

JOEL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS *and* SUPPORTERS,

My trip to the Mainland USA for our daughter's graduation was quite an eventful one. I left earlier than my wife because of the kind of ticket I used. After arriving on Guam on the 24th of April, I had one whole week to wait for the first seat-available on all the continental flights to the West Coast. While waiting on Guam, I had the opportunity to speak to the Bible Institute students at Harvest Baptist Church. The next day, a seat was available on the flight to Houston, Texas. From Houston, my next flight took me to Charlotte, NC, where I took a taxi to the mission's headquarter in Kings Mountain. There, our Vice President Dr. and Mrs. John O'Malley, took me to Gastonia where I boarded a Greyhound bus headed back to Charlotte to catch the bus to Wilson, NC where the car rental is. Somewhere between Raleigh and Wilson, my luggage, containing all my clothes and some of my wife's, was lost.

Upon arriving in Wilson, I picked up the rental car and drove to Goldsboro, where one of our faithful churches is located. My friends, Mr. and Mrs. William Toler were shocked to see me standing at their door, seeking shelter for the night. Having been a friend of their family since 1973, I felt right at home every time I see them. When I shared my dilemma with them, they gave me some night clothes to wear and I nearly busted the buttons. The next day, one of Mrs. Toler's customer friends came by to do some seamstress business and she shared my story with her. After she left, we started to get ready to go buy some clothes, then the door opened and the same lady returned with two huge Wall Mart shopping bags: one full of underclothes and the other full of dress shirts and pants, "just my size". She said that she wanted to do that for the Lord's sake. Mr. Toler quoted Philippians 4:19 and all of us shouted a hearty "Amen!!!"

When your child graduates from college that means old age is catching up on you fast. Praise the Lord, Terisa finally graduated and her mom and I were eye-witnesses. As she walked across the stage to receive her diploma, we were so thankful and proud of her accomplishment. Friends and relatives gave her cards of congratulation filled with cash, which amounted to \$450. Praise the Lord!! Pray for her as she remains on campus to complete a few more credit hours before returning home to Pohnpei in July. She planned to teach in our Christian school here.

Before I close this letter, I would like to thank Mrs O'Malley and the ladies at the mission office for their selfless and faithful service to all the missionaries. Our thanks also goes to all who gave toward our tickets and Colonial Hills Baptist Church in Taylors, SC for letting us raid their mission's closet again. We are now back on Pohnpei, laboring in God's vineyard. **THANK YOU ALL AGAIN for your faithful partnership in prayer and support of the JOEL Family ministries. May the Lord bless your summer activities. Please remember to pray for our youth camp this summer and also the finishing phase of our house.**

P.S. Right before we left the states, the bus company located our luggage and returned it to us in good condition, thanks to the Tolers!!!