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Wherefore glorify ye the Lord in the fires, even the name of the Lord God of Israel in the isles of the sea.
 Dear Friends and Co-Laborers, *Isaiah 24:15*

The last three months since we returned to Majuro have been like "Here it comes -- there it goes!" Now we wonder where it went. We arrived back in Majuro on June 27 expecting to be here until our replacement for the school arrived on September 27. We had two weeks to get ready for summer school. We had been told to expect 16 in a remedial summer school, but when we returned we found that there was a great interest in K4 summer school. We also had some transfer students and some who were just hoping to be able to get into the school. During the six weeks we had 51 students. We were able to hire three more of our teachers who were wanting to teach during the summer. Besides the K4 students who were already registered, we actually picked up about twelve new students from the summer session. We also have nearly one-half of K4 registered for the school year 2003-2004. We have done this because so many are wanting to register we feel it will get that much of the "hassle" behind us.

When summer school was over we had just two weeks to shift gears, rearrange class rooms, set up teacher work days, prepare schedules, familiarize new teachers with their work, and prepare for the first day of school on September 9th. Now we are in our second week of the school year and we have 108 students. We feel we must build more class rooms before next year, but the extent to which we can build as much as we need will depend in part upon the availability of more funds.

Sometimes it seems like stomping on an ant hill -- doors open and suddenly kids are all over the place, and everywhere you look they are going in different directions. It's really amusing and yet really sobering. God has given us such an awesome responsibility. This year we have a number of children who are Muslim or Hindu or nothing. For all this, these families seem among the most appreciative of what we are trying to do.

On July 13 and 14 we had the ordination for Helmer Lang. The council met on Saturday for questioning and on Sunday evening we held the ordination service. The power went off during this time and by the end of the service it was almost dark and very difficult to see. However the ordination went off without a hitch, and the church has now accepted Helmer as their national pastor. It was a privilege to have Dalton Heath here to assist with the ordination.

Just about a week ago we got word that our replacement for the school will not be coming at all. Back to "square one." At this point our scheduled return to the States by October looks quite remote. Surely the Lord did not give us this school privilege and responsibility to see it go down the drain. Somewhere He must have the right ones to come. Please pray that He may direct them to us. Perhaps a retired couple with a heart for missions and education as an area of experience could give a very valuable part of their lives among some of the most lovable kids and appreciative parents you can imagine. I assure you it would be an experience you would never forget. I just read an article in the publication of another fundamental mission board which called such people "Finishers" (those who have finished one or more careers, but who still have something to offer). Are we perhaps writing to some "Finishers"? While we are enjoying working with our people again, we remember we also have made serious commitments in the States which are calling for our attention. We need much wisdom and I would say much patience, but then I remember, "Tribulation worketh patience" so I would rather go slow on that. Seriously though, continue to pray for us and for the "great door and effectual [that] is opened unto [us]."

Thanks for continuing to stand with us in uncertain days!



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In the bonds of Calvary,

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