

THE JOEL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Praying Friends,

The “dog days of summer” are here already, as is seen by the weather. The weather services informed me that the average temperature this year has been 88 degrees Fahrenheit, and that the hottest so far has been 92 degrees Fahrenheit. Despite the heat, we are still getting our spotty daily downpours, as Pohnpei has the third highest annual rainfall average in the world.

We are just grateful to be alive and to be enlistees in the world’s greatest branch of the military – the Lord’s army. Paul advised Timothy and all Christians: “Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ” (2 Tim. 2:3). The reality is that, as Christians, we will face suffering and will be able to endure, because the results are well worth it. Like soldiers, we have to give up worldly security and to endure rigorous discipline in this life; but, as the song reminds us, “It will be worth it all, when we see Jesus. Life’s trials will seem so small when we see Christ.” One of the HBBI graduates gave his testimony about how he was ostracized by his family and relatives when he started attending the Baptist church upon returning from Bible college. His mom and dad refused to attend his wedding, because the girl he was marrying is a born-again Christian. Praise the Lord, Mr. Larson was able to reconcile with his parents one week before his father’s untimely death. He is faithfully attending church, and is helping out in our youth ministry. He was transferred from his airline job on Kosrae to work here at the Pohnpei International Airport.

Last month, I noticed that one of our Christian school teachers was dating an unsaved young man. After counseling her, I told her that I needed to witness to the boy, who has been coming to church with her. He told me that he used to attend our church with his grandpa when he was a little boy. His grandpa was a member of our church, and I remember that his family had asked our church to do his funeral service. After giving him the Simple Plan of Salvation, he admitted that he was a lost, Hell-bound sinner, and that he needed to repent of his sins and receive Christ as Savior and Lord. Praise the Lord, he called upon the Lord to save him. His name is Gafreen Paulis, and he has been faithfully attending services since the day he asked the Lord to save him. Pray for his spiritual growth, and for the couple’s wedding plans.

Finally, after ten plus years of wrangling with the Department of Land and with the governor’s office, our school property has been given the final survey, and the red border markers have been planted. One of our school’s parents, who happens to be the owner of Adams Brothers Construction, brought his excavator and started clearing away the jungle growth. To everyone’s surprise, our buildings were built on only one-fourth of the property. Mr. Adam said that he will not only clear the land, but he will also level the ground and cap it with coral fillings. He, his brother, and their two sisters have all of their children in our school. Please pray for a much-needed all-purpose gymnasium. We are looking into prefabricated metal buildings.

Pray for our daughter, Terisa, who is currently teaching our high school English and History courses, as well as teaches UB students at the local community college on Saturdays. Having earned her Bachelor’s degree at BJU, she decided to return to her alma mater and get her Master’s this summer. Pray for her travel expenses, and for the finances for her schooling. Our younger daughter, Sherrie, is struggling with some serious issues in her spiritual life; please pray for her. We are helping out a single, jobless and homeless mother of four. The oldest is six, and the youngest is one year old, with twin girls in between. The children are just adorable, and are so thrilled to attend our Kids Bible club and Sunday school. She is waiting for her mom and stepfather to find a piece of land on which to build their house. We have been housing them now for nine months.

In Christian Love,



William E. Joel