JOEL FAMILY NEWSLETTER



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"WHY ARE YOU SEEKING THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD? HE IS NOT HERE BUT IS RISEN" (Luke 24: 5-6a). PRAISE THE LORD FOR HIS DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION FOR US. AS SAVED SINNERS, WE CAN LIVE FOR HIM AND WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE.

WISHING YOU ALL A WONDERFUL CELEBRATION OF HIS RESURRECTION.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS ESPECIALLY FOR MY MEDICAL REFERRAL TO THE PHILIPPINES HEART CENTER. AS SOON AS MY SON-IN-LAW AND I ARRIVED AT THE HEART CENTER, THEY STARTED ME ON A REGIMEN OF HEART MAINTENANCE MEDICATION. AFTER THAT THEY STARTED A SERIES OF TESTS ON MY HEART. THE FINAL TEST IS CALLED *CORONARY ANGIOGRAM*, WHERE THEY VISUALIZE THE INSIDE OF THE BLOOD VESSELS OF THE ARTERIES, VEINS, AND HEART CHAMBERS BY INJECTING A RADIO OPAQUE CONTRAST AGENT AND IMAGING USING X-RAY. THE FOLLOWING WEEK, THE LEAD PHYSICIAN—DR. ROMEO SAVADRA CAME TO MY ROOM AND TOLD ME THAT ALL THE MAIN ARTERIES ARE FREE OF OBSTRUCTION AND THAT THE MILD HEART ATTACKS THAT I WAS HAVING CAN BE ELIMINATED BY THE MAINTENANCE MEDICATION THAT THEY HAD JUST PRESCRIBED, PLUS DIETING AND EXERCISE.

PRAY FOR MY WIFE AS SHE IS UNDERGOING MASSAGE THERAPY AND SWIMMING. AS FOR THE MINISTRY, THINGS ARE GETTING BUSIER THAN EVER. THE PASTOR/ADMINISTRATOR FROM THE MARSHALL ISLANDS BROUGHT THE SENIORS FROM THE MAJURO BAPTIST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY (MBCA) FOR THEIR ROUNDTRIP AND THEY ASSURED US THAT THEY WILL NOT BE IN THE WAY OF OUR MINISTRIES. THEY WERE TRULY A BLESSING TO OUR BAPTIST CHURCHES WITH THEIR SONGS AND FELLOWSHIP. WE HAD A YOUTH RALLY WITH THEIR YOUTHS AND OURS COMBINED AND PASTOR HELMER LANG PREACHED A POWERFUL MESSAGE TO OUR YOUNG FOLKS. OUR EASTER WEEK WILL START WITH OUR SCHOOL EASTER VACATION FROM THURSDAY (4/18) TO MONDAY (4/21). OUR SUNRISE SERVICE WILL START ON SUNDAY AT SIX A.M. AT THE SCHOOL CAMPUS, FOLLOWED BY THE POTLUCK BELLYSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP. SUNDAY EVENING WILL BE THE BEGINNING OF CAPITAL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH REVIVAL, ENDING WITH A FEAST ON SATURDAY COMMEMORATING THEIR ANNIVERSARY. IT WAS ALWAYS A GREAT TIME OF FELLOWSHIP AMONG OUR SEVEN CHURCHES, AS ALL THE PASTORS HAD MADE A COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER'S CHURCH ANNIVERSARY REVIVAL. IT REMINDS ME OF CAMP MEETINGS IN THE U.S. MAINLAND.

IT WAS SO GOOD TO HAVE DAUGHTER SHERRIE ANN AND HER ONE-YEAR OLD **ZION CLOUD** VISITING US FOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS. WIFE AND I ARE NOT MISSING THE MOM AS MUCH AS THE LITTLE GUY. NOW WE GOT OUR HANDFULLS WITH TERISA'S TWO BOYS: ONE-YEAR OLD **FITZ WILLIAM** AND THREE-MONTHS OLD **EZRA ARON**. SOMEONE SAID THAT GRAND CHILDREN ARE GOD'S REWARD TO PARENTS FOR NOT KILLING THEIR CHILDREN (HA, HA). THANK YOU FOR YOUR PART IN THE MINISTRY HERE AND THE REGIONS BEYOND. **MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU.**