

Jesus Christ is Risen Indeed!

April Prayer Letter from Guam

Dear World Wide Family,

“He is not here for He is risen,” the angel said to Mary Magdalene from the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea, which was on loan to Jesus for a brief three day visit. Mary was weeping tears of hurt and anguish as she requested the body of Jesus to retrieve it for burial. Thinking one standing nearby was the gardner, her request was answered by Jesus Himself, as He called her name, “Mary.”

One day, we shall hear Him call our name, and we shall see Him, and as John said, “we will be like unto Him.” We shall be gathered up into His presence for a seven year trip we’ll never forget! Oh, what glory that will be when He calls our name and takes us home.

We had a wonderful Sunrise Service today with good attendance. We met outside for the service, and arranged the chairs to face the sun as it came up over the mountain. Arriving before dawn, we saw a raging fire in the tall grass and jungle like valley and mountain side near the church. The fire sounded like bacon frying in the pan as the trees, grass, and vines were caught up in the flames. This fire was between us and the sunrise so we had two bright lights facing us. After singing two songs, the Craftons were playing a special on the French horns when the heavens opened and rain sent us running for the church building. The rain sent us inside the building for the service, slowed the fire, and got us wet. Following the service we dried out as we enjoyed a good breakfast prepared by the ladies of the church.

We had a wonderful Resurrection Sunday and enjoyed the preaching on what our Lord Jesus accomplished on the cross and in his resurrection. I thoroughly enjoyed studying the sayings of Jesus on the cross, and the O. T. prophecies on the events around the cross and the tomb. One seasoned attorney said, “The evidence is indisputable that Jesus Christ died and was raised bodily from the grave, just as the scriptures declare.”

We had two cyclones to come near us in the past three weeks. The first one seemed to die just as it got to Guam, and the second one became a super cyclone (160 MPH winds) and passed just south of us. The second one damaged Chuuk, Yap, and some of the outer islands before heading toward the Philippines. There isn’t much defense on a small island when such storms strike.

The Lord willing we will get the roof on the educational building this month. The contractor has been held up, but in the Lord’s timing it will be completed. The church is doing well, and we are enjoying the people more and more.

Thank you for your support and for remembering us in prayer. We, likewise, pray for your ministry that God will open the windows of heaven and send you endless blessings.

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