

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



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Dear Family and Friends,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As Covid-19 continues to ravage the world, our hearts break to know that many of you have been sickened or even lost loved ones due to this dreaded disease. We continue to pray for health, wisdom, and direction for our prayer partners as you face unprecedented challenges in your respective communities. Thank you for continuing to pray for us and the ministry here on Pohnpei during these difficult days.

Thankfully, there have been no "confirmed" cases of corona virus here in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) as of yet. It appears that closed borders and existing quarantine measures have greatly helped to insulate the islands. In accordance with the guidelines set forth by state and local officials, most churches are only meeting on Sunday mornings with social distancing loosely observed. Unfortunately, due to the inability to properly exercise these distancing guidelines, we have had to suspend services in Sokehs and are now gathering back at the Calvary Baptist Church of Kolonia. For the time being, we have adopted the "smile and wave" in place of our traditional "shake hands and fellowship." Our hope is that things would soon get back to normal, but we accept the fact that distancing measures are currently in everyone's best interest. Many officials are pushing to repatriate nationals to the FSM from the U.S. and other countries affected by covid. Please pray that when borders open, proper screening measures would be observed both here and abroad to prevent inadvertently introducing the virus to the FSM. We do not have adequate medical facilities or sufficient personnel to effectively handle the pandemic. Indecently, we were just notified by the U.S. Embassy that several doctors and nurses have resigned from the already understaffed state hospital due to a contract dispute, leaving the island all the more vulnerable to the ravages of an imminent coronavirus outbreak.

We thank God for keeping our family well, but the same cannot be said for the health of the station. Frequent severe disruptions to the electrical grid have wreaked havoc on several pieces of station equipment. Though all of our sensitive items are on surge protected back-up power supplies, grid failures have managed to damage the AM transmitter and destroy the station main computer, back-up computer, back-up hard drive, and computer monitor. Besides this, we had both our vehicles break down along with other various equipment failures. It got to the point that I was afraid to even hug my wife for fear of something breaking! (Praise the Lord she is fine!) Thankfully, none of this equipment is irreplaceable and will be repaired or replaced as God provides. Please pray that the damaged AM transmitter components will return quickly from repairs in upstate New York so that we can get the transmitter back up and going soon. Thankfully, we are still able to broadcast around the clock on the FM band, saturating the town of Kolonia, which is the main population center of the island.

As you might have guessed, we have very been busy with various repairs and in the coming weeks hope to begin a much needed project to renovate rotten fascia and termite eaten soffit boards here at the station. Gutters and fascia have literally fallen off the building, creating a hazard, so repairs are no longer optional. Please pray for safety as I work aloft on scaffolding.

We thank you again for your fervent prayers and faithful support. Your fellow servants in Christ,

The Eiben Family

Benjamin and Ambassador Cantor celebrating July 4th!

PRAYER

- For more opportunities to share God's Word during these difficult times.
- For safety while working aloft on scaffolding and for the needed materials.
- For the AM transmitter parts to arrive soon & that we'd get it back on the air.
- That our electrical power would be more reliable.



Troubleshooting AM antenna connections

PRAISE

- We thank God that the coronavirus has not yet reached Micronesia.
- Praise the Lord for recent opportunities to speak at the Capitol Hill Baptist Church and to the teachers at CCA.

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