

THE JOEL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Praying Friends,

KASELEHLIA from the land of rain, rain, and more rain. My wife reminded me as we were driving to town the other day, that she hopes it would stop raining so the mango blossoms would have a chance to mature into fruits. Just as she feared, the next day most of the blossoms were neatly stripped by the rain and spread on the ground like a blanket. Some were miraculously spared and hopefully will develop into luscious, delightful, sweet mangoes. The Lord said to the disciples in **John 4: 35-36**, *“Say not ye, There are yet four months and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white(ripe) unto harvest. He that reapeth...gathereth fruit unto life eternal.”* The comparison may be a little off, being that the blossoms are not ripened fruits, destined to rot if not picked; however, I believe that the metaphor applies, in that the blossoms will not mature into fruits if the rain continues. One requires God’s children (Christians) to obey the Great Commission and harvest the crops before they rot and perish, and the other requires the Christians to pray that the Lord will hold back the rain long enough for the fruit to mature on the tree—Our prayer is: “Lord, give us more days to see the fruits of our labor mature into faithful laborers, who will teach others also.”

THANK YOU for your prayers, the Lord continues to bless the work even in the absence of the senior pastor and his family, who finally returned after three weeks meetings and R&R in the states. We Praise the Lord for our faithful men, who stand with us in the ministry and were willing and delighted to help in any way they can. Two of our faithful brothers have been called home lately and we miss them. Pray for the families of Pastor Kihleng and Mr. Rudolph, especially their widows. Several people in our church are suffering from diabetes and even having part of their limbs amputated.

Please pray for our young people(and young adults) as they are presently being situated by the ocean and saturated by the Word of God at Black Coral Island (the Summer Camp site). There is a great need for godly young men and women, who will take a strong stand for the Lord and not conform to the world’s fashion, music, drugs, immorality, and lifestyle. Please PRAY for our daughter Sherrie Ann and her cousins who are in desperate need of prayers.

Pray for our Adult Monday night Bible Study as we study the Life of Christ and split into prayer groups after class. Talking about class, next week will be the beginning of school year 2004-2005 and we are anticipating the same enrollment of 300 plus students. Pray for the school opening revival chapels. This pivotal week usually sets the school’s spiritual pace for the entire year. Pray for the salvation of the new students and the old ones, who may be playing the role or pretending to be saved. And Pray for the saved to be revived and set on fire for the Lord.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THOSE OF YOU, WHO HAVE BEEN MOST KIND TO OUR DAUGHTER TERISA AT BJU. MAY THE LORD RICHLY REWARD YOU.