

# THE JOEL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

## WORLD WIDE NEW TESTAMENT BAPTIST MISSIONS-

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GREETINGS FROM PASTOR/MISSIONARY WILLIAM JOEL. TRUST YOU HAVE CLEARED THE HURDLES OF YEAR-END ACTIVITIES IN YOUR MINISTRIES, ESPECIALLY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL MINISTRY. BEING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF CALVARY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY, MY ROLE AT THE BEGINNING AND THE ENDING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR WAS SUPER BUSY FOR MY ADVANCED AGE, BUT THANK THE LORD FOR OUR THIRTY PLUS FACULTY AND STAFF, NOT COUNTING THE SUPPORT STAFF THAT KEEPS OUR FACILITIES IN CLEAN AND PRESENTABLE CONDITION, SOMETHING THAT ALWAYS ELICITED PRAISE FROM SCHOOL PARENTS AND VISITORS.

IN JUNE, WE HAD TWO GRADUATION EXERCISES, PLUS THE EIGHTH GRADE PROMOTION CEREMONY. WITH OVER THREE HUNDRED STUDENTS, FROM K4 THROUGH 12TH GRADE, OUR CAMPUS WAS OVERCROWDED WITH PARENTS, FAMILIES, AND FRIENDS OF THE GRADUATES ATTENDING THE TWO GRADUATION CEREMONIES, WE HAD TO HAVE THE LOCAL POLICE TO HELP DIRECT TRAFFIC ON THE MAIN THOROUGHFARE THAT RUNS BY OUR SCHOOL, AS WELL AS THE MAIN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL AND THE SDA SCHOOL. PRAISE THE LORD FOR THE OFF-DUTY WORK OF OUR SUPPORT STAFF, THE GRADUATION CEREMONIES WERE ABOVE AND BEYOND OUR EXPECTATION, WE ATTRIBUTED THE SUCCESS OF THESE YEAR-END ACTIVITIES TO THE CEASELESS PRAYERS OF OUR FELLOW BELIEVERS. *JAMES 5:16B-"THE EFFECTUAL, FERVENT PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN AVAILETH MUCH."* IT WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE RAINY SEASON AND THE THREE DAYS THAT WE SCHEDULED THE CEREMONIES CAME AND WENT WITHOUT A DROP OF RAIN, PRAISE HIM FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW.

AMIDST ALL THE BUSY-NESS, THE GRIM REAPER TOOK TWO OF OUR CHURCH LADIES. YES, WE HAD TO ALSO ATTEND TO THE SPIRITUAL GRADUATION OF OUR TWO SISTERS IN THE LORD. ONE OF THEM WAS VISITING HER BROTHER IN KANSAS WHEN SHE DIED, SO THE FAMILY HAD A FUNDRAISER TO TRANSPORT HER REMAINS TO OUR ISLAND. NEILEEN WELLES WAS ONE OF OUR WELL-BELOVED TEACHERS. THE OTHER LADY, SUMEEN HARRY, WAS A MEMBER OF THE CAPITAL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, WHO ALWAYS VOLUNTEERS TO COOK FOR OUR ANNUAL YOUTH SUMMER CAMP. SOME OF THE 80 PLUS YOUNG PEOPLE CAME TO THE FUNERAL FROM THE CAMP, TO PAY THEIR RESPECT AND SING. I PREACHED AT ONE OF THE CUSTOMARY TWO FUNERAL SERVICES.

MY FORMER ASSISTANT PASTOR, RAY EZEKIAS, CAME TO POHNPEI FROM HIS HOME ISLAND OF NUKUORO, WHERE HE AND HIS WIFE ARE SERVING AS OUTER-ISLAND MISSIONARIES, SUPPORTED BY OUR LOCAL BAPTIST CHURCHES. HIS RETURN TRIP HAD BEEN DELAYED FOR TWO MONTHS AND THE ONLY WAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH HIS WIFE IS BY A TWO-WAY RADIO. I TOOK HIM TO THE SHIPPING OFFICE TO FIND OUT THE ESTIMATED DATE OF DEPARTURE. HE TOLD ME THAT THE BIBLE CLUB KIDS NEEDED COLORING BOOKS, CRAYONS, BIBLES, AND USED CLOTHES, AND ALSO TYLENOLS, ASPIRINS, AND FIRST AID KITS.

PLEASE PRAY FOR MY UPCOMING MINI FURLOUGH OF FOUR MONTHS IN THE US MAINLAND, DEPARTING FROM POHNPEI AT THE END OF JULY. THANK YOU FOR THE SPECIAL OCCASION CARDS, FAITHFUL PRAYERS, AND SUPPORT OF THE JOEL FAMILY MINISTRY. MAY YOUR SUMMER MINISTRIES BE PROSPEROUS AND FRUITFUL IS MY PRAYER FOR YOU ALL.