

JOEL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

THANK YOU for your faithful prayers, interest, and support of the Joel's ministry in Pohnpei, MICRONESIA. Our Christian school is finally back in session after several false starts due to the delayed arrival of our textbook order from BJU and PCC. We are the last school on the island to open its doors for this school year.

Pray for our daughter Terisa who is now busy writing her term paper for her major in history at BJU. She said that this year is the busiest being her senior year with lots of tests and exams. She also requested prayer for where is the best place to pursue her masters between Guam or USA. We, as her parents cast our vote for the neighboring island of Guam. Our Christian school has already made room for her as part of our teaching staff in sy 2006-2007.

We want to publicly thank Mrs Cindy Baldwin from Colonial Hills Baptist Church in Taylors, SC, for sending us sixty brand new, 7th Edition Wilds' "We're Singing" song books. Our English-speaking Service folks really, enjoyed singing out of the new book. Our challenge now is to learn to sing all the unfamiliar songs in the book. The students in our Secular High School Ministry sang their hearts out the other night with the new books. We had a record high attendance of 45 students in our High school Bible Study last week. Fifteen students raised their hands to show that they needed to be saved. We led them to the Lord and will start to disciple them with a Pro-teen Bible course. Pray for me as I fill in for one of our missionaries who will travel to the states in October to see his unsaved dying brother. Pastor Clayton Eliam and I will continue holding weekly services and making visits.

When locating Micronesia on the world map, you will see countless tiny pencil-dots strung out over an ocean area of three million square miles wide. We are 8 to 10,000 miles due west of the coast of California and eight hours of flying south from the Hawaiian Islands. It costs us three times more to fly to Hawaii from Micronesia than to fly from Hawaii to the US Mainland. With only Continental Airlines as carrier, their one-liner after every trip: "**Thanks for choosing Continental**" became a famous joke. Even as isolated as we are from the USA, we are also hurting a lot now from the world gas hike like the big countries. Like the old saying, "When two elephants fight the grass gets hurt", we feel like the grass between the big countries.

PS. PRAY FOR OUR TRIP TO SOUTH CAROLINA END OF APRIL TO ATTEND OUR DAUGHTER'S GRADUATION FROM BJU. PRAY FOR OUR TRAVEL FUND.