

The Padocks Prayer Update (Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia)

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Dear Praying Friends:

Hello from Pohnpei. Hope all is well with you, your family, and your various ministries in your respective island and country.

Thank you for praying and for supporting the Lord's ministry that we have here on our island.

Praise and challenge from God's Word

We thank God for all that He has done for us through you, our faithful co-laborers.

Here is a short message on "Helping Tools". Hope this encourages you as it has us.

"The sword of Goliath...And David said, there is none like that; give it me."(I Samuel 21:9)

David was without a weapon to defend himself. He asked the priest at the tabernacle if he had weapons. Ahimelech gave David Goliath's sword.

During World War II, Great Britain was the last line of resistance against the juggernaut of Nazi oppression in Europe. Hitler relentlessly attacked the British Isles. Without resources to defend themselves and to fight back, it was only a matter of time before they would collapse. British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, went on BBC radio and appealed to the world: "Give us the tools, and we will finish the job." I like that!

This is the same appeal of a dedicated Christian worker who wants to serve God. From the church nursery to the church kitchen, church workers need the right equipment to be effective in their ministries. Sunday School teachers need supplies to teach their class... missionaries need provisions to serve on the field... Christian musicians need tools to use their talents for God's glory.

Give Christian workers the tools they need, and they will finish the job (Ephesians 4:11,12).

We consider your prayers and financial support tools. Thank you for giving us the tools that we need to be effective servants of the Lord. Keep up the good work (Galatians 6:8,9).

February 7, 2012 Incident

In one of my previous prayer letters, I mentioned a family that is staying with us in my father's little house next to our home. I let the family (a family of 7) stay at my father's house, because they didn't have a home, and I wanted to help them out by giving them a place to stay. Well, something terrible happened at the house on February 7, 2012: one of the sons committed suicide right inside my bathroom. My oldest daughter, Sonya, found this young man's body hanging in our bathroom; he was already dead. This incident happened when my wife, Mrs. Padock, and I and our three children (Haworth, Roland, and Sonsha) were away at school and work.

The whole town came together to attend the funeral, and to pay their respect to the grieving family. I preached during the funeral and the burial service.

Please pray for the family (Iohp family) that lost their son, and for our daughter, Sonya, who is having nightmares from this incident. Also, pray for us. Many people have asked us to burn down our house or to get rid of it. In our culture, people believe that when someone hangs himself in a tree or in a house, that

tree should be cut down, and the house should be burned or destroyed. They said if we don't burn or destroy the house or those things that were used during the suicide, someone in the family could do the same thing in the future. This is what some Pohnpeian people believe. I will not burn my house. I believe God is powerful. God lives in us, and He is more powerful than he that is in the world.

Prayer Needs:

1. Pray for our church's young men, who conduct Bible studies in homes and schools in various communities on the island.
2. Pray for the lost that we minister to during the week and during our worship services. Pray that God will convict these souls of their sins, and that they will come to the saving knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
3. Pray for the Youth Rally that will be held this Saturday (March 31, 2012) in Wone, Kitti. Our youth group will be attending this rally. Pray for our young people as they drive from Palikir to Wone and back.
4. Pray for our church anniversary. We will be having meetings beginning April 22-28th at our church. Our sister Baptist churches are expected to be with us during this anniversary week. Each local pastor from our sister churches has been assigned to preach each night of the meetings.

Special Need:

We would like to purchase another vehicle to extend our bus ministry to reach people that want to attend our church, but are not able to due to lack of transportation. We need about \$5,000.00. Please pray with us for this need.

In Christ,
Sonny Padock and family

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