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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,

No more school, no more books,  
No more students' dirty looks!

(A slight revision of a bit of doggerel I learned something over 60 years ago, with apologies to the countless multitudes of school kids who learned the other version.)

Well, as of a week ago today another school year on Majuro has ended -- our fourth. Our K5 "graduating" class was 26 strong this year and what a time we had! The church was beautifully decorated by the parents; there was much in the way of light food following the program; and later that night a large "pot-luck" party with more food for the class and their families and friends -- a real Alka-Seltzer day. One parent told me he estimated between 400-500 people were here for the festivities.

But we also had another memorable ingredient to add to the mix. For months now we have been preparing to begin construction on a new classroom building. Wouldn't you know it -- the crew came to begin work on the same day as the K5 graduation, so after the program we had a short ground-breaking ceremony. Our "graduates" in caps and gowns stood around us as we officially hoisted the first shovel-full of dirt. Following this, all fell to eating and enjoying the fellowship.

After all the "pomp and circumstance" of the day, the serious side of the occasion came to mind. Most of the students will return in September. But my mind goes to those who will not return:

- \* A second-grade boy who came from the U.S. this year because he had problems in school there. He brought his troubles with him and now has gone to an outer island where he will try another school this September. Will anything of this year have any lasting effect on his life? Only the Lord knows.
- \* A second-grade girl who was in her third year here and showed promise, but whose father changed employment and took his family to Hawaii. Last year she had professed to trust the Lord. What now?
- \* A first-grade boy who was with us for only the second semester and who will return to the U.S. this month. Will we have helped him at all? Who knows?
- \* A third-grade girl who came to us last summer for summer school and third grade. Her parents want to return to their home in Fiji. She is one of the nicest and most cooperative girls in our school. But she is a Muslim. (She reminds me of Naaman.) II Kings 5 says he was a great man, and honourable, mighty in valour, and apparently lovable (at least to a little Israelite girl) -- "but he was a leper." Sana is lovable, a good student, and dear to all of us -- but she needs to find the cure for sin in the Lord Jesus. She seems tender to the things of the Lord, but she needs to know Him -- not just about Him. Please pray for Sana. We want to see her in heaven some day even as we want to see all of our children and their families.

I realize that all of this letter has dealt with the school and its part in the ministry here. However, it also seems that this is where so much of our opportunity lies. In two weeks we begin summer school, and as of now it appears we may have close to 100 in class for six weeks. Most all of these will be new kids. Some of these will stay with us in September, but many will go elsewhere because we don't have room for them. What can we do in six weeks? It is in God's hands. All we can do is sow some seed.

Once again we thank you for your participation and interest in the work.

In His service,

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