

## *Stanley & Marvine Cline*

*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*

Another day -- another dollar! So goes a common saying. In Majuro the paraphrase is a little different. Another day -- another surprise. So many things have happened we hardly know where we are from one day to the next.

When we wrote in March we told you of the young Marshallese lady who was to graduate from college in the U.S. in May. At that time we expected her to be here in August in time for the opening of school in September. However she had to stay through the first semester this year to complete her student teaching. We now expect her arrival in December after the completion of her course.

We also had a "lead" on another teacher who had graduated from the same college as Telbwe. After her graduation she had returned to her home in Mexico. We contacted her and she said she wanted to come to Majuro to teach in our school, so we began preparing the paper work for her to come. We spent a good bit of time in the Marshalls Labor Department meeting all the requirements for her visa, etc. They were very cooperative and worked with us. From there it was on to Immigration. The director of Immigration has twin sons in our school and said he would help. He did and all the papers were finished quickly after he got them. It seemed the battle was practically won. The work was sent to Mexico, but we were told the teacher would have to wait a few weeks to have an interview with the embassy there. After all this we found out she was not granted the transit visa she needed to land in Honolulu. By this time school was ready to start and she felt she should stay in Mexico. We don't know all the "ins and outs" of this change, but needless to say we were disappointed. When school started, Marvine started teaching fourth grade in place of the teacher who had not come. A family has come who promised to take care of that class for this year. They also said they would take care of the office until December when we expect Telbwe to come. This makes it possible for us to come back to the States as soon as we can get our affairs here taken care of. When we know more, we'll write more later.

In June we wrote saying that we expected to have approximately 100 in summer school. We actually had a few more than that. At the completion of summer school there were many who wanted to stay here in September. However we had to turn most away because we did not have room -- especially in K4, K5 and 1st grade. We were able to keep some in grades 2 - 4 who transferred in from other schools. Some of these found it necessary to repeat a grade or go back a grade to be able to enroll here, but they did this in order to come in. Whereas we had 107 last school year, we now have 144 and are having to have two classes in the church auditorium until our new building is complete. Talk about growing pains!

As for the new building, the foundation is poured, the walls are laid up to grade level, the columns and bond beam are poured as is the concrete slab which will be the ceiling of the first floor and the floor of the second. They are starting to level and fill inside the building in preparation for pouring the floor. Extra measures are being taken to prepare the building to withstand typhoon damage. Some unanticipated delays have come along and we are some weeks away from moving in.

The work continues to place more and more demands on the staff. In days ahead qualified workers must be found to get under the load. This will always be one of the greatest challenges to this ministry.

Once again we thank you for your interest in and support of the work here in the Marshalls!

In His service,

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