

THE JOEL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST. I TRUST THIS LETTER FINDS YOU IN GOOD HEALTH. THIS HAS BEEN QUITE A YEAR OF HEALTH PROBLEMS AMONG OUR CHURCH FOLKS. TWO OF OUR AMERICAN MISSIONARIES ARE STATESIDE SEEKING MEDICAL HELPS. THE WIFE OF OUR THIRD MISSIONARY WENT TO HAWAII LAST MONTH FOR MEDICAL CHECK UP AND RETURNED WITH A CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH. ONE OF OUR PASTORS, SONNY PADOCK WENT TO GUAM FOR EYE SURGERY, BUT THE DOCTORS FOUND THAT HIS EYE NEEDS NO SURGERY AT ALL. FOUR PEOPLE FROM MY ISLAND PASSED AWAY RECENTLY, INCLUDING MY YOUNGER BROTHER WHO RETIRED FROM THE ARMY AND RESIDES IN TEXAS. HE WAS RECOVERING WONDERFULLY FROM HEART SURGERY, BUT TOOK A TURN FOR THE WORSE AND EVENTUALLY DIED AFTER HIS DISCHARGE FROM THE HOSPITAL. HE WAS THE SECOND SIBLING AMONG NINE OF US TO DIE. PRAISE THE LORD HE WAS A SAVED MAN. MY FAMILY WILL BE HOLDING A MEMORIAL SERVICE AT MY HOUSE TOMORROW EVENING. HIS REMAINS WILL BE BURIED IN A VETERAN CEMETARY IN TEXAS ON SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2018. OUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, MRS. GINNY JOHN RETURNED FROM THE PHILIPPINES LAST WEEK AFTER HER SUCCESSFUL GALL BLADDER AND KIDNEY STONE SURGERY. PLEASE PRAY FOR HER ONLY SON, TYSON, WHO HAS BEEN FREQUENTING THE HOSPITAL FOR LUNG INFECTION. HE HAS DAWN SYNDROME AND IS 35 YEARS OLD.

PRAISE THE LORD, OUR SUMMER CAMP ENDED WITH TWENTY SOME YOUTH SAVED AND MANY DEDICATED THEIR LIVES TO THE LORD. SOME HAVE FOLLOWED THE LORD IN BELIEVER'S BAPTISM. PRAY FOR MANY WHO MADE DECISIONS DURING OUR LAST WEEK'S REVIVAL SERVICES. PRAY THAT THEY WOULD SEE THE RIPENED FIELD OF LOST SOULS AND BE MORE INVOLVED IN WITNESSING. I WITNESSED TO A YOUNG JEHOVAH WITNESS MAN LAST WEEK AND HE INVITED BE BACK TO TALK SOME MORE. HIS NAME IS REUBEN DANNIS' AND NEEDS TO BE SAVED.

WE HAD OUR OASIS TEACHERS CONFERENCE HERE ON POHNPEI, HOSTED BY OUR CHURCH. WE THANKED THE CHURCH LADIES NOT ONLY FOR DONATING LINENS AND BEDDINGS FOR OUR ELEVEN GUESTS, BUT ALSO FIXING DINNER EACH NIGHT OF THAT WEEK. WE THOROUGHLY PROFITED FROM ALL OF THE WORKSHOPS BY THE HARVEST SCHOLARS FROM GUAM. DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST, I BEGAN TO EXPERIENCE EPISODES OF NUMBNESS IN MY GUMS AND ALSO A SLIGHT PAIN IN MY CHEST AREA. AFTER ENDURING THIS FOR THREE DAYS, I DECIDED TO HAVE A BLOOD TEST TAKEN. NOTHING SEEMS TO BE ABNORMAL, BUT UPON INSISTING FOR AN EKG TEST, THE DOCTOR SHOWED ME THAT MY HEART WAS ENLARGED DUE TO CONGESTION IN MY LUNGS BECAUSE OF A COUGHING SPELL THAT I HAVE BEEN HAVING. THE OTHER MORE SERIOUS PROBLEM WAS THAT MY HEART WAS SKIPPING BEATS INTERMINENTLY. SO I WAS ADMITTED FOR OBSERVANCE SINCE I AM A HEART PATIENT. ON THE THIRD DAY AT THE HOSPITAL, THE EKG WAS TAKEN FOR THE THIRD TIME AND PRAISE THE LORD, IT SHOWED NO SKIPPING AT ALL. A BIG THANKS TO ALL WHO PRAYED FOR ME AND FOR THE JOEL FAMILY. I AM HOME NOW WITH MY WIFE WHO LOST THE MOBILITY OF HER RIGHT LEG DUE TO HER STROKE LAST OCTOBER. PLEASE LET ME KNOW HOW I CAN RESUME TAKING CARE OF MY WIFE WHICH INVOLVED A LOT OF LIFTING AND AT THE SAME TIME OBEY THE DOCTOR'S ORDER OF NOT LIFTING OR DO ANY STRENUOUS ACTIVITY FOR TWO SOLID WEEKS. DR. VILLANUEVA WAS LOOKING ME IN THE EYES WHEN I WAS DISCHARGED AND REMINDED ME: "REMEMBER TWO WEEKS OF BEDREST." OUR DAUGHTER SHERRIE ANN WILL BE COMING THIS MONTH FOR VACATION WHILE HER ARMY HUSBAND IS ON FIELD TRAINING AT FORT CAMBELL, TENNESSEE. HER ONE-YEAR OLD SON, ZION CLOUD JAMES WILL BE CELEBRATING HIS BIRTHDAY--ISLAND STYLE. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR FAITHFUL MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP..... LOOKING FOR HIS GLORIOUS APPEARING!!!