

JOEL FAMILY NEWSLETTER



WORLD WIDE NEW TESTAMENT BAPTIST MISSIONS

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PRAISE THE LORD, WE HAD OUR HIGHEST ATTENDANCE IN OUR WEEKLY BIBLE CLUB WITH SEVENTY TWO CHILDREN AND FORTY PLUS TEENS. MANY OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE STUDENTS IN OUR CHRISTIAN SCHOOL. MOST ARE FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS, EVEN JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES AND MORMONS. MANY STUDENTS RESPONDED TO THE SALVATION INVITATIONS IN OUR WEEKLY SCHOOL CHAPELS. PRAISE THE LORD FOR GIVING US A FRUITFUL SCHOOL YEAR. PLEASE PRAY THAT THE NEW CONVERTS, AS WELL AS THE BELIEVERS WILL SURRENDER THEIR LIVES TO CHRISTIAN SERVICE.

ON OUR VILLAGE VISITATION LAST WEEK, WE SAW A FAMILY OF FOUR AND A WOMAN TRUSTING THE LORD AS THEIR PERSONAL SAVIOUR. PLEASE PRAY WITH US TO THE LORD OF HARVEST THAT HE WILL MOVE AMONG OUR INACTIVE CHURCH FOLKS TO GET INVOLVED IN SOULWINNING AND VISITATION WITH THE FAITHFUL ONES. TWO OF OUR PREACHER BOYS AND FIVE LADIES ARE VERY FAITHFUL IN OUR CHURCH VISITATION.

A WHILE BACK, WE DISMISSED TWO OF OUR BEST PREACHERS FOR APOSTASY. WHEN THEY STARTED PREACHING A DANGEROUS DOCTRINE THAT DENY MAN'S FREE WILL IN CHOOSING OR REJECTING SALVATION IN CHRIST ALONE. SHORTLY AFTER THAT THE LORD CALLED THREE (NOT TWO) YOUNG MEN FROM OUR MIDST TO PREACH, THUS, REPLACING THE TWO PREACHERS, PRAISE THE LORD FOR MEETING THIS VERY IMPORTANT SPIRITUAL NEED. EPHESIANS 3:20 SAYS THAT GOD IS "ABLE TO DO EXCEEDING ABUNDANTLY ABOVE ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK..."

OUR ISLAND PEOPLE HAD THEIR SHARE OF TRAGEDIES. LAST MONTH, A TWENTY-SOME YEAR OLD RETARDED GIRL WHO WAS MISSING FOR A FEW DAYS, WAS FINALLY FOUND WHEN THE DOGS DRAGGED PARTS OF HER DISMEMBERED BODY INTO SOMEONE'S YARD. THE POLICE FINALLY FOUND THE SUSPECT AND ARRESTED HIM. TOMORROW, THE PLANE WILL TRANSPORT THE REMAINS OF A BROTHER AND SISTER WHO WERE SHOT AND KILLED BY THE HUSBAND OF THE GIRL. THE SHOOTING HAPPENED IN THE MAINLAND USA WERE THEY WERE LIVING AND WORKING SINCE LEAVING THE ISLAND SEVERAL YEARS AGO. THE AUNT OF THE DECEASED SIBLINGS IS A MEMBER OF OUR CHURCH.

MY WIFE'S RIGHT LEG IS STILL SEMI-PARALYZED. I MASSAGE IT EVERY MORNING AND WE DO WEEKLY WATER THERAPY. WE WERE ABLE TO GET A CAR WITH A RAMP FOR HER WHEELCHAIR SO SHE CAN ATTEND CHURCH AND HEAR HER FAVORITE PREACHER (HA! HA! HA!). THE GRANDS ARE GROWING SO FAST AND ONE IS LEARNING TO BABY TALK BI-LINGUALLY.

WE JUST RESUMED OUR BIBLE INSTITUTE, WHERE I, ALONG WITH THREE OF OUR PASTORS TEACH BLOCK CLASSES TO COLLEGE STUDENTS WHO ARE FINANCIALLY UNABLE TO STUDY OVERSEAS. TWO OF OUR STUDENTS ARE GRANDFATHERS. I TEACH CHURCH HISTORY WITH "TRAIL OF BLOOD" AS A SUPPLEMENT. A BIG THANK YOU TO THOSE OF YOU WHO FAITHFULLY WRITE AND SEND CARDS ." TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS AND PRAYER PARTNERS, MAY THE LORD BLESS YOUR FAMILY, CHURCH, AND MINISTRY ABUNDANTLY" IS OUR PRAYER FOR YOU ALL.