

# THE JOEL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

WORLD WIDE NEW TESTAMENT BAPTIST MISSIONS June-July

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PRAISE THE LORD FOR THE FIFTEEN OR MORE TEENS WHO TRUSTED CHRIST AS LORD AND SAVIOUR DURING LAST WEEKS YOUTH CAMP. WE WILL BE HAVING A BAPTISMAL SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY FOR THE TEENS FROM OUR CHURCH WHO GOT SAVED AT THE CAMP.

ANOTHER ITEM OF PRAISE IS THAT ALL OF OUR EXPATS WHO WERE MEDICAL REFERRALS WITH THEIR ATTENDANTS WERE FINALLY TRANSPORTED BACK FROM GUAM BY US MILITARY PLANES. THESE PEOPLE WERE IN QUARANTINE ON GUAM FOR UP TO TWO WEEKS OR MORE AND NOW THEY ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE IN QUARANTINE AGAIN FOR FOURTEEN MORE DAYS. THEY WERE FINALLY HOME AND AN EXTRA WEEK IN QUARANTINE DID NOT FAZE THEM AT ALL.

OUR CHURCH AUDITORIUM WAS FLOODED AGAIN DURING LAST WEEK'S DOWNPOUR. IT WAS RAINING ALL WEEK LONG AND THE RIVER NEARBY OVERFLOWED AND FLOODED ALL THE HOUSES ON ITS BANK, INCLUDING OUR CHURCH. THE ENTIRE FLOOR WAS COVERED WITH MUD MIXED WITH SEWER WATER FROM THE MANHOLE IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH BUILDING. FOR TEN YEARS THEY PROMISED TO RELOCATE THE MANHOLE AND IT IS STILL THERE. I WENT TO THE EPA OFFICE AND TOLD THEM THAT OUR CHURCH YARD WAS FLOODED AGAIN AND OUR KIDS HAD TO WALK ON THE CONTAMINATED GROUND TO GET TO THEIR SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS. THEY ASSURED US THAT THEY WILL DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR A PROPER SOLUTION TO THIS PERPETUAL DILEMMA.

LAST NIGHT, NONE OF MY BIBLE STUDY TEAM MEMBERS SHOWED UP AT OUR NEW BIBLE STUDY AT THE KAPINGA VILLAGE, SO I TOLD THE FEW MEN WHO CAME THAT WE WILL CANCEL, BUT THEY WANTED ME TO GO AHEAD AND START. BY THE TIME WE FINISHED, THE GROUP HAS INCREASED TO MORE THAN A DOZEN FOLKS. I NEVER HAD SUCH AN ATTENTIVE AUDIENCE LIKE THAT BEFORE. PRAY FOR SOME OF THE MEN WHO PRAYED THE SINNER'S PRAYER THAT THEY MEANT WHAT THEY PRAYED AND THEY WILL BRING FORTH FRUIT. THESE PEOPLE ARE POLYNESIAN DESCENDS AND ABOUT 80% OF THE MEN ARE ALCOHOLICS.

WE HAVE JUST RESUMED OUR THURSDAY VISITATION, WHICH WAS TEMPORARILY PUT ON HOLD DURING THE GOVERNOR'S MANDATE TO LIMIT CHURCH-RELATED ACTIVITIES. PRAY FOR ONE OF OUR DEACONS, MR. DECKSIN EHMES WHO QUIT HIS JOB AT THE US EMBASSY WHEN THEY RAISED THE GAY FLAG AT THE EMBASSY COMPOUND. HE TOLD HIS BOSS THAT AS LONG AS THEY FLY "THAT" FLAG, HE WILL NOT COME TO WORK. LAST YEAR, THE LOCAL COLLEGE ORGANIZED A LBGT CLUB, AS WELL AS A MARCH. IT HAS BECOME THE NORM THAT WHATEVER HAPPENED IN HOLLYWOOD USUALLY SURFACED HERE IN MICRONESIA. THAT THE MEDIA AND MODERNIZATION BRING ALL KINDS OF VICES.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL PRAYERS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OVER THE MANY MANY YEARS. MAY THE LORD CONTINUE TO BLESS AND PROSPER YOUR LIVES AND MINISTRIES IN THE DAYS AND YEARS TO COME.