

The Island of Guam, where America's day begins.

Jim & Patty Bailey September & October Prayer Letter

Dear praying friends,

God is so good and his promises so encouraging. He has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus! We rejoice in His salvation, and appreciate His provisions. We join the Psalmist by saying, "Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all that is in me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, oh my soul and forget not all his benefits.

Since our last prayer, letter we have had a wonderful time with the youth in Vacation Bible School. We tried to time it just before the public school begins here on Guam. We had no idea what to expect as far as attendance, and how involved the church people would want to be in the nightly school. To our amazement, we had many more who wanted to teach than spots for them. So we doubled up on each class with teachers, and Patty and I became ventriloquists. We had never done this before, and we had a great time. I wrote the script and we taught about the Creation each night. Our average attendance was 72 each night, and we had 3 older teen boys to trust Christ as their Savior. They will be baptized soon.

We had to call off services one Sunday in August because of a tropical storm. We received 18" of rain within two days and had a lot of flooding and road closing. However, here on Guam the extra water just runs back into the ocean and soon we are back to normal. We stay busy working on the church property, on the equipment, visiting folks, along with studying and preaching. I am very thankful that I haven't had to miss any services here because of sickness.

When God is blessing, the devil is angry and stirring up problems. No different here than in the States. We had to deal with some problems here and had two families leave the church. The crazy thing was, they had no problem with the church, or me but were upset with another church family. Rather than meet with the family with which they had a problem, they chose to leave the church.

Praise the Lord, on August 29th, the contractor showed up with his crew and poured the roof of the educational building! We had been waiting since early April for this to be done, and now the roof is finished. We only have to seal the roof and put gutters around where needed. Our next step will be to bring the power from the church building and set the proper electrical panel.

I thank you for your prayer and financial support. We consider it a blessing to be partnering with you in the work of the Lord here on Guam. The Lord has saved 4 since the last prayer letter. Our van ministry is running over again, and there is a new spark of joy on the faces of the youth. We are expecting great things here from the Lord in the days to come! Thank you for making this possible.

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