

the **EIBEN FAMILY**
Missionaries to Pohnpei, Micronesia
Gabriel • Susan • Benjamin
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



Benjamin cutting into his surprise birthday cake at the Tidewater Baptist Church!

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Dear Family and Friends,

We thank God for you, the many wonderful supporters and prayer partners that the Lord has placed in our lives and for the tremendous blessing it has been to see so many of you face to face in the previous months. With our furlough travels taking us thousands of miles from the mid-Atlantic to the mid-west, it has been so encouraging to share what God has been doing in Pohnpei, Micronesia through your faithfulness to pray and to support the ministry work there.

In the midst of our travels, we faced a serious setback earlier this summer as the transmission on our SUV went bad. Apparently, the frigid cold of Michigan had taken its toll, not only on us, but also on our Toyota! Since we were on the road when it broke down, we had no choice but to take our vehicle to a local shop in Smithfield, Virginia and have the transmission replaced with one that had been rebuilt. It seems that I have been gone from America longer than I realized because the cost for the repair was double what I was expecting! But this is where God stepped in, Amen! Through His faithful servants, the Lord granted us housing while we waited for the repairs (which took over 10 days) and He went on to supply the funds for the repairs through the very generous and sacrificial giving of some of God's choicest servants. We thank the Lord for each of you who have given so much to help, not only with our vehicle needs, but with our many medically related financial needs as well. May the Lord richly bless each of you for your amazing generosity.

As we continue our travels, the biggest question we receive usually concerns Susan's health. After being hospitalized last December with Covid and spending most of the spring months slowly recovering, Susan had her second bout with the Corona virus in July. While it was certainly difficult, we thank God that it was nowhere near as bad as her first encounter with the Delta variant. Unfortunately, we needed to reschedule a few meetings and quarantine, but we are so thankful that she has now regained most of her strength. Concerning her heart condition, we have tried to confer with our local doctors (appointed by our insurance provider) in order to establish a management plan, but with little success. We have now scheduled an appointment with a new cardiologist in Raleigh, North Carolina, who is highly recommended, but the earliest that Susan can be seen is late October. Once she is established as a new patient, we ask that you pray that this doctor would help us to understand the full severity and extent of her condition and what will be required to properly manage it.

On August first, the Federated States of Micronesia partially opened the country's border for the first time in over two years. Unfortunately, the long-awaited opening was accompanied by the rapid spread of the coronavirus. Please pray for the people of Micronesia as they are currently battling through the pandemic. Since the outbreak, thousands of people have been infected, and nearly two dozen people have died, including the country's Vice President, Yosiwo George. Though many Pacific nations have eased their entry requirements, the FSM continues to maintain extremely restrictive measures along with expensive fines for non-compliance. Please pray that the people of Micronesia would see God's merciful hand in keeping the virus from the islands for so long, allowing them to prepare, and that the FSM government would relax their extremely prohibitive entry requirements.

Our schedule remains busy with many meetings in the coming months. We would be honored for the opportunity to come to your church and emphasize world-wide missions and to highlight the amazing things God has been doing during our time in Micronesia. If we can be a blessing to your congregation, please let us know. Thank you again for your fervent prayer and faithful support.

Your Fellow Servants in Christ,

Gabe, Susan, and Benjamin

PRAYER

- For the people of Micronesia as they battle the corona virus.
- Please pray for Susan to be established as a new cardiac patient in the Raleigh area & for needed medical guidance.
- For God to use our family to be a blessing in all the churches we visit on furlough.



Super Kids celebrating missions in Micronesia!

PRAISE

- For the lodging and finances supplied for the repair of our vehicle, and the generous gifts given towards medical bills.
- For Susan's recovery from her second bout with coronavirus.
- Getting an appointment with a highly rated heart Doctor.
- For the loving thoughtfulness of the folks at the Tidewater Baptist Temple who threw Benjamin a super surprise birthday party... Thank You!!!

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