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Dear Praying Partners & Friends,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who giveth His life for (us) the sheep (John 10:11). Such amazing love and grace deserves our total surrender to His lordship of our lives.

In the month of December 2017, we had thousands of gospel tracts: "Where Are You Going to Spend Eternity After You Die" in English and Pingelapese printed. We and our church folks have been passing them out. Last week when I was on Pingelap atoll for an inauguration ceremony, I had people come to me asking about the message in the tract. God gave me the wonderful opportunity to explain and present the gospel especially to a religious man. Pray that God's Word will go forth and accomplish His will and not return unto Him void (Isa. 55:11).

I was on Saipan from December 19-29 for the funeral of my sister, Samihna Kakuse. My sister died of a heart attack on December 10. Pray for her husband, Mike Kakuse, and their 4 children and 3 grandchildren that they will let the Lord comfort them and draw them closer to Him. I also went to Pingelap atoll from January 8-13, representing Honorable Doahkesa, Dr. Bersin Salomon, King of Pingelap, in the inauguration ceremony for the Pingelapese' newly elected mayor and councilmen. While there the Lord gave me opportunity to witness and fellowship with and encourage my nephew, Eric Ernest, who has been working in Pingelap Elementary School since he graduated from Harvest Baptist Bible Institute on Guam in 2008.

The Christmas service our church had went well. Travis Keller (HBBC graduate) gave a challenging message. The Lord be praised. Our New Year's celebration also went well. We gathered on New Year's Day for a feast and then had fun competing in running races. All were involved from 1 ½ years old to over 60 years old. It was a fun time of games and fellowship.

I'm greatly thankful for the men in our church who carried on the church ministries during the 2½ weeks I was gone in December and January. James Harry, his wife, Jeslynn, Travis Keller, his parents, my wife and daughter, Sonya, and other church folks carried on the prison ministry and presented not only the gospel but also Christmas gifts to the inmates.

Pray for the anniversary revival services that will be at Good News Baptist Church from January 28, 2018 to February 3, 2018. We will be ministering there on January 30. I will be preaching and our church choir will be singing the special. Pray that there will be true revival in the lives of the believers in the 7 Baptist churches on Pohnpei, and that many souls be saved through these services.

Last quarter I taught the doctrine of the scriptures at the Pohnpei Baptist Bible Institute. I will be teaching another course next quarter. Next quarter classes will begin next week on Monday, January 22, 2018.

Special thank you to our friends (the Sheets family) in Virginia who donated Sunday school teaching materials.

#### OTHER PRAYER NEEDS:

1. Pastoral duties/ministries.
2. Physical and spiritual health of my family.
3. Salvation of the lost that attends our services.
4. Our children who are living abroad: Sonny Jr. and his family, Roland, and Sonsha.
5. Preaching at Good News Baptist Church on January 30, 2018.
6. Preparation for Capital Hill Baptist

Thank you.

Sonny, Lihna, & Children