



*Let them give glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise in the islands. Isaiah 42:12*

Fall 2019

Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings from your missionary family to Micronesian Islanders. Thank you for your continued prayer and support. Please forgive the lateness of this fall letter. In the tropics we do not have four seasons and it seems that time flies so quickly with no visible changes. Although we miss seeing the autumn leaves and feeling the crisp cooler weather, we do not miss being cold! We are all doing well, and grateful for your part in our ministry to Pacific Islanders.

We recently returned from a short trip to see our son Richard graduate from Infantry school for the Marine Corps close to our former church in NC. We are thankful that he finished his course and kept the faith throughout the ordeal and appreciate your prayers. He is serving as a reservist while he continues working at American Airlines to enable us flying privileges. It was also good to see our kids and grandkids in SC and still make it back to preach at our Marshallese Church on Sunday. Please pray for Nathan, who after spending the summer and fall as the head counselor at Camp Chetek in Wisconsin since graduation, has now assumed a ministry position at a resort for pastors and missionaries in Eastern Tennessee. He is away from family and his special friend, who graduates in May, but his heart is to serve, and now he is serving God's servants. Please pray for guidance as has the opportunity to come into contact with pastors and missionaries and their ministries from around the world.

We have repeatedly asked prayer for Lydia, who had come here to seek medical help for her botched cancer surgery in Pohnpei, but we just received the sad news that shortly after she returned to Pohnpei she passed away. I was not able to make it to her funeral as I would have liked to, but she had a good church family there. One of our church members here recently fell at work and required spinal surgery. Although the tedious surgery was successful, a couple of days afterwards he moved wrongly and now he cannot use his right arm. Please pray for Brother Frank's recovery and also for his wife Rolia as they are spending much time at the hospital. Please also continue to pray for Enia from our Marshallese Church. She had inoperable cancer and is with her family in AR, but is still doing okay. We praise God that she was saved here with us! The "Pohnpei House," where we have services with the sick who come up Pohnpei for treatment was closed for renovation over the summer, but Lord willing we will soon be able to minister the Word to those folks who should be coming soon. Please pray for this very fruitful ministry.

We do not often get visitors from home, but we were blessed by a visit from one of our supporting board pastors. He and his wife are our dear friends and we enjoyed their company and counsel while we showed them our island. Pastor Rogers spoke in our original Micronesian church and then in our current Marshallese church and then participated in our monthly, live, question and answer Bible study. We thank the Lord for good times with good folks! Lord willing another pastor will come in February, and we look forward to that as well.

Please continue to pray for the churches and national pastors in Pohnpei. Our national pastor has informed me that they can now enter the new church property that they have been hindered from accessing previously, and are making plans to erect a new church building because the other property is being reclaimed by the landowners. We still ask God for a miracle that will enable us to maintain the use of our original mission compound, and ask for your prayers for God's will in that matter as well.

Please pray for our church here. Several families have moved to the US, and several have faced opposition from family and others, or have had to take jobs that keep them out of church. Pray for them and new folks to come as well. We are so grateful for our national assistant Ruwe, and his wife, Joleen. They have been a great blessing to us and this ministry. Pray for God's will in their lives. They mentioned that they are thinking of going back to their home island to start a Baptist church there. The Marshalls have 33 different atolls of several small islets each, and only 3 of them have Baptist churches. Also keep praying for my ability in Marshallese language. It's coming together!

Thank you again for your prayers and gifts,

*Mike, Ruth & Family*

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