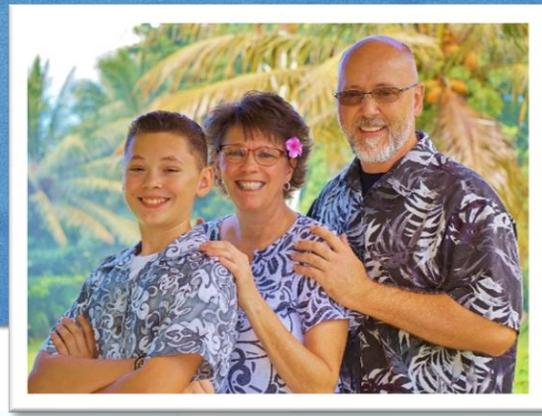


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Missionaries to Pohnpei, Micronesia

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Broadcasting the Good News in the regions beyond



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Easter 2024

Dear Family and Friends,

Kaselehlie and greetings from Pohnpei, Micronesia. With the celebration of our risen Savior upon us, we pause to give thanks for His wonderful gift of salvation. This Easter season is a fresh reminder of the amazing grace that God has shown to all mankind through His Son, Jesus Christ. We thank God that His grace recognizes no boundary or border and reaches all the way to the uttermost, even unto the distant isles of Micronesia.

The past several months have been an absolute flurry of activity for us in preparation for the return to Micronesia. In January, I assisted the Fundamental Broadcast Network with an antenna upgrade on one of their affiliate stations in Fayetteville, North Carolina. This involved me climbing their 80ft tower, removing the previous antenna, then installing the new array, all of which took 2 days and about 12 hours at the top of the tower! Thankfully, the project was a success, which allowed the station to upgrade to a more powerful transmitter. We were able to purchase the smaller FM transmitter and bring it out to Pohnpei. This transmitter has the potential to double our power output, significantly increasing our signal range.

February was non-stop with final preparations for departure. It seemed like the roadblocks were never-ending with emergent issues requiring me to cancel my flights and reschedule several times. Thankfully I was finally able to get things under control and fly out on March 1st. I would spend nearly 2 weeks in Hawaii, speaking at 4 different churches while meeting some amazing Brethren on both the Big Island and Oahu. This time was also utilized for gathering last minute supplies and shipping them forward to Micronesia. I especially want to thank Uncle Bobby and Auntie Darlene of Hilo as well as the Sanbecks of Oahu for their incredible hospitality. Both couples hosted me and made me feel like family, showing me the true spirit of Aloha!

When I arrived in Pohnpei, just over a week ago, I was so overcome with a myriad of emotions. On the one hand, there was the joy of finally being back to the mission field. However, on the other hand, the realization of the enormity of the task facing me was nearly overwhelming. The notes and phone calls I had previously received from Pohnpei could not fully prepare me for the level of damage found in our living quarters. After arriving from the airport just after midnight, I walked into our apartment to find rainwater pouring in from the ceiling, unhindered. Not only had the ceiling in Benjamins room fallen, but the rain destroyed the elevated platform bed and storage area that I had built for him years before. The water was nearly an inch deep in his room with the floor tiles popping up at their corners. And to top it all off, the stench of mold was so strong you could nearly taste it. The main bedroom, which we had fully renovated during our first term, also had part of its ceiling sagging with standing water in the room. The old mattress was a festering mess, now damp and black with mold. Realizing that this room was also unlivable, I retreated to a small room that we had used for storage prior to our hasty return to the US. It was crowded and dusty, but the mold smell was minimal, so I was able to pillow my head on a borrowed air mattress for the night. That morning, I attended the Calvary Baptist Church, and was overjoyed to see some of our dear Micronesian friends. When I got back to the station that afternoon, I was so physically, mentally, and emotionally exhausted, that I laid down for a nap... and woke up 14 hours later! The next several days involved bleaching every accessible surface in my room while organizing and rearranging to make it the base of operations. Yesterday the weather finally broke and I was able to get up onto the 2-story roof and lay out a large tarp over the most severely damaged portion. It rained all day today, with torrential downpours at times, but I thank God that the tarp is holding fast and keeping the rain out. The plan is to continue patching the various smaller roof leaks while making preparations for a complete roof overhaul. The interior will require a full cleaning and bleaching before any renovations can begin. As you might imagine, I have my work cut out for me, but I thank the Lord that He has already provided willing local volunteers to help with the labor as well as the funds to begin the project in earnest. I would ask that folks pray for wisdom, safety, and efficiency in accomplishing all this so that my family can join me as soon as possible. Thank you for your fervent prayer and faithful support.

Your Fellow Servants in Christ,

The Eiben Family

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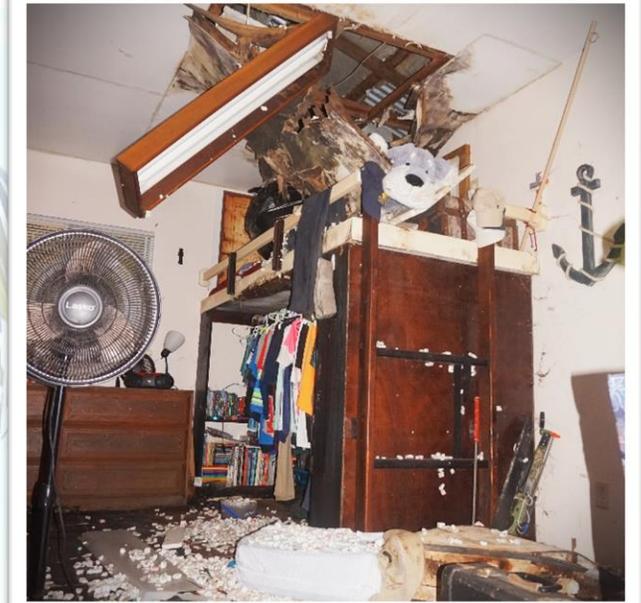
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**Preaching the Micronesian Service at the
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**Extensive Water Damage in Benjamin's Room
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Climbing the 80' FBN Affiliate Tower in Fayetteville, NC 88.1 FM WWFJ

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