

# THE JOEL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Kaselehlia, or Hello from the **Joel Family** to all of you. We praise the Lord for the opportunities that He puts in our path. Yesterday, I was called upon to give the invocation at the national celebration of our annual Liberation Day, which falls on September 12. It was quite an unnerving first-time experience for me, standing before the governor, mayors, traditional leaders, and the island legislators, as well as the ambassadors of Australia, USA, Japan, China, and a full stadium of spectators, plus the island athletes. The theme of the day was Peace and Harmony - the results of Liberty. The Lord reminded me to mention in my prayer the source of true freedom, found in **John 8:32, 36** *“And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free. If **the Son**, therefore, shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”*

Thank you for your prayers for the ministry. The revival fire that swept over the youth from all our seven Baptist churches at the last summer camp continues to burn. All of our churches reported record baptismal services for their youths. I baptized about 10 young people after our noon service. These young people stood in church and gave testimonies of salvation, consecration, and separation from sin. It has been a month now since the camp, and they are still going from village to village, passing out tracts and witnessing. The majority of these young people are now enrolled at our local Pohnpei Baptist Bible Institute (PBBI). It is a once a week, two-course, night Bible institute, especially designed for those who cannot afford to go off-island to study.

Your faithful giving has enabled us to start constructing Camp Rejoice’s cookhouse and cooks’ sleeping quarters. Last Saturday, we were able to manually mix and pour concrete into six footings for the pillars of the cookhouse. We’re getting ready to put the gutters and spouts to our rain catchment, and to start putting up the second bathroom/toilet combo.

A few items of Praise were: 1. The **renewal of** our school expansion **earth-moving permit**, 2. The completion of the survey of our entire property, and 3. The **Land Director’s permission to go ahead with the development and fencing of our designated school property**. We have been praying for action from the Director’s Office for the past ten years with no apparent result, and, finally, a breakthrough. Since Pastor Isamo Welles started the school in his living room in 1978, Calvary Christian Academy has remained **the top school** on academic achievement in Micronesia. Our current student population is 350 students from K-4 to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The majority of our students come from non-churched homes, making this our most challenging ministry outreach. The largest ethnic group is the Filipinos, followed by the Pohnpeians and the other island groups, then the Chinese, Australians, Japanese, Koreans, Nepalese, and Americans.

Thank you again for your faithful prayers and financial support. May the Lord bless you all.