





January 2016

Dear Partners in Ministry,

Greetings to you all in the name of the Lord. We wanted to take this opportunity to say Happy New Year. Our celebration here included games, food, and fellowship at the local elementary school. Over the holidays, Pastor Ray and I have been able to give devotions several times. I was asked to speak at the local elementary school for their Christmas Party. How different from the US. This is a public school, but they are not ashamed to have Christ mentioned or taught about in the classroom. We are thankful for these open doors.

The Bible Studies are going well. They are well attended and people are interested in learning. We have seen two more salvation decisions! These two were children. Pray for these young people to learn and grown in their knowledge of Christ. We are also starting to see more people at our Sunday services. Many come to the Bible Studies, but only a few to church. Keep praying for this to increase.

Our boat motor was able to be repaired after being submerged in salt water during a storm. We are so grateful that it was repairable. We can now more easily go to the main islet and fish in the lagoon. We still need a larger boat for ocean fishing though. Right now, I go fishing with one of the local men. He and his family usually attend the Bible Study on Wednesday. Pray that they will all receive Christ.

Some of the local men have been helping clear the remaining land and take down more trees. We are so thankful for the community spirit here. When someone has a need, others will come to help without being paid. The last ship brought some building supplies, and we have been able to complete the kitchen and build a small storage building. We are also starting to build the house. We hope to have it and the shower/ bath house done by March. Pray that we will have good weather.

Prayer Requests: People to be saved at the Bible studies, Christian growth for those who have received Christ, Health and safety for us, Good weather for building.

Please note that we do not have email. Our mailing address is P.O. Box K3223, Kolonia, Pohnpei 96941, FSM. Missionary friends are collecting our mail and sending it to us on the ship. It can take up to four months for us to receive your letters.

Looking unto Jesus, Jack and Melinda