

THE JOEL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings from The Joel family on Pohnpei, Micronesia. We would like to thank many of you who have sent “care packages” to our daughter Terisa at BJU, like ***Bethesda Baptist*** in Conover, NC; ***Grace Baptist*** of Goldsboro, NC; ***Colonial Hills Baptist***, SC; ***Grace Baptist*** of Madison, IN, and others that I may have left out (unintentionally).

May the Lord richly reward your love and kindness.

While preaching in our sister church, Truth Independent Baptist Church. I reminded the folks to pray for the people on Yap Island. Our fellow missionaries there informed us that *Typhoon Sudal* rendered 98% homes badly damaged, and 1,500 people homeless. Our church and sister churches are putting together some clothes and dry goods to send to the missionaries on Yap. The Baptist churches on Yap also sustained some heavy damages, too.

Thank you for praying for the COM campus Bible study, that stands for “College of Micronesia,” with students from all over Micronesia. We had a room-full of guys in the TV room at the Men’s Dorm. We had ten minutes of singing and fifty minutes of Bible Study. Our radio missionaries, The Arthurs, gave us a Pro-teen Bible course to use and it’s just what we needed, Praise the Lord! Please PRAY that God will open the students’ eyes to the liberating truths of God’s Word.

We have just about completed the proofreading of a tract I translated into Pohnpeian language while on furlough. Once we go over the last page, then I will send it to the publisher in the states. Our Bible Institute students did the project together. Please pray for the next project, namely the Bible. We have two Bibles in our language. One is translated from the Good News for Modern Men and the other is from an old German version. Although both of them have *deleted verses, words, and even whole passages*, many uninformed people own them and are using them because they cannot read English.

Please pray with us for a number of our young men and women in the US Military. Most of them are either in Irag or Afganistan. Four of the young men are our preacher boys, who joined the military because of the lack of a job to support their families. *Now they have to fight for their salary, as well as their lives.* Please pray that God will protect, use, bless, and bring them back home safely to their families. We pray the same for all the soldiers of the Allied forces.

The March Revival services at one of our churches involved all the Independent Baptist churches on the island. The pulpit was kept hot by four missionaries and three pastors. The singing was never better and the fellowship was just heavenly, to say the least. Heaven truly came down the last night of the service as the altar was filled with God’s people doing business with Him. *Please pray that as the early Spirit-filled church went everywhere, preaching the gospel, we will do the same and see the Lord add more souls to the church before He returns.* SOWING THE INCORRUPTIBLE SEED—THE JOELS