

The JOEL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Praying Partners,

"Kaselehliá" from Pohnpei, the Capital state of Micronesia. I trust this letter finds you all in good health and unaffected by the dreaded "Swine Flu". The latest report is that it has reached the western part of Micronesia. Pray that it will soon be contained. One of our faithful men who served as our songleader for many years, was called to his eternal rest yesterday after a long struggle with a heart disease. Two other people died the same day and so I reminded our people of the need to be sure of salvation and the certainty of death. While I'm on the topic, my post-op heart check at the Philippines Heart Center was postponed to next year. According to my doctor, the insurance board has just changed the policy of yearly check-up to two years, unless I have a "very serious" attack. Needless to say, most of my family members and church folks strongly disagree with the new policy.

We had some new faces at the prison and many of them were deeply convicted and prayed the sinner's prayer at our last week's service. Please pray that we will be able to get permission to take some of them to our upcoming revival services. Pray for our Vacation Bible School this summer which will be directed by my daughter Terisa and some of the church ladies. Our well-attended weekly Bible Club was put on hold until the summer is over.

Meanwhile, "Back at Camp Rejoice", we had a great week of heavy-duty work with a group from Harvest Baptist Church in Guam. They were Mr. and Mrs. Brian Babin with their four hardworking boys of ages 9-15, along with two young men, Eric and Andrew. With their "being on a mission" attitude, we were able to remove about 20 some boulders, some weighing over 200 pounds. While this was going on, the regular church "camp workers" were able to finish the bond beam. **Praise the Lord for Harvest Baptist Church's "HeBrews Coffee Shop" contribution of over \$2,000. worth of building materials. The next phase will be putting the trusts together.** First, we will transport over 100 pieces of lumber across the lagoon (about 15 minutes boat ride). We have already moved them 10 miles overland on two flatbeds to our friend's house in "U" municipality. **Even at this early stage of the construction, Camp Rejoice--the "first Christian camp" in Micronesia, is already fully booked.** The Calvary Christian Academy (CCA) Teachers' In-Service training will be held in July, followed by the Junior-Senior leadership camp in September, then after that our combined Sunday School Picnic and so on. We still have the need of two large water tanks, which costs around \$500. each on Pohnpei. Some of our sister churches have decided to construct some of the cabins. At the present time, we are going to operate the camp with the assembly/chapel building as our main lodging area. We will put 6 foot eaves on either side of the main roof to expand the lodging area. Some of our campers have their own tents and they are welcome to use them. **One more urgent need that our camp must have is a bigger boat of about 25 foot long with an outboard motor of 50 to 80 horse power to carry more campers. The going rate for this combo is \$10,000. Please pray with us for all the needs of the camp. We are going to claim Psalm 37:4-5 for this special transportation need.**

Pray for our church building fund drive. We are ready to move out of the present building, which was built sometimes back in 1970. Because of the Second law of Thermodynamics, things are breaking down faster than we can spell the aforementioned law. We are spending too much money just to maintain the building. We also have a rat problem within the walls of the auditorium. The rats live, breed, and die in the church. On top of that, the bad economy seems to decrease our fundraising efforts. On the sunny side, we are looking for a most practical and least expensive church building design to get us started with our building construction. If you could spare us one, we would really appreciate it.

Pray for me as school administrator and our principal as we plan our teacher in-service training around the theme of "Christian Stewardship" based on *I Corinthians 4: 2* "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." As we get closer to the Second Coming of our Lord, His words seem to resound the need of the hour according to *Luke 18: 8b* "Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" What we are seeing in our ministries is a growing lack of faith and faithfulness among the believers. We believe that the Lord's command to "Go" means that we must be moving forward, not being stationary or stagnant, nor does it imply retreat or drifting. Because we have an Unfailing Source--"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think" plus what He has pledged to us in *Rom. 8:32* that "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things..." Yes, we have to remember that "all things are possible to him that believeth" *Mark 9:23*.



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