

THE JOEL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

WORLD WIDE NEW TESTAMENT BAPTIST MISSIONS

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OUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WAS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, DEC.26, SINCE THE 25TH WAS ON SATURDAY, SO WE SPENT THAT DAY WITH OUR FAMILIES, AND ON SUNDAY, WE HAD OUR LATE MORNING SERVICE, WENT HOME AND RETURNED FOR OUR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT 3 O'CLOCK PM. THE CHILDREN STARTED OFF WITH CHRISTMAS SONGS, AND THE VERSE RECITATIONS. THEIR PROGRAM ENDED WITH CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR EVERY CHILD. AFTER THAT, WE HAD A POTLUCK INTERMISSION AND FELLOWSHIP AROUND THE DINNER TABLE, THEN THE ADULTS HAD THEIR SINGSPIRATION, WHERE EACH FAMILY HAD TO SING TWO CHRISTMAS SONGS. A SHORT MESSAGE WAS GIVEN BY PASTOR JOEL.

ON SATURDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 01, WE GATHERED AT THE CHURCH AT 9 O'CLOCK PM FOR THE WATCH NIGHT SERVICE, WHICH ENDED WITH MY NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE AND A TIME OF PRAYER, FOLLOWED BY FELLOWSHIP AND WAITING TO WELCOME THE NEW YEAR. ON MONDAY JANUARY 03, WE CELEBRATED OUR NEW YEAR AT OUR SCHOOL CAMPUS. SEVERAL ORIGINAL CHURCH MEMBERS JOINED US AS OUR SPECIAL GUESTS. THEY HAD MOVED THEIR MEMBERSHIP TO ONE OF OUR MISSION CHURCHES. THE FIRST EVENT THAT TOOK PLACE WAS THE NEW YEAR FEAST. THERE WERE FIVE OR SIX LONG TABLES, LOADED WITH ALL KINDS OF DELICIOUS DISHES. THEN WE DIVIDED THE PEOPLE INTO THREE GROUPS FOR THE GAMES: CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND ADULTS. THE FIRST DAY ENDED WITH SPORT ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES. THE NEW YEAR COMMITTEE HAD PURCHASED ALL KINDS OF PRIZES FOR WINNERS OF EACH EVENT, AND CONSOLATION GIFTS FOR THE LOSERS.

THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY, JANUARY 08, WAS THE SECOND AND LAST DAY OF CELEBRATION. THE EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR THE DAY WAS THE SAME AS THE FIRST DAY, BUT THE LAST EVENT WAS THE BEATING OF THE EMPTY OXYGEN TANK. A LONG BENCH WAS SET UP IN FRONT AND WHEN THE BELL STARTED TOLLING, VOLUNTEERS STARTED WALKING UP TO SIT ON THE BENCH. HOWEVER MANY VOLUNTEERS THERE ARE ON THE BENCH, WOULD BE ON THE NEXT YEAR'S COMMITTEE LIST. THEY WILL DONATE THE FUND FOR THE PRIZES THAT WILL BE GIVEN OUT FOR THE TWO DAYS OF NEW YEAR SPORTING EVENTS. THAT IS HOW WE CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR ON POHNPEI.

PRAY FOR OUR VILLAGE OUTREACH. THE LADIES STARTED TWO HOME BIBLE STUDIES FOR WOIMEN IN ONE OF THE VILLAGES. THE MEN WOULD GO OUT IN THE HIGHWAYS AND BI WAYS, PASSING OUT TRACTS AND WITNESSING. SINCE THE COVID HAS NOT REACHED OUR ISLANDS YET, WE ARE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE OUR JAIL MINISTRY FOR MEN. WE NEED BIBLE STUDY MATERIALS FOR DISCIPLESHIP. THERE ARE TWO PARTICULAR BIBLE STUDY COURSES CALLED "WON BY ONE" AND "AFTER SALVATION, WHAT?" IF YOUR BIBLE BOOKSTORE HAS THESE, PLEASE INFORM OUR MISSION BOARD THE PRICE FOR FIFTY COPIES OF EACH ONE, SO THEY CAN CHARGE THEM TO OUR ACCOUNT. THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS.

WORDS ARE INSUFFICIENT IN EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE TO EACH ONE OF YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH AND SUPPORTING US IN THIS MINISTRY. WE KNOW THAT THE LORD KNOWS HOW TO REWARD YOUR WORK OF FAITH, LABOR OF LOVE, AND PATIENCE OF HOPE THIS SIDE OF HEAVEN AND IN GLORY. HAVE A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR IS OUR WISH AND PRAYER FOR YOU ALL.