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Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Pohnpei International Airport, the busiest airport in the FSM or The Federated States of Micronesia, during **US Independence Day**, invited all the leaders of Pohnpei and their spouses to commemorate our fallen heroes of the on-going war. Wreaths were ceremoniously placed underneath the picture frames of all the Micronesian soldiers killed since the war with Iraq until now. Guam International Airport also has a war memorial, but much bigger with more soldiers. Like the sayings go, "Freedom is Not Free," and "Lest we Forget" the ultimate sacrifices made by those who fought in the war to protect and maintain our freedom.

Although I never enlisted in any war, I am a patriot in every sense of the word. My brother served in the US Army and was in Iraq twice, and my son is still active in the US Military. My home island of Mwoakil-loa is missing half of its youth population because of the on-going war. Please PRAY for the families of the soldiers. When the recruiters ask our young people why they want to join the US Military since they are not US citizens, the majority of them say that they owe their (our) freedom, even their lives to the US soldiers who liberated our islands from the Japanese Empire during WW II. This answer, among other important details, automatically qualifies them.

PRAY for our daughter, Terisa, who plans to return to the island after one year at BJU, pursuing her masters in education. She said that the rest of the courses that she needs to complete her masters degree are unavailable at the university, but are available on-line. She plans to be here for Christmas and our principal is already making room at our high school for her. Terisa taught several classes before she went to the states. Sherrie Ann might land a job at the newest restaurant in town, the first Korean Restaurant on Pohnpei. She and her friends have been training for the past couple weeks and now wait to be called. My wife's sugar level as a diabetic has been escalating periodically, and on her last visit at the hospital, the doctor told her that if she has any more episodes of high sugar level, they will put her on insulin injections. Praise the Lord, I still have "a clean bill of health."

PRAY for our up-coming **Junior-Senior Leadership Camp** at Nahlap Resort. PRAY for the salvation of some of our students and rededication for most of them. Since our own camp has only one bathroom, we cannot allow a co-ed or mixed-camp to go there. **Continue to PRAY for the funding and the laborers** to complete **CAMP REJOICE**. Our long-time radio missionary, Dave Arthurs, passed away this month—September 03 at 12:30 p.m. at the Pohnpei State Hospital. We buried him behind our Christian Radio Station—V6AF, 104 FM and 1000 AM. There was a big crowd at the funeral, both at Calvary Baptist Church and later at the radio station. One of the congressmen, David Panuelo, gave a touching tribute with these words: *"Pohnpei and Micronesia will lose a faithful friend and a godly Christian, who showed his love for the island people by his many involvements in our government, school affairs, business and religious activities, especially the proclamation of the transforming gospel of Jesus Christ **on the air**."* This speaker is not only a politician, but also a Catholic and a businessman.

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