

THE JOEL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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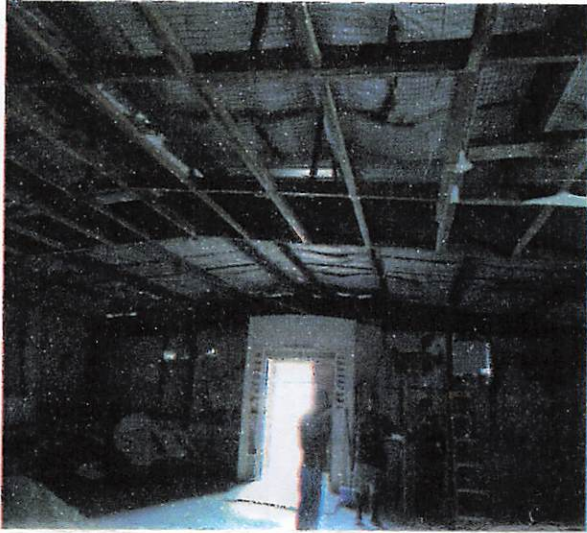
GREETINGS FROM THE JOEL'S ON POHNPEI. I TRUST ALL IS WELL IN THAT THE HOLIDAY RUSH AND ACTIVITIES ARE BEHIND US (ALTHOUGH I WISH THOSE DAYS WERE LONGER) AND THE NEW CHAPTER OF LIFE AHEAD IS REplete WITH NEW OPPORTUNITIES OF SERVICE TO OUR SAVIOUR AND LORD, WHO MAY COME THIS YEAR; THEREFORE, LET US TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AND REDEEM THE TIMES BECAUSE THESE DAYS ARE INDEED EVIL. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR FAITHFUL PRAYER AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT. WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THE EXTRA GIFTS DURING THE CHRISTMAS.

LAST WEEK, A FIRE BROKE OUT IN THE CITY DUMP, WHERE THERE WERE MANY FULL BARRELS OF USED OIL, HUGE PILES OF DISCARDED TIRES, AND TONS OF OTHER HAZARDOUS ITEMS ARE STORED. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, ALONG WITH ALL THE RAPID RESPONSE EMERGENCY AGENTS WERE ACTIVATED AND TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, THE FUEL FARM IS WITHIN CLOSE PROXIMITY. FROM OUR VILLAGE, WE COULD SEE BILLOWING DARK CLOUDS, RISING FROM THE FIRE AND THE CACOPHONOUS SOUNDS OF SIRENS FROM EMERGENCY VEHICLES FILLING THE AIR. THE FIRE-HYDRANTS OFFERED LITTLE HELP SINCE WE ARE PRESENTLY GOING THROUGH A DROUGHT. TRUCK LOADS OF SAND DID NOT HELP EITHER, BUT FINALLY THEY STARTED PUMPING THE NEARBY SEAWATER UPON THE FIRE. IT TEMPORARILY STOPPED THE BIG FIRES, BUT LITTLE FIRES WERE SCATTERED ALL OVER THE AREA. SINCE THE CITY DUMP WAS BESIDES THE CAUSEWAY TO THE SHIPYARD AND AIRPORT, THE CAUSEWAY WAS CLOSED FOR A WEEK WITH NO CARS, SHIPS, AND PLANES ALLOWED.

PRAISE THE LORD FOR FOUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WERE BAPTISED THIS MONTH. WE ARE NOW INTO THE SECOND MONTH OF CHURCH SERVICES IN OUR SCHOOL CHAPEL AND LIBRARY. OUR CHURCH ATTENDANCE SEEMS TO INCREASE DUE TO THE NEW LOCATION. THE CHURCH BUILDING RENOVATION PROJECT GOES ON. THE RETIRED MEN OF THE CHURCH, ALONG WITH SOME OF OUR YOUNG MEN ARE THE CONTRACTORS. PRAISE THE LORD FOR THE VOLUNTEER WORKFORCE, WHO WERE CONTENTED WITH FREE LUNCH AS REWARD, INSTEAD OF A PAYCHECK. OF COURSE, THEY WILL BE COMPENSATED WHEN THE PROJECT IS COMPLETED.(ENCLOSED ARE MORE PICS OF THE BUILDING PROJECT).

