



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

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings from your missionary family to Micronesian Islanders. Thank you for your continued prayer and support. I'm sure our winter has been quite different from yours, but we trust you are all doing well and continuing to serve our Lord.

We are all well and have not suffered from the normal flu this season, and certainly trust we will be free from the newest threat. The cruise ship that left from here and was recently quarantined off California's coast had visited all the Hawaiian Islands, but so far few have been infected here, in spite of the "tourist" economy. My message last Sunday dealt with the fear of dying since that thought seems to be on everyone's mind these days. We certainly face uncertain and "perilous times," but we "know who holds tomorrow" and can trust Him. Let us use these times to share the Author of true peace and security.

Please pray for our ministry to Pohnpeians that come for medical help. The residence has been closed for total renovation for quite some time, but just opened again. Sadly, Tripler Medical Hospital has ceased all referrals from the islands because of the virus threat. Several folks are in great need to come, but will not be hosted at Tripler. Pray for Ken, a member of the Baptist church on Majuro Island as he desperately needs to come, but now will have to find his own way here. I just heard of 4 children who also will not be able to come, including one who is badly burned. We plan to assist these as we can, so pray for God's leading. Our Samoan neighbor David, was just upgraded from ICU to a private room after he was burned and injured when escaping his burning home. Please pray for his recovery.

We are sad to report that after 25 years our church in Pohnpei has lost its battle to retain their building and property. We may never know why the lease on our mission compound there was not renewed as promised, but thankfully the national pastor, Clayton, has continued to lead that ministry to a new location where they will soon begin a new building project. Please pray for God's guidance and provision in that important endeavor. We plan to assist when we can in that "new" work.

Please continue to pray for our Marshall Islands church ministry here. We are so blessed to have our dear Marshallese assistant, Ruwe, and his sweet family to minister with us. Please pray for them as they serve with us and reach their own people. It is a joy to know that if I need to be away, he and my son Mike can partner together to carry on the work. We are happy to know that nearly as many folks are watching our Sunday services on Marshallese Baptist Church Facebook as attend the services—especially with all the shutdowns! Also please pray for our Saturday evening youth outreach at a local park.

Our family is doing well. Pray for Mike Jr. as he was assuming a greater roll in the summer camp ministry this summer, but virus concern just required its cancellation. He still ministers to the youth and his HS students. Richard has done well through his Marine Corps training and schooling and has been here to visit a few times because he still works at American. Nathan has been serving at a pastor's retreat, Elijah's Harbor, in Eastern TN, and has been asked to stay on there after he and his fiancé, Jana, serve at Camp Chetek this summer, and then Lord-willing, marry in July. Jason and Sarah are still with us and help in the ministry. Our daughters and their kiddos are in SC, and we are happy we get to see them once in a while—thankfully there is also modern technology that keeps them "close."

We have enjoyed the visiting pastors and their wives who have come this way of late. It is always a blessing to fellowship with our friends from "back home" and discuss the Lord's working in our ministry and theirs, and Ruth has enjoyed being the great hostess she is, and especially showing them around. Come see us if you can!

Thank you again for all your prayer and support especially during this difficult time! Please remember that tax-deductible gifts should be addressed to CMC in Houston, and correspondence should be sent to our street address: **84-1006 Hana St. Waianae, HI 96792.**

Thank you again for your prayers and gifts,

Mike, Ruth & Family

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