

# THE JOEL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

WORLDWIDE NT BAPTIST MISSIONS

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“KASELEHLIE” OR GREETINGS FROM POHNPEI. I TRUST THAT YOU ALL ARE IN GOOD HEALTH AND THAT THE LORD IS BLESSING YOUR FAMILIES AND MINISTRIES AS HE IS DOING HERE ON THE ISLAND. MUCH HAS HAPPENED SINCE OUR LAST PRAYER LETTER. ON MY LAST BIRTHDAY, MY DAUGHTER AND HER FAMILY TOOK ME TO THE MOST POPULAR AND EXPENSIVE RESORT-ISLAND IN POHNPEI LAGOON. FOR THE PRICE OF \$300. US DOLLARS, A FAMILY OF 4 ADULTS AND THEIR SMALL KIDS CAN ENJOY 24 HOURS OF SNORKELING, SWIMMING, KAYAKING, AND BEACHCOMBING ON **PARANUI RESORT**, AND THEN SLEEPING IN A FIRST-CLASS THATCHED ROOF, AIR CONDITIONED BUNGALOW, BUILT ON THE REEF. IT WAS ONE OF THE BEST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS THAT I EVER HAD.

THE FOLLOWING WEEK, HER FAMILY AND I WENT ON A TWO-WEEK MINI VACATION TO GUAM. SINCE I HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH THE ONSET OF PROSTATE CANCER, MY DOCTOR ADVISED ME TO SEEK MEDICAL ASSISTANT ON GUAM. HE ALSO PRESCRIBED ME A PILL CALLED ‘TERAZOSIN’. WELL, EVER SINCE I STARTED TAKING THE PILL, THE PROSTATE SYMPTOMS VANISHED. HE RECOMMENDED THAT I CONTINUE TAKING THE PILL. I FOUND OUT ON GUAM THAT SHOULD THE CANCER PERSIST AND I NEEDED MEDICAL TREATMENT, I CAN APPLY FOR MEDICAID, WHICH MICRONESIANS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR.

PRAISE THE LORD, OUR **SCHOOL GYM PROJECT** IS PROGRESSING. OUR DEACON BOARD HAS APPOINTED ONE OF OUR MEN TO BE THE PROJECT MANAGER, WHO WILL BE THE MIDDLEMAN BETWEEN US AND OUR GRANTOR, THE JAPANESE EMBASSY. OUR FORMER ISLAND POLICE COMMISSIONER, A CHURCH MEMBER AND ALSO ADVISER, OFFERED HIS ASSISTANT, ALONG WITH OUR AMERICAN MISSIONARY, BROTHER EIBEN. PRAY FOR AVAILABILITY OF BUILDING MATERIAL AND OUR CHOICE OF THE RIGHT CONTRACTOR.

WE ARE FINALLY RESUMING OUR ENGLISH-SPEAKING SERVICE, WHICH WAS PUT ON HOLD BECAUSE OF COVID. PRAY THAT THAT OUR NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING FOLKS WILL COME BACK WE HAVE ALREADY CONTACTED THEM AND INFORMED THEM THAT WE WILL START THIS SUNDAY.

LAST MONTH, OUR SCHOOL HOSTED THE “CHRISTIAN SCHOOL OASIS WORKSHOP, WITH TEACHERS FROM MAJURO BAPTIST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY AND HARVEST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY. WE WERE BLESSED TO HEAR FROM THE PASTOR OF RAIROK BAPTIST CHURCH IN MAJURO, MARSHALL ISLAND AND THE YOUTH PASTOR FROM HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GUAM. WE TURNED OUR AIR CONDITIONED SCHOOL LIBRARY AND THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE INTO HOTEL ROOMS, ACCOMMODATING ALL OUR GUESTS.

FINALLY, PLEASE PRAY FOR AN INDEPENDENT BAPTIST MEDICAL MISSION OUTREACH TEAM OF DOCTORS, COMING TO POHNPEI TO DO FREE MEDICAL CLINICS IN MAY, 2025. THEY HAVE GENERAL PRACTITIONERS, DENTAL, OPTICAL, ETC. ONE OF OUR SUPPORTING PASTORS.