ONE OF OUR FAITHFUL WIDOWS, WHO SERVED AS SCHOOL TEACHER, CHOIR MEMBER, AND SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER, PASSED AWAY THIS MONTH. WHILE I WAS PREACHING AT THE FUNERAL, I SAW MANY OF HER JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES AND UCC RELATIVES LISTENING. PLEASE PRAY FOR THEIR SALVATION. THERE WERE TWO OTHER FUNERALS THE FOLLOWING WEEK AND PRAISE THE LORD, THE TWO MEN WERE LED TO CHRIST THROUGH OUR HOSPITAL WARD VISITS.

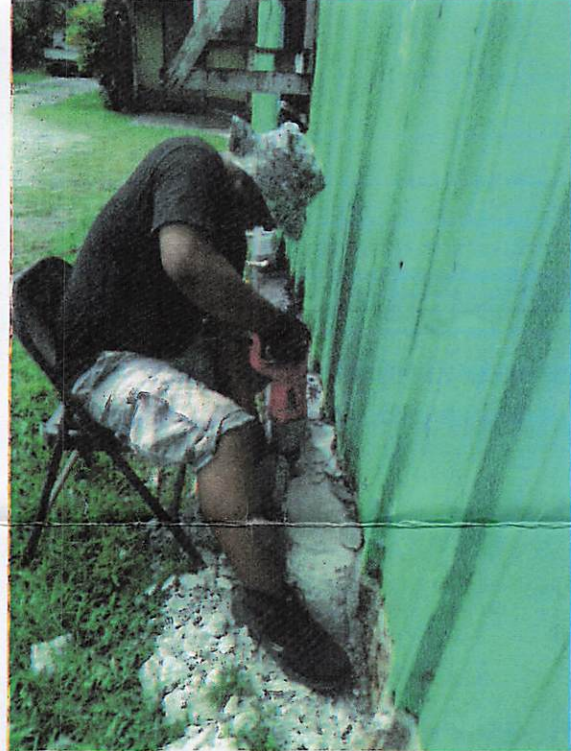
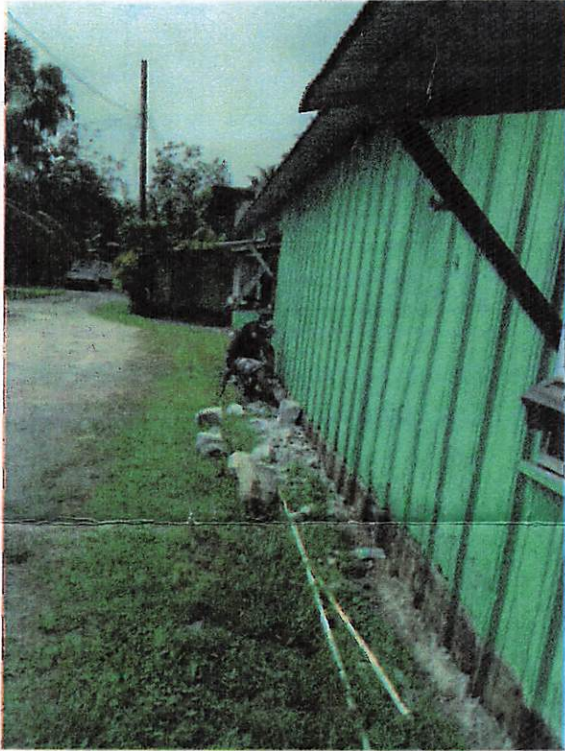
GOODNEWS BAPTIST CHURCH WILL HAVE THEIR WEEK LONG ANNIVERSARY REVIVAL, BEGINNING ON JANUARY 29 AND ENDING ON FEBRUARY 03. PASTOR JEFF FAIN FROM KENTUCKY WILL PREACH WHILE I INTERRUPT, OOPS! I MEAN, INTERPRET THE FIRST THREE DAYS AND THREE OF OUR LOCAL PASTORS WILL PREACH ON THE LAST THREE DAYS. ALL OUR SEVEN BAPTIST CHURCHES WILL PARTICIPATE WITH POTLUCK DINNER AT FOUR O'CLOCK PM ON THE LAST DAY. SOMEONE SAID, "WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP BEFORE BELLYSHIP."



Stripped ceiling on both pew and pulpit sections. The plan is to raise it up to top of I-beam.



Scrap ceiling panels and boards. (Right photo) Inner wall currently raised to four blocks.



Brother Dexson hammer drilling outside concrete holding the metal wall. Outside metal wall must be removed when inside block wall is done.