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Missionary to the Islands of Micronesia



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Planted on Pohnpei



More and more, I have come to understand that God has a plan for my extended time to focus on the work here on Pohnpei. When things don't go the way we plan, we find ourselves leaning on the Holy Spirit in greater ways, because He truly knows how to navigate through the unknown. And He has led me!

Each month, our AG ministers and wives all gather for **KEEP US ONE**. You might remember that I started this leadership building ministry when I was on Kosrae with the leaders there. We come together, pray for one another, and currently we are focusing on **VISION** and dreaming for what God wants to do in these islands. It has been so exciting seeing our leaders catch the vision and how the Holy Spirit is challenging them to take steps of faith in obedience to His leading.



It's been a number of years since there has been a Bible School operating in the Federated States of Micronesia. To tell the truth, throughout the region of Micronesia, this is one of our greatest needs. With a vision to plant more churches and reach islands that are desperately lacking in the truth of the Gospel, we need workers who are called of God and thoroughly equipped for ministry. With this in mind, a Bible class has now begun here on Pohnpei. Pastor Junior and I are team-teaching an evening class and twelve students are enrolled. These are baby steps but steps in the right direction. Please dream with us for a full Bible School to be up and running here on Pohnpei in the coming years!

Covid-19 Update

So... most of Micronesia is still covid-free. Only Guam is still facing current cases. But most of the islands remain closed to outsiders. Here in FSM, even citizens have not been able to enter in over a year. A repatriation flight is anticipated next month, and perhaps after that they will begin opening a bit. All of this means that I have been restricted from traveling to the other nations within my field of Micronesia. It's been rather strange living in this bubble of safety, but I am grateful knowing God has surely planned for me to give Pohnpei my full attention for this season.



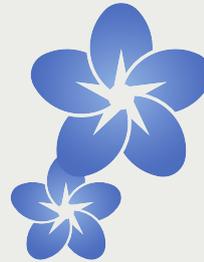
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Missionaries on Loan

God has blessed the island of **Saipan** with a missionary family for this season. **Nathan and Jennifer Thomas** and their three girls are missionaries to Vanuatu (In Melanesia, South Pacific) and long to get back to the work there. They were on furlough in the US, but visas are not being issued right now for them to return. So we get to 'borrow' them for a little while. They have been coming alongside our churches on Saipan and have helped some in their Christian School. Their ministry focus in Vanuatu has been starting Christian Schools, often in places where there are no schools! I'm so happy to welcome them to Micronesia... even if it's from afar! And just for a season.



Praying I can get over there sometime soon!



Bible School In Session



Pray Pacifically

- Pray that borders will open safely and soon.
- Pray for our beginnings of Bible School classes and for God to lead and provide for a full opening.
- Pray for our Pastors as they take bold steps of faith.
- Pray for God to raise up teams of workers for Micronesia.
- Pray for our missionaries in Micronesia.