

THE JOEL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

WORLD WIDE NEW TESTAMENT BAPTIST MISSIONS

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GREETINGS FROM POHNPEI, MICRONESIA—THE LAND OF PERPETUAL SUMMER. I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK ALL OF THE PASTORS, CHURCH FAMILIES, AND INDIVIDUAL BELIEVERS WHO HAD USED THEIR RESOURCES, HOMES, MONEY, AND MOST OF ALL, THEIR CHRISTIAN LOVE TO MAKE MY SHORT FURLOUGH **A PROSPEROUS AND SUCCESSFUL SOJOURN**. MAY THE LORD BOUNTIFULLY BLESS EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU.

BEFORE GOING ON TO POHNPEI, I STOPPED OVER ON **MAJURO, MARSHALL ISLAND** TO SPEND FOUR DAYS WITH THE CHURCH THAT I WAS ONCE A PASTOR OF. UPON RECOLLECTION, IT WAS 20 YEARS AGO THAT I LEFT MAJURO BAPTIST CHURCH. THE LORD HAS TRULY BLESSED THE MINISTRY UNDER PASTOR HELMER LANG'S LEADERSHIP. NOW THEY HAVE A CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL WITH A POPULATION OF 300-PLUS STUDENTS. THEY ALSO HAD UNDERGONE A FACELIFT, WITH NEW FACILITIES AND PHYSICAL CHANGES. I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF PREACHING IN THEIR MIDWEEK SERVICE AND ALSO SPOKE TO THE STUDENT BODY ON FRIDAY'S CHAPEL.

IT WAS A GLORIOUS TIME FOR ME TO SEE MY FAMILY AND THE CHURCH FOLKS AT THE AIRPORT. THE FOLLOWING WEEK ALL OUR SEVEN CHURCHES THREW A **BIG FIESTA** OR PARTY ON OUR SCHOOL CAMPUS FOR MY RETURN, FINAL FAREWELL TO **MRS RUTH ANN** (*OUR VETERAN CHRISTIAN RADIO MISSIONARY*), AFTER 27 YEARS OF FAITHFULLY SERVING THE LORD ON POHNPEI AND ALSO LEAVING THE GRAVE OF HER BELOVED HUSBAND), ALSO FAREWELL TO OUR SINGLE MISSIONARY, **NATHAN FRY**, *WHO ALSO SERVED ALONGSIDE THE ARTHURS AND IN OUR MINISTRIES*, BUT LEAVING TO MARRY HIS BRIDE, A TENNESSEE TEACHER, WHO LEFT EARLIER TO PREPARE FOR THEIR WEDDING IN PENNSYLVANIA, AND PRAYING THAT THEY RETURN TO POHNPEI), AND **A BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEW RADIO MISSIONARIES**: GABRIEL, SUSAN, AND LITTLE BENJAMIN **EIBEN**.

UPON ARRIVING, I FOUND THE CHURCH PREPARING FOR OUR **ANNUAL REVIVAL** WITH **DR. RANDY CHOVAN**, WHO DOES HIS CIRCUIT-FLYING PREACHING IN THE ORIENT AND THE PACIFIC REGION. OUR CHURCH IS HOSTING THE MEETING THIS YEAR. PLEASE PRAY FOR SALVATION OF THE LOST AND A HOLY GHOST REVIVAL FOR THE CHRISTIANS .

WE ARE ALSO DOING **A FUND RAISER** FOR A CHURCH BUS. WE BRING OUR BIBLE CLUBBERS FROM THE VILLAGES AND THE NUMBERS ARE INCREASING, BUT OUR OLD BUS IS FALLING APART. ONE OF OUR CHURCHES, COLONIAL HILLS BAPTIST OF TAYLORS, SOUTH CAROLINA HAD DONATED THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00 TO INITIATE THE BUS FUND. THE COST OF A BUS IS **\$15,000.00**. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP DONATE **ANY AMOUNT** TOWARD THE " BUS FUND", PLEASE DESIGNATE IT TO **THE JOEL "BUS FUND"**.