

# THE JOEL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Greetings again from Pohnpei Island, Capital of Micronesia. Presently, there are two milestones that stood out in my mind: My wife's departure three years ago and my surviving her with our children. I am also thankful that my daughter Terisa and her family live with me providing me with much needed assistance and company. Please pray for my youngest brother, Stuart (in his fifties), whose right leg was amputated last month due to a small nail puncture that got infected. His wound is taking a while to heal due to diabetes. His wife is our financial secretary, and she is taking him to Hawaii for further medical treatment. Then they will move on to Texas to live with her brother while getting more medical treatment. Pray for Calvary Christian Academy as we search for an experienced accountant to replace her.

Pray for our local outer island missionaries, Pastor and Mrs. Ezekias. Praise the Lord for four young girls who got saved during their Bible Club at their elementary school. We have just had one of our church's anniversary revivals in April and many believers responded to the invitation for assurance of salvation and rededication, and there were two who prayed to invite Jesus into their hearts. Please PRAY for revival in our Baptist churches.

When our school's third and last graduation was over on the 28th of May, there was a collective sigh of relief among our teachers. Nineteen seniors marched the length of the campus and across the stage to get their diplomas. Two huge 40-foot tents were barely enough to accommodate the crowd. Having participated in graduation ceremonies since the 1990's, I could never get over being emotional when presiding at graduations as School Administrator. Our Guest Speaker from Guam brought a great challenge to the seniors, as well as a clear presentation of the Gospel.

Last but not least, please pray for a school gymnasium grant that was awarded to our school by the Japanese Embassy here in Pohnpei. Pray for the groundwork to be prepared prior to the arrival of the prefab building to be shipped from Vietnam, the bidding out of the contract, and all the procedures that are part of the building process. This was a dream of our founder, Pastor Isamo Welles, when he was the administrator and an eyewitness to many graduations that were interrupted by "showers of blessing", due to Pohnpei being the third rainiest place in the world. So, a gym would be ideal for large gatherings, such as graduation, revival services, and youth rallies.

Again, thank you for your prayers, support, and love. Here's wishing you all a great and prosperous summer. Our prayer is that the Lord may bless your ministries and families.

In Christ,

William Joel