*

*Broadcasting the Good News in the Regions Beyond*



***Air Force Two, here on Pohnpei, Micronesia!***

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### **2019 Third Quarter**

Dear Family and Friends,

Kaselehlle from the middle of the Pacific Ocean here on the tiny Island of Pohnpei. We thank the Lord for all He is doing here, not only with the radio ministry, but also in the Sokehs Outreach, as well as the other ministry opportunities He gives. The summer months have been filled with surprises and challenges. We recently had our AM transmitter fail, taking us off the air. Thankfully, I was able to isolate the failed component, send it off for repairs, and receive it back relatively quickly. I am happy to report that we are back on the air broadcasting the Good News to Pohnpei and beyond.

As we labor here for the Lord, we want you to know that we count it an honor to serve as your representatives to the Micronesian people. In **2 Corinthians 5:20**, the Bible says "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." Though I have heard this verse hundreds of times, it has taken on a whole new meaning here on the mission field. Back in early August, I was approached by the U.S. Embassy about the possibility of interviewing a **"high level U.S. cabinet official"** during their upcoming visit to Pohnpei. The identity of the "official" was shrouded in secrecy but I told them that I would be delighted to grant an interview and air it for our listening audience.

We began to make preparations for the visit, wondering who it might be. About a week before the interview, we were told that the "official" would only be on island for a short time and that an interview at the station would not be possible. Though greatly disappointed, I was honored to accept an invitation to attend the press avail that would be held at President David Panuelo's office in Palikir, the national capital of the Federated States of Micronesia.

As the day approached, I prayed that God would give me the opportunity to share the Gospel with the officials that He allowed me to come in contact with. I prepared with Gospel tracts and booklets, hoping that if a conversation was not possible that I could at least share literature. Just before the event, I found out that the mystery guest would be the **highest ranking U.S. official** to ever set foot in the Federated States of Micronesia. He was only going to be on island for about five hours, so I knew that time was of the essence. Armed with my digital camera, tri-pod, gospel tracts, and booklets, I made my way to the capital and set up for the press release.

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### **PRAYER**

- We are still in need of a larger vehicle for station work and picking up riders to the Sokehs Outreach.
- Pray for our government leaders back in the U.S. and here in Micronesia. Pray for their salvation and for wisdom in policy decisions.
- Pray for open doors as we continue to reach out to the Nukuorean people with the Good News of God's Word.



***Can you guess the name of this fruit? (No, not Mr. Eiben!) Let us know at: [eibens2pohnpei@wwntbm.com](mailto:eibens2pohnpei@wwntbm.com)***

***(Last Letter Answer: Outhouse!)***

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***Benjamin meeting  
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Now, I would be less than honest if I didn't tell you that I was a little bit nervous, but then I remembered 2 Corinthians 5:20 "...**we ARE ambassadors for Christ...**" Why should I be nervous or feel intimidated? I had been sent by the King of Kings and Lord of Lords to represent Him. What an incredible honor! While waiting for the opportunity to approach U.S. Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo, I was able to share tracts with several press correspondents, embassy staffers, a secret service agent, and the President of one of the nearby island nations. Though I was not permitted to give the Gospel booklet directly to Secretary Pompeo, I was able to leave it with his Chief of Staff, who assured me that the Secretary would indeed receive it.

After the press avail, I raced home to pick up Susan and Benjamin and then headed to the airport. There, we waited for the Secretary and his entourage. When he arrived, we were all able to meet Secretary Pompeo and take a few pictures. Then Benjamin gave Mrs. Pompeo a gift bag, which also included a Gospel tract and a personal note of thanks. She turned to Benjamin and said, "You're a good boy," then proceeded to give him a big hug! We later found out that Mrs. Pompeo would not get on the plane until she had her gift bag from "that nice boy" in her hands! What amazing opportunities our Lord gives!

Please join us in praying that all the tracts and booklets given would be read and that the seeds of the Gospel would take root in hearts. We also hope that if you are shy about sharing the Gospel, you'd remember that none of us is truly worthy of such a high calling, but the One who has called us **is worthy of our obedience**. Therefore, we can share the Good News with confidence, not because of who we are but because of who He is! For those interested, you can view our coverage of Secretary Pompeo's historic visit to the FSM with this link: <https://youtu.be/TBHX5SIWULI>

As we daily serve our Lord Jesus Christ, please know that your prayers are our lifeline. Thank you so much for your continued support and interest in this ministry, not only to the Micronesian people, but to all who the Lord allows us to reach.

Your Fellow Servants in Christ,

**The Eiben Family**



### **PRAISE**

- Praise God for the opportunity to share Gospel literature with ambassadors, presidents, press correspondents, staffers, & secret service agents during Secretary Pompeo's recent visit.
- While on visitation, a man asked us to come back & conduct a Bible study at his home. Amen!
- Our sending Pastor from the U.S. will be coming out for a visit of help & encouragement in Nov.
- Thank God for the work He is doing in the Sokehs outreach. Sokehs rock can be seen behind us.

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