



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

Winter 2018

Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings from your missionary family to Micronesian Islanders. Thank you for your continued prayer and support. We received numerous special gifts at Christmas, and we are indeed grateful for your care of our family. We are grateful to still be serving the Lord after the missile scare we recently faced. For 45 minutes after we all received the “ballistic missile headed for Hawaii” warning on our phones and TV, we believed we were in peril of our lives. Although many were panicking, our family sat calmly together awaiting what we thought was the end. Thankfully, it was a false alarm, but it made for a great sermon topic that Sunday, and gave us an unforgettable experience!

This new year is flying by, and has brought us many opportunities for ministry. Our Christmas services were a blessing and sharing Christmas day with our Micronesian family was a great reminder that as we leave our own family to serve Christ, He will reward us with additional family. We have been blessed with many sons and daughters, and brothers and sisters from all across the islands.

Our location here has allowed us to minister to many islanders who come here in search of life-saving medical help. Currently we are assisting 2 of the young folks who were saved and grew up in our church in Pohnpei. Bermin is now married with 3 kids and has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. The doctors offer little hope, but please join us in begging God for his life as he starts on a 6-week chemo session. Kate is like one of our daughters and married our first youth pastor in Pohnpei. She just arrived from Pohnpei to seek treatment for her 6 year old son with leukemia. Thankfully the doctors gave them a good prognosis for recovery, but little David will need to be in treatment for up to 3 years. Please pray for him and his parents as they have to make many live-changing decisions. While visiting with them this week I was able to share Christ with multiple other island families in the hospital and pray with them for their sick children. (Please remember Jimmy and his family from Kosrae, and Edward and his family - Marshallese.)

Facebook has been a wonderful tool to reach out to islanders. We post our services and folks who do not attend our church watch them. Recently a former teen from our church in Pohnpei was in cancer treatment in the Philippines, and we were able to assist his father over the internet up until Rendi succumbed to his heart valve failure. We are also able to keep up with “our kids” At Bible college in Guam and throughout the islands.

Please pray for our Marshallese church and outreach and my learning success in another island language. I can read and understand quite a bit but I am still having a bit of trouble in conversation. I print our church bulletins including songs and sermon outline in the language and speak some of it when I preach.

Our family is well, and we have enjoyed having our son Nathan home for Christmas break, and Richard for a week-long visit in February. Several family members have visited and a dear young couple from our ministry time in New Zealand is just ending their 2-week visit with us. Thank you again for all you do for our family. Thank you for your prayers for a 15 pass van. I was recently able to buy one for about \$2600, and because I already had a “parts” van, I was able to fix it to use for church pickup. Please remember that gifts should be addressed to CMC in Houston, and correspondence should be sent to our street address: **84-1006 Hana St. Waianae, HI 96792.** God bless!

Reaching out to our expanse of the world,

Mike, Ruth & Family

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