

# JOEL FAMILY NEWS LETTER

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Hello and Greetings from the "Garden Island and Capital of Micronesia. Trust your new year is moving along well as well as your new year resolutions( well, that's another story for the short-termers).

We are so thankful to be able to enter another year with more opportunities to win the lost for the Lord. It seemed like the funerals are coming faster than the birthings nowadays. The adage: "Only one life 'twill soon be past..." is accelerating. A tragedy happened during the island community new year celebration. One of our cousins decided to break out several cases of beer and invite the neighborhood to join him and his son, who had just purchased the latest "Boom Box" to add to the festivities. When the drinking started, he went to get more drinks and met one of his drinking buddies. When he offered him a ride, the guy obliged without knowing that that was his last ride. Upon arriving at the party scene, the guy got off the car and joined the crowd. The man left the party to get his wife and when she refused, he started beating her. Her screams could not be drown out by the music. The guy made a rude remark about the screaming woman and offended the son. He went to his house and picked up a machete and charged the guy who joked about his mom. The machete pierced the guy's stomach and exited his back. The commotion that followed brought out the father from the house and seeing his buddy bleeding, he put him on his pickup truck and rushed to the hospital five miles away. His buddy who also happened to be his cousin, died, enroute to the hospital, being stabbed to death by his own son.

On the bright side, our new year celebration at the church was very peaceful and fun for everyone. The new year committee voted to have two days of feasting and activities. There were a few delinquent members who showed up, mainly to play the games and get a prize. The men played horseshoes, while the women played more games (being more resourceful), and the youths played volleyball. Each day started with "Dinner on the Ground".

Praise the Lord, several students at Calvary Christian Academy received Christ as Saviour during our Winter Revival. Last week during our jail ministry, we saw four prisoners called upon the Lord for salvation and at the hospital, a young diabetic patient trusted Christ as his personal Saviour.

Please join us help the Maranatha Summer Team raise their airline ticket money to come and help us. By your donation, it will be as though you are here in Micronesia, helping us replace our school building roof, working at the campsite, and helping out at some of our village churches. You may send the ticket donation to the **Pastor Garrison -Maranatha Baptist Church-31457 N. Alleghany Road, Grayslake, Illinois 60030 . Thank You for your help and May the Lord bless.** [Ps. Pray for our daughter Sherrie Ann, who is pregnant and her husband who is going into the military soon]

