

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 Graduating High School!

Summer Update 2025

Dear Family and Friends,

Kasalehlie from the rain-soaked island of Pohnpei! As we begin this update, we want to first give thanks to the Lord for all He has been doing in our lives, guiding and sustaining us through a challenging time of transition. Secondly, we want to thank you, our supporters, prayer partners and co-laborers for your prayers and support. In our last update, we petitioned folks to pray for what we knew would be a difficult time, and it is obvious that you have been doing just that. From face-to-face commitments to pray, to thoughtful phone calls, and even warm notes of encouragement, you folks have kept us before the Throne, and we so appreciate your labor of love.

While we were celebrating our son's graduation from homeschool at the Pensacola Christian College in Pensacola, Florida, the Medical Missions Outreach (MMO) was making its way to the island of Pohnpei. At the end of May, the 22-member team led by Dr. Edmondson, set up for clinical service in the library of the Calvary Christian Academy. During their two weeks stay, they saw 1,603 patients with 22 decisions for Christ. Praise the Lord! Hundreds of Gospel tracts were distributed, and scores of spiritual needs were counseled by volunteers from the Independent Baptist Churches on island. Overall, the medical outreach was a resounding success, and we thank you for praying to that end.

During my time back in the United States, the Lord allowed us to have some much-needed family time together. My (Gabe's) parents drove all the way down from Michigan to Florida to see their only grandson graduate high school, with a few extra days thrown in just to spend together. We are so thankful for our "Mimi and Papa" and their understanding when it comes to the work of missions. A veteran missionary once told me that, "It's not only the missionaries who sacrifice, but the families as well, because they have to say goodbye to their children and grandchildren. They don't get to be with them or watch them grow up." I want to say publicly how thankful I am for my parents and the sacrifices they have made as we have been doing the work of foreign missions. God bless you both. (Hebrews 6:10)

After graduation, we visited a couple of churches in Florida, then returned to North Carolina. Initially, we were planning a return trip to Pohnpei in July, but Uncle Sam intervened! Benjamin was all set to travel with Dad back to Pohnpei and spend about a month helping with station renovations before shipping out. When you grow up on the mission field, it becomes part of who you are, and this seemed like a wonderful opportunity for some father-and-son time and for Benjamin to catch up with his childhood friends, all while allowing him to close out an amazing life chapter before beginning the next. Then came the day when Benjamin qualified and contracted for Navy special programs. For months, he had been training diligently with a laser focus, so when the Navy offered him a new contract with an August ship date rather than September, he couldn't turn them down. As I write this, he is already training in boot camp. For Susan and I, it is bitter-sweet. When your only child leaves home, there is a tremendous void. But I am reminded that before he was ever born, we gave him to God. The day comes when every Eagle must fly, and Benjamin's day has certainly arrived. He is beyond excited to have this opportunity to serve God and country in the United States Navy, and we are so very proud of him. Please pray for Ben's health, safety, and for him to be a light for Jesus wherever the Lord leads him during his military service.

With several teary goodbyes behind me, I returned to Pohnpei in August with the goal of finishing repairs to the station living quarters before the end of the year. Along with the repair work, the schedule has already been jam-packed with revival preaching to the teens at CCA, connecting with local military Veterans and the U.S. Veteran's Association during their visit from Manila as well as meetings with public relations reps from the U.S. Embassy here in Kolonia. In the coming days, I hope to meet with military chaplains who are assigned to the various groups here with the goal of connecting with the active-duty soldiers and sailors serving so far from home along with other potential outreach opportunities.

We thank you so much for your continued prayer and support for the radio ministry. Last week a man approached me, telling me how much he enjoyed the station and thanked me for continuing the ministry of the Calvary Baptist Radio here on Pohnpei. The man's name, Emanuel "Manny" Mori, the 7th President of the Federated States of Micronesia! With radio, you never know whose life is being touched by the Word of God, but it is always encouraging to hear from people who listen. May the Lord richly bless you for your part in the ministry here. Your Fellow Servants in Christ,

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Preaching teen revival at the Calvary Christian Academy

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