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PRAISE THE LORD FOR Health, Wisdom, Patience, and His daily Goodness and Mercy. It has been five months since my triple by-pass and I have to be careful when doing manual labor. I told my wife that I feel like I'm twenty years young in a 56 years old body!!(Thank You for your prayers). Two of our pastors and one missionary are off-island and so we have to pulpit fill for three pulpits. Since we have a few spiritually qualified laymen in our church, we put them to work. The schedule for the three churches looks confusing with three services going on every week. The laymen in the other churches pick up the slack with the Sunday Schools and the youth services. **Praise the Lord**, one of the preacher boys told me that we are serving smorgasbord sermons at every service and he had received wonderful responses from the congregations. The same goes with the other "sermoners" or preachers.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIVING AND PRAYERS, The Camp Rejoice construction work has finally commenced with actual construction of a building after six months of men and women power labor of jungle clearing, rock and sandbag -hauling, trailblazing, and coconut tree logging. The first building to construct is the "All-purpose" Long Meeting House. First of all, it is our chapel, then it will serve as our Big Tent for campers who have no portable tent, until the cabins are built. The church ladies who are just as involved as the men are, insisted that we make a wide enough awning to cook under. That is a reasonable request since the building is 20'x40'. **A BIG THANK YOU goes to Associate Pastor Jared Baldwin from Harvest Baptist on Guam.** He, his dad, and Gabriel Nelper, a Bible Institute graduate, came for our week-long Jr-Sr Leadership camp and spent one entire Saturday hauling rocks (we called him an American Rock Star, not the bad ear-busting musick, but the solid basalt rocks for building construction). They were truly a blessing!

PRAISE THE LORD! Our Christian School (The Calvary Christian Academy) had just dedicated five additional classrooms with two big restrooms and my office (as school administrator). We thank our local government for the grants to non-public schools that enabled us to expand. Our campus has also expanded with more land allotted to us. With 300 plus students, we do have a great mission field with the future of our nation in our classrooms. Please Pray for students being saved almost on a weekly basis and 75% of these students are from non-churched background. We have many Filipinos, some Koreans, Japanese, Australians, Americans, and the rest are Pacific islanders.

A recent incident occurred when our local newspaper falsely accused our school of violating a government law on "corporal punishment". When we finally got hold of the law that was in question, we found that it only applies to the public schools. We have had 30 years of Christian Education with non-interference from the government and we know that we cannot let down our guards on **being sober and vigilant about our religious freedom.** The former governor had signed our land lease and once the land board attached the map, we can then complete the perimeter fence around the school property.

Meanwhile back to the camp project.....PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING CAMP REJOICE NEEDS:

1. More funds for building materials, such as plywoods, cement bags, tin roofs, nails, and lumbers.
2. Water catchment tanks (500-1000 gallons)
3. A Combo 25' Boat and Outboard Motor (approximately \$10,000.)