

THE JOEL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

WORLDWIDE NEW TESTAMENT BAPTIST MISSIONS

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KASELEHLIE FROM THE JOELS ON POHNPEI. TRUST THIS LETTER FINDS YOU IN GOOD HEALTH, BOTH PHYSICALLY AND SPIRITUALLY. IT HAS BEEN ONE YEAR AND THREE MONTHS SINCE LIHNER, MY WIFE, PASSED AWAY BUT IT SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY EVERY TIME I WALKED PASSED HER GRAVE BESIDES OUR HOUSE. HER ABSENCE WAS MADE LESS GRIEVOUS BY MANY OF YOU, WHO FAITHFULLY SEND CARDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND GOODWILL. THANK YOU ALL FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.

EVER SINCE OUR MEN IN THE CHURCH TOOK ON THE PROJECT OF RENOVATING OUR 52 YEAR OLD PREFABRICATED METAL CHURCH BUILDING, ALL OUR CHURCH SERVICES HAVE BEEN HELD IN OUR SCHOOL BUILDING FOR MORE THAN A MONTH NOW. THE SECOND FLOOR SCHOOL CHAPEL SERVES AS OUR AUDITORIUM AND CAN SEAT UP TO EIGHTY OR MORE PEOPLE. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES MEET IN THE MANY CLASSROOMS. FOR WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICES, WE MEET IN THE LIBRARY, WHICH CAN ACCOMODATE LESS NUMBER OF PEOPLE DUE TO LOWER ATTENDANCE AND FEWER VISITORS.

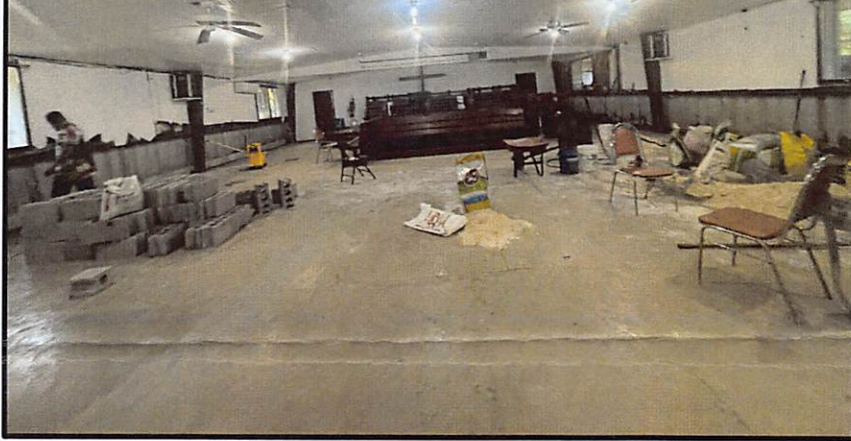
PRAISE THE LORD FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO TRUSTED THE LORD DURING OUR AUGUST SUMMER YOUTH CAMP, AND THOSE WHO DEDICATED THEIR LIVES. PRAY FOR THEIR DISCIPLESHIP AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH. EVER SINCE THE CAMP, SOME OF THE CAMPERS, WHO ARE STUDENTS OF OUR SCHOOL, HAVE BEEN REGULARLY ATTENDING OUR CHURCH SERVICES AND BRINGING THEIR FRIENDS ALONG. ONE OF THE GIRLS HAS BEEN BRINGING HER DAD, TOO. MOST OF THESE STUDENTS ARE FROM CATHOLIC AND LIBERAL CHURCHES.

PRAY FOR OUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL GINNY, AS SHE AND HER 40 YEARS OLD DOWN SYNDROME SON, TYSON, LEFT FOR A MINI VACATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA. UPON HER RETURN IN DECEMBER, SHE AND I WILL MEET WITH OUR GYM GRANTOR-THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR, AND SIGN THE GRANT CHECK FOR OUR SCHOOL GYMNASIUM. FINALLY AFTER MANY YEARS OF PRAYING, SEEKING, AND KNOCKING, THE LORD ANSWERED OUR PRAYER FOR A SCHOOL GYM. AFTER THAT, THERE WILL BE BIDDING FOR A BUILDING CONTRACTOR. PLEASE PRAY THAT THIS MULTI-PURPOSE GYM WILL BE USED, NOT JUST FOR SPORTS, BUT GRADUATION, REVIVAL SERVICES, AND OTHER PURPOSES THAT WILL HONOR THE LORD AND FURTHER THE MINISTRY OF THE CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

THANK THE LORD FOR HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH AND MINISTRIES ON GUAM, MOST OF OUR SCHOOL TEACHERS AND LAY PREACHERS ARE GRADUATES OF HARVEST BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE. PRAY THAT GOD WILL CONTINUE TO BLESS THEIR MINISTRIES, ESPECIALLY IN TRAINING MICRONESIAN YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN AND SENDING THEM BACK TO THE ISLANDS TO WIN THE LOST, TEACH THE WORD, AND PLANT BIBLE-BELIEVING, BIBLE-PREACHING, AND SOUL WINNING CHURCHES.

PS. Attached are pictures of the on-going work of our church building renovation. Our goal is to finish in time for the Christmas celebration.

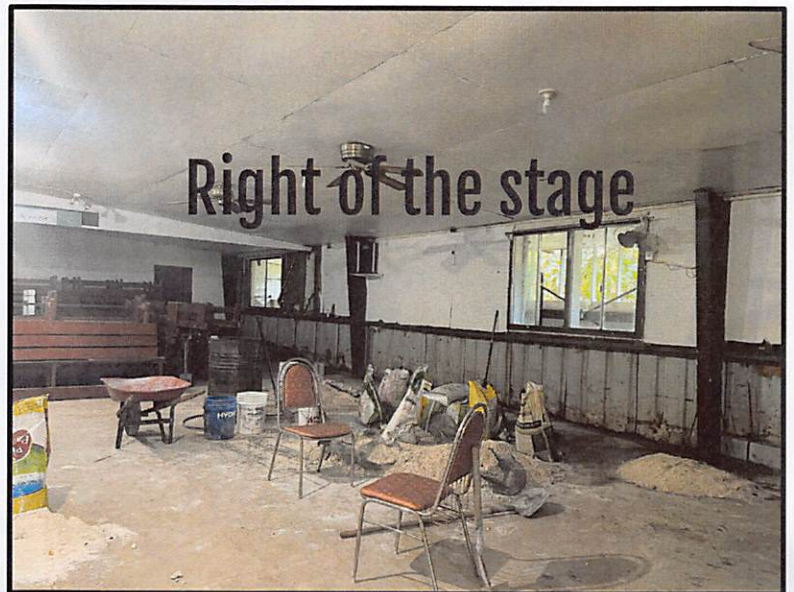
The first layer of blocks down.
This is the front stage



Left of the stage



Right of the stage



Back left



Back right

