

# 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

## Winter Review 2023

Dear Family and Friends,

Thank you so much for your continued prayer and support for our family and the ministry. We have been overwhelmed by your love, generosity, and encouragement, especially during the Christmas Season and on into the New Year. Though the winter months tend to be a little slower for missionaries, we thank the Lord for the wonderful meetings He allowed us to have this past quarter, and we look forward to those already lined up for the coming spring months. We would love the opportunity to come to your church and update you on what God has been doing in Micronesia while emphasizing the need for missions and outreach. If we can help, please do not hesitate to contact us to be part of your spring missions schedule.

Throughout our furlough, so many of you have reached out to let us know that you are praying for Susan's health. We thank you so much and want you to know that your prayers are being answered. After seeing her new cardiologist, we asked prayer concerning her new medication. Thankfully, she is tolerating the medicine and it seems to be helping. Since then, Susan has also seen another doctor who has recommended B-12 shots along with iron infusions to help with her low energy and anemia. Coupled with this, just last week, she received the results from her pulmonary function test which revealed that she has mild asthma. The asthma medicine has already proven beneficial, allowing her to breathe better and have more energy while getting better sleep. It appears that this combination of anemia, low B-12 absorption, along with the difficulties of asthma may be working in concert to produce the symptoms of chronic fatigue. Though this has been a long, expensive, and arduous process, we thank the Lord that we are starting to get some answers.

Back in Micronesia, the radio ministry of the Calvary Baptist Church continues to broadcast the Good News of God's Word 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We thank God for Brother Koden Labehn, a young local lay preacher in the church, and his family for superintending the duties of the station. Brother Labehn and his dear wife, Bethany, have been living there at the station during our medical furlough, and we so appreciate their commitment to stand in the gap during our absence. If you don't already pray for this dear Brother and his family, may I ask that you add them to your prayer list? Earlier this month, while expecting their second child, Bethany suffered a miscarriage of their beautiful baby boy. I cannot begin to imagine the heartbreak this family is experiencing right now. Please join us in praying for God's healing comfort for the Labehn family as they seek to recover from this tragic loss. Cards and notes of encouragement can be sent to the Radio Station address provided.

With the celebration of our Savior's resurrection just around the corner, we pause to give thanks for God's free gift of salvation and for the opportunities that the Lord has given for us to share the Good News with the people of Micronesia. While my heart yearns for the islands, current covid vaccine entry requirements remain prohibitive. With our respective cardiac issues, the potential benefits of the vaccine do not appear to outweigh the known risks. Previously, there were rumblings that the current administration might lift its strict vaccine requirements at the beginning of the year, unfortunately, that has not come to fruition. On top of this, the sitting President of the F.S.M. has been voted out of office and a new administration will take the reins in the coming months. Please pray that the incoming officials would move forward with legislation to lift these requirements.

We thank you again for your ongoing prayer and support.

Your Fellow Servants in Christ,

**Gabe, Susan, and Benjamin**

**Happy New Year from  
the Eiben Family!**

### PRAYER

- For Micronesia to lift the Covid vaccine entry requirements.
- Please pray for Brother Koden Labehn and family, and the recent miscarriage of their precious baby boy. Cards and encouragement can be sent to:

**Koden Labehn Family  
c/o Calvary Baptist Radio  
PO Box H  
Pohnpei, FM 96941**



**The Koden Labehn Family,  
Interim Station Manager  
at Calvary Baptist Radio**

### PRAISE

- For all the wonderful gifts and words of encouragement this Christmas season.
- For God answering prayers regarding Susan's health. We are so thankful to finally get answers to our questions and medicine that seems to help.

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