

THE JOEL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Praying Friends,

In our last prayer letter, we mentioned our itinerary for a long road trip to the West as a cost-cutting measure on our tickets. Though at the time the prospect of seeing relatives and new places was alluring, the Lord led us to cross paths with Dave Mincy, a very good friend of ours, who not only changed our trip plans, but cut the cost of our travel almost in half. Instead of five days of road travel with food and gas expenses, he found three electronic tickets (E tickets) for us from Greenville, SC, all the way to Pohnpei (with stops in Hawaii, Guam, and Chuuk) for a very reasonable rate (totaling less than \$5,000). We praise the Lord for working things out and thank you so much for your prayers and giving toward the tickets.

Gordon Welles, my nephew in Hawaii introduced me to his pastor, and they had me speak twice in their church. Oahu Baptist Church has a few Micronesian families in their fellowship. They are reaching out into the different communities, including the military families. Our time on Guam was an overnight layover. My nieces Jubyleen and Dora picked us up at the airport and took us to their house nearby, where they welcomed us with a big dinner and an all-night catching up with the latest news. At 6:00 the next morning, we were checking into the flight to Pohnpei with a half-hour stop in Chuuk.

We finally landed in Pohnpei, the land of rain (ranked the world's third rainiest spot). Every passenger was issued an umbrella because it was raining. Almost everyone at Calvary Baptist Church showed up to welcome us. We had no shortage of transportation from the airport into town. The following day was Saturday and we were invited, along with two men from Harvest Baptist Church on Guam, to a luncheon at one of our missionary's homes.

Today, I was informed that our boxes have arrived at the post office. It will take another day or two before I can pick them up. Please continue praying for our house project. We are living in a tiny, two-room house while waiting for our house to be built. They showed me the names of those whose houses will be built and ours is 10th on the list.

THANK YOU AGAIN for your faithful prayers and support, we are now back to the field of God's call and I have just received the key to one of the classrooms of the public high school, where I will start a Bible Study for dorm students in the near future. PICS High School has over 2,000 students. Pray for this ministry. We are also involved in the ministries of Calvary Baptist Church as associate pastor and are looking for other opportunities of service.

IN HIS REASONABLE SERVICE,

William Joel and Family