

# THE JOEL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

## WORLD WIDE NEW TESTAMENT BAPTIST MISSIONS

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March - April

The month of March 2018 broke all the monthly records of rainfalls and floodings of the past on Pohnpei. Calvary Baptist Church suffered three consecutive weeks of flooding, being built right beside a river. Bless the hearts of our dedicated, hardworking church members who showed up immediately after each flooding and cleared out the mud, septic water, and debris around the church. I believe the message for us is loud and clear-IT IS ABOUT TIME BUILD A NEW CHURCH higher than the flood level. Brother Bob Stevenson of Carpenter for Jesus ministry have committed to help us build and have gone to the mainland to raise additional fund, but we cannot wait, we have to start now. One of our pastors in the next village had a landslide behind his house during the torrential rain. The hill behind the house broke loose with his 500 gallon watertank and came crashing into his back door, dumping dirt and mud all over his living room and kitchen area. Both the pastor and his wife with their six children escaped without a scratch. One of our men who is the director of Fire and Emergency Service said that there ten or more landslide disasters around the island. The worst one buried a couple with the woman missing and presumed dead and the husband survived with both legs broken.

Last month, I went with one of our deacons to see one of my lost cousins, who was a foul-mouthed, cussing, deacon in his liberal church. he has had three strokes and the last one robbed him of speech (Thank the Lord). We gave him God's simple plan of salvation and half-way through, he was sobbing profusely, especially when I mentioned God's love for him. When I finished explaining, I asked if he wants to ask God to forgive him of sin and receive Christ as Lord and Saviour, he was nodding his head. I prayed the sinner's prayer, while he was mumbling his response inaudibly and tearfully. Afterward, I asked if he had trusted the Lord and he nodded his head with a broad smile across his face. His name is Mark Poll and his wife is Naomi.

Our children's ministry was recently handicapped when their flatbed truck lost the tail lights due to electrical problem and the number of kids demanded a bigger transportation to bring them from the villages. We are fundraising to purchase a fifteen to twenty passenger van. PLEASE PRAY FOR THIS NEED. A van this size costs about \$10,000.00 US Dollars. If you desire to help, please send your donations to The JOEL BUS FUND at wwnbtm-po box 725, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Our pastors and deacons were asked by the people of nearby Pakin island to come over and preach to them. They have gone there twice and have seen souls saved. The team will be going to the island during the summer. Please PRAY that God will raise up a gospel witness on the island of Pakin. One of our village churches will be having their anniversary revival at the end of this month and Pastor Sonny have asked all the island pastors to preach during the week-long event.

We thank God for each of you, our supporters for your faithfulness. The song "Keep on the Firing Line" has the phrase "Twill be joy to see the souls you helped to win, leading them to Jesus from the paths of sin, hear their welcome plaudid and go marching in so keep on the firing line..." As co-laborers with God in His vineyard, we covet your unceasing prayers as we likewise pray for you.

YOURS FOR SOULS IN MICRONESIA,

William Joel and Family