

THE JOEL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

WORLD WIDE NEW TESTAMENT BAPTIST MISSIONS

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GREETINGS OR KASELEHLIA FROM POHNPEI, FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA. I TRUST YOU ARE ALL COVID FREE. PRAISE GOD, WE ARE STILL WITHOUT THE VIRUS, BUT TRYING TO FOLLOW OUR GOVERNMENT LEADER'S MANDATE TO OBSERVE ALL THE PRECAUTIONS THAT USA AND ALL AFFECTED COUNTRIES ARE ABIDING BY, SUCH AS SOCIAL DISTANCING, MASK WEARING , HAND WASHING, ETC.

EVER SINCE THE LOCK DOWN ON INCOMING REGULAR FLIGHTS, MANY OF OUR MEDICALLY-REFERRED CITIZENS HAVE HAD TO REMAIN WHERE THEY WERE BEFORE THE COVID-19 STARTED. SOME ARE IN HAWAII AND ACCORDING TO THE HONOLULU NEWS, THE NON-HAWAIIAN ISLANDERS HAVE THE HIGHEST INFECTION RATE THERE. OUR PATIENTS WHO WERE REFERRED TO THE PHILIPPINES GOT STRANDED ON GUAM AND THEY ARE APPEALING TO OUR GOVERNMENT FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BECAUSE THEIR TRAVEL FUND HAD RUN OUT.

A RECENT INCIDENT REGARDING A HUMAN REMAIN THAT CAME LAST MONTH WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE GOVERNOR, WHO HAD THE STATE POLICE DISPATCHED TO THE AIRPORT JUST MINUTES AFTER THE FAMILY HAD TAKEN THE BODY TO THEIR VILLAGE. MANY ISLANDERS WHO DIED IN THE USA WERE EITHER BURIED OR CREMATED THERE. AS A RESULT OF THE INCIDENT, THE GOVERNOR IMMEDIATELY PUT OUT A MANDATE, RESTRICTING TRANSPORTING OF HUMAN REMAINS THAT MIGHT INTRODUCE THE VIRUS TO OUR ISLAND. ONE OF MY DEACONS WHO WORKS AT THE AIRPORT WAS ASKED BY THE GOVERNOR'S SON, WHO WORKS WITH HIM, TO PLEASE PRAY FOR HIS DAD FOR THE DEATH THREATS HE HAS BEEN GETTING OVER THE PHONE.

AS SITTING PART TIME ADMINISTRATOR OF OUR CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF PREACHING THE SCHOOL OPENING CHAPEL. THE FOLLOWING WEEK, THE SCHOOL HELD ITS ANNUAL REVIVAL AND MANY NEW STUDENTS WERE SAVED AND A FEW RECEIVED ASSURANCE OF THEIR SALVATION.

A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, I STARTED PRAYING FOR AND OBSERVING THE YOUNG MEN IN OUR CHURCH WHO SEEMED TO HAVE GOD'S CALL TO PREACH. AFTER I TALKED TO THEM, THEY AGREED THAT THEY NEEDED THE EXPERIENCE. I SHARED MY VISION TO THE DEACONS AND THEY REMINDED ME THAT I'M NOT GETTING YOUNGER AND THAT I NEEDED TO PREPARE OUR YOUNG MEN TO CONTINUE THE MINISTRY WHEN I LEAVE THE SCENE.

MR. PATRICK CARL, ONE OF OUR MEN, WHOM I BAPTISED LAST YEAR, WAS PROMOTED FROM THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF DISASTER AND RESCUE TO BECOME THE NEW DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY. HE ASKED ME TO GIVE THE INVOCATION AT HIS PROMOTION. RECENTLY I ASKED HIS PERMISSION TO TAKE A BOX OF BIBLES TO THE INMATES AT THE LOCAL JAIL AND HE TOLD US TO GO AHEAD. THEY ALSO NEEDED CHRISTIAN LITERATURES SUCH AS PAMPHLETS AND GOSPEL TRACTS. THANK GOD WE WERE ALLOWED TO RESUME OUR YOUTH MEETINGS, AND OUR KIDS BIBLE CLUB AS LONG AS WE ONLY HAVE CHURCH FAMILY KIDS.

