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Dear Praying Friends:

Greetings from Pohnpei. Hope all is well with you.

In our last prayer update (April 2013 update), I mentioned about our church preparing for our anniversary celebration. The church anniversary celebration went real well. We had services beginning April 21<sup>st</sup> to April 27<sup>th</sup>. Some of our folks from our 7 Baptist churches were with us all through out the week of the celebration. Our local Baptist pastors from our churches each preached each night. We ended the celebration on April 27<sup>th</sup> with a big feast, island style.

Our church also attended Lukop Independent Baptist Church anniversary that was held in June (June 10-15). Our church folks were blessed, edified, and challenged by the messages given by the local pastors during the week of the anniversary celebration. I thank the Lord for His grace in giving my wife and me the privilege of serving Him in this church in 1982-1983.

Thank you for praying for our people and the ministries that we have here at our church and at other places on the island. Pray for the home Bible study that we do in the community and at PICS High School. The PICS Bible study has been stopped and will resume when school starts in August. Also pray for me as I minister to our people. I preach every Wednesday, Friday, Sunday morning, and Sunday evening. I also do translation work every Tuesday and Thursday. I am assigned to translate the Gospel of John to Pingelapese language. I am also part of the review committee that meets 2-3 times a week to review the 1st draft of the translation of KJV Bible. Please pray that I will not get tired but to continue to be strong and faithful to the Lord's calling.

We look forward to opportunities of growth and service in July. Youth camp is scheduled on July 15-19 and our Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be from July 22-26. Pray for the

sowers and the hearts of those who will be hearing His word to be well prepared as good ground.

We give God praise and thank you for praying for Gayle Keller and our son Sonny Jr. Both Gayle and Sonny Jr. graduated from Harvest Baptist Bible College this past May 2013 with BA degrees. We are grateful and happy for them. Thank you for praying for these two students. We give you the credit for their hard work and perseverance. We have 3 more students (Monica Jebehn, Belinda Jebehn and Kimson Santos) attending Harvest Baptist Schools. Another new student (Kevin Harry) from our church will be joining them when school starts in August 2013. Pray for Kevin Harry.

Thank you all for your continued prayers and generous support. Keep standing on the solid rock!

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