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Missionaries to Pohnpei, Micronesia

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Summer 2024

Dear Family and Friends,

Kaselehlie from the Island of Pohnpei here in the Federated States of Micronesia. I want to begin this letter by saying thank you to all those who support the ministry regularly and pray for our family faithfully. Being apart has been difficult, but God has given grace, and we remain encouraged thanks to the involvement and interest of folks like you.

I also want to thank all those who have given so generously towards the renovations here at the Radio Station. With Pohnpei being one of the wettest places on earth, I knew that the roof project would be difficult to say the least. Boy, was I right! Monsoon type rains have brought nearly two feet of precipitation every month, making it nearly impossible to even get up on the 2 story roof. Initially, I began by patching as many holes as possible to slow the ingress of rainwater. Then, during a brief dry spell in June, I was able to remove the old solar panels from the back section. With this preparation complete, I went to purchase the roof tin only to find that the island stores were all out of stock! The tin finally arrived from the mainland in mid-July, and our first order of roofing panels was delivered a couple weeks later. The task of getting the panels onto the roof proved much more difficult than I had anticipated because the existing roof is in such poor condition. In many places the old panels crack like potato chips, so it is imperative that you watch every step. In hopes of making the process a little safer, I placed a new temporary layer of tin over the existing panels to create a walkway from the lower roof up to the main roof. Please pray for the safety of all who will be helping me with the continued repairs, as the existing roof is very unsafe.

The heavy rains have also made it very difficult to reclaim the yard around the station, much of which has become overgrown swamp during our absence. Most of this is due to the drainage ditches being clogged with silt and vegetation. Thus far we have cleaned out and re-dug roughly 450' of ditch and cleared back nearly half an acre. Some of this has been accomplished with the help of local church youth groups volunteering to come for workdays at the station. I want to give a special thank you to the young people of both the Calvary and the Ambassador Baptist churches of Pohnpei for their cheerful hard work.

Along with all the physical jobs here at the station, the Lord has also allowed many opportunities to labor spiritually. This summer, I had the honor of being one of the preachers at both the anniversary revival services of the Capitol Hill Baptist Church in Palikir and the Truth Independent Baptist Church in Lukop, as well as being the key-note speaker for the 53rd anniversary service of the Calvary Baptist Church of Kolonia, Pohnpei. While I have thoroughly enjoyed the many opportunities to preach God's Word at various churches, conferences, and revivals this summer, the highlight for me has been preaching to the teenagers at the Calvary Christian Academy. Just this week, I preached the closing message of the CCA opening revival to well over 100 eager teens. The students were unusually attentive, as the groundwork had clearly been laid in the previous services. As I preached on the compassion of Christ, many students indicated their need to be saved. Yet when I gave the invitation, no one came to the altar. I closed the service by letting the students know that I would be available afterwards for anyone who had questions. As the joyful mob quickly filed out to their classrooms, several teens made their way back into the auditorium. After explaining God's simple plan of salvation, Holly, Azor, Jerilisa, Lee-boy, Ronny, Sid, and Louanne all prayed to receive Christ, Praise the Lord! Please pray for these new believers as they grow in their walk with God.

As the summer concludes, please pray that weather conditions will turn favorable for me to finish the roof repairs. Once done, this will allow me to focus more effectively on the living quarters. The ceiling in the main bedroom, which had begun to fall, has now been repaired with much of the remaining work being cosmetic. I continue to gut the kitchen area and Benjamin's room with most everything being unsalvageable. I would also ask prayer for those who have committed to assist me with the hands-on work, that they would be able to deliver on their commitment. We so appreciate your continued prayer and support.

Your Fellow Servants in Christ,

The Eiben Family

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We so appreciate the cheerful help from the teens at the Station workday!



Preaching Christ to the teens at the Calvary Christian Academy opening revival!

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