

THE JOEL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL

ON JANUARY 14, 2017, OUR ONLY BIOLOGICAL CHILD, TERISA JOY JOEL WILL TIE THE KNOT WITH RESIO ARON, A YOUNG PREACHER BOY OR ASSISTANT PASTOR AT ONE OF OUR SISTER CHURCHES: HE IS A GRADUATE OF HBBI (Harvest Baptist Bible Institute of Guam). PREPARATIONS ARE UNDERWAY BY THE FOLKS FROM THE TWO CHURCHES.

An update of the ministry is as follows: Praise the Lord, we had a Blessed week of revival at the Ambassador Baptist Church with the pastor from Northside Baptist in Charleston, SC. USA. Many of our folks rededicated their lives to the Lord and thus took the challenge to help distribute one thousand plus Christmas Tracts, and as of last Sunday, 800 tracts has been distributed throughout the island of Pohnpei (200 more to go),

We donated our old camp boat to Missionary Peeler and Pastor Ezekias for their outer island ministry. Nukuor Island has 90 small islets surrounding a big lagoon. In order to do their ministry in the other villages, they have to cross the channel on canoe or boat. Their little dingy can carry only four adults. Now with the donated camp boat, they can transport up to 12 people. One week after we gave them the boat, an airplane pilot here told me that he has a boat for sale. We were able to purchase the used fiberglass 19 foot boat for \$1,800. (A used boat here usually costs 3 to 5 thousand dollars). The problem with this boat is that it is a deck-less boat. On Pohnpei, you need a deck with drain holes on the sides of the boat or you will bail out water every time it rains and Pohnpei happens to be *the third rainiest place in the world*. To put in a fiberglass waterproof deck costs \$2,500. PLEASE PRAY for this needed money so we can fix the boat for Camp Rejoice and also transport young people during Summer Camp, as well as the Jr. and Sr. Leadership Camp.

We are seeing new inmate faces in our Prison Ministry and without fail, hands are raised for need of salvation at every preaching service. Pray for the real genuine among the many who prayed the sinner's prayer. On the Youth Ministry side, a few of our young people have enlisted in the US Military and that decreased the number of our youth. Pray that our youth leaders will get busy, witnessing to the island lost teens. The Good News Baptist Church (our newest Baptist church) will have her Anniversary Revival in January and the guest speakers will be the island pastors. Each of us is scheduled for each night of the week and the meetings will end with "Dinner on the ground".