



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

Summer 2019

Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings from your missionary family to Micronesian Islanders. Thank you for your continued prayer and support. We see that many of you have had stormy weather and some have faced difficulties with wind and water. We trust that all are well and the damage is not extensive. Several folks have indicated they have had ministry opportunities because of that. God does have His way in the storms.

We recently returned from a short trip to see our son Nathan graduate from college with a ministry degree. He is serving again at Camp Chetek in Wisconsin where he is the head counsellor. Please pray for him and his opportunities to be a blessing and help to many young folks throughout the summer. Our oldest son, Mike, is busy with camp here, and is enjoying fellowshiping with 15 counsellors and workers who came from colleges in the States. Jason and Sarah are also busy helping at the camp, and all of them are well-respected for their hard work and helpful attitude. Our home is packed on the weekends as we give them a place to relax and fellowship. We are thankful to have children who joyfully serve with us in the ministry! Our second son, Richard is in a different kind of camp for the summer: Marine Corps boot camp at Parris Island! He is nearly half way through that difficult experience and Lord-willing we will attend his graduation on July 11. Please pray for his emotional and spiritual endurance, and opportunities to share the Gospel with his fellow recruits and later as he serves our country and his Lord in the Marine Reserves.

While on the mainland, we were privileged to share our ministry at our home and sending churches in NC, and blessed by their fellowship and generosity. As always we are thankful for our son's job at American Airlines so we can travel cheaply. Lord-willing he will be able to keep working there while he is also in the Reserves. Ruth is able to be back and forth to Nova Scotia to assist in caring for her parents and has just made it back there this week. She is kind of apprehensive about a big bear that keeps walking around their house and looking in the windows. Pray for their safety as she cares for her folks for a few weeks.

Please continue to pray for some islanders with health needs. Lydia is still receiving treatment here after suffering a botched breast cancer surgery in Pohnpei. Pray for her treatment and recovery. She has been struggling as her husband has gone to the States to find work. Praise God, before he left he accepted Christ! His wife later told us how much his life had changed! 2 other men have recently come for medical care, so pray that we can see them come to Christ. Please pray for Enia from our Marshallese Church. She had inoperable cancer and is with her family in AR. We praise God that she was saved here with us!

Please continue to pray for the churches and national pastors in Pohnpei. We mentioned in our last letter that the property we leased nearly 25 years ago for the church we planted is now in jeopardy as June 2020 marks the end of our lease. The deceased landowner's grown children have refused to honor the promise to renew the lease and are choosing instead to put their own Assembly of God church there. Our national pastor and church have been making preparations to acquire another property, but even those have been hindered by opposition. **Again** we ask for your prayers for a **miraculous working of God** to enable us to retain that mission compound. Also on the island there has been doctrinal variance which has caused divisions. Please pray for unity and opportunity to see reconciliation and growth.

We are thankful to report that the new couple that recently started attending our Marshallese Church received Christ while I was counselling them for their upcoming wedding. Please continue for them and their walk with God, as they have had some struggles lately. Also pray for more folks to come and hear the Word. Thank God many are watching our services on Facebook live, and others read the church service bulletins with sermon outline that our church folks pass out. Please continue to pray for my abilities in Marshallese language. I'm a bit old to be learning a new language, but thank the Lord it is slowly coming to me.

Thank you again for your prayers and gifts,

*Mike, Ruth & Family*

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