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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.

Isaiah 24:15

Dear Friends and Co-Laborers,

Three months have passed since our last prayer letter to you -- just before Christmas. It seems impossible. Surely our "days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle" as Job noted. Now we are already planning the end of another school year and the beginning of summer school. We are getting calls frequently from parents who want to enroll their children in September only to be told "we are sorry but our K4 and K5 classes are closed" -- full! There will be a few openings in grades one through four if the children can qualify academically. We are testing some already for summer school and September.

One new -- and very exciting -- note on our school situation! As we have noted for some time now, the school keeps growing which demands more and more time and labor with increasing complexity. Whereas before we were able to do all the office work without having outside help, that is changing. We believe that we have found someone who can serve as an office manager. She is a young Marshallese lady from our church here in Majuro. When we came here in 1990 she was a high school teenager whom Marvinne had the privilege of leading to the Lord. Upon her graduation she passed a test which is offered to the "cream" of the high school students. Those who qualify are invited to serve in the U. S. Armed Forces. I was not at all excited when she accepted, as I felt the atmosphere might be detrimental to her spiritual life and testimony. But the Lord had other plans. We called two missionaries who work with military personnel, John and Lovdie Kreynus, who took her under their wings and guided her through her early military life until she was transferred to Fort Hood, Texas. Through a truly amazing set of circumstances she was led into a fundamental Bible-believing church in Texas. There she was a faithful worker in the church and through her friendship with the pastor's daughter became acquainted with Fairhaven Baptist College in Chesterton, Indiana. Upon her discharge from the U. S. Army she enrolled in college at Fairhaven and now is to graduate this May majoring in secondary education -- business/English. As we look back and trace the Lord's hand in all this "We Stand Amazed in the Presence of Jesus the Nazarene..." I am not a shouter -- but if I were, I would!

We mentioned the last time around our projected building project for additional classrooms. We have some sketches in the hands of a construction company here which uses pre-cast concrete panels and sets them up with a crane. The process is termed "waffle-crete" and seems very good and fast. It would also reduce greatly our need for manpower. The trouble is that it is also good and expensive. Also we just received word that a builder from the States, Jon Bergman, who has helped us before, is available. Now if we can get all the pieces of the puzzle to fit, we really feel we must get started. As Snuffy Smith says, "Balls o' fire! Time's a-wastin'!!" Please pray that we will have enough funds for this project!

We are still seeing school students and family members visiting in the services of the church. It seems that as the school grows and becomes more established more people on the island are conscious of the work here. This is good but our ultimate desire is to see people come to Christ. While the educational value of the school is unquestioned, education without Christ is vain, for "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge (and) wisdom."

Thanks again for standing with us here in Majuro! Your faithful interest and concern does not go unnoticed or unappreciated.

In His service,

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