

# JOEL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

## WORLD WIDE NEW TESTAMENT BAPTIST MISSIONS

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Greetings from the Garden isle of Pohnpei, MICRONESIA. Praise the Lord for the mini-revival we just had at Capital Hill Baptist Church in April. There were many decisions made during the revival and most of these were made by saved church members. The ladies at Capital Hill church invited my wife to be their Mother's Day speaker and then gave her an "island love-offering" of six huge bunch of bananas, pineapples, lemons, soursop, drinking coconuts, and other tropical fruits.

You've often heard people say "April showers" in the USA. Well, here on our island, we say "April downpours". It was so bad that our camp boat that was moored at my cousin's dock, was filled up to the brim and settled to the bottom of the mooring area. Praise the Lord, the place was shallow so only the lower unit of our new outboard motor was submerged. The next day, our guys mounted the motor and oiled it down and then started it without any problem. **Do PRAY for a NEW CAMP BOAT.** The ideal size to transport campers would be a 23 foot fiberglass boat, which costs eight thousand US Dollars here. We will start a fund drive towards a camp boat and if anyone out there is interested in helping, please contact our mission board or my address above.

The Lord told us that "...the harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the LORD OF THE HARVEST, that he would send forth laborers into HIS harvest" (Matt.9:38). Knowing that it is the Lord's harvest (vineyard—mission field), **we prayed and the Lord ANSWERED** and we have more laborers than we asked for. **Two young men and a married couple have just completed five years of college and have earned their BA, are coming home.** Three of them have sent their applications to our Christian school. The couple have had ministry experience, having worked with us as associate pastor and in the Bible club ministry for a few years before going to HBBC in Guam to get their bachelor degrees. **Thank you for your PRAYERS, Terisa finally completed her Master in Education.** We would take her to Sizzler or MacDonald, but we do not have those on Pohnpei, so we may take her to Camp Rejoice for a barbecue and then snorkeling afterward.

We resumed our outreach ministry in our largest public high school. We stopped for a year because of the new administration change of policies. The new principal, who previously, had a fall-out with our school because we suspended his step-daughter, amazingly allowed us to hold our Bible study during weeknights, in order to minister to more students. The former principal only let us have the weekends when most of the boarding students are usually signed out to visit relatives. The Mormons are allowed to teach a Bible class during school hours.

### Prayer Requests:

K-5 and Senior's graduation

A boat for transporting campers

Pacific basin Oasis Christian Teachers Conference in June (we are hosting it)

Summer Youth Camp in August