

JOEL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Praying Friends and Supporters,

It has been quite a summer with three teams to accommodate and be involved with. The first team were the young people from Harvest Baptist Church on Guam. At the time my wife Lihner, myself, and Brother Ray (one of our preachers) went to take care of the church on Kosrae Island, while Missionary Dave Fetters and his wife went to see their son graduate from Bible college in Michigan. Not only were we blessed by the fellowship of the believers on Kosrae, we were able to visit some relatives that we have not seen in many years and led a man who was in his eighties and his wife to trust in Christ. We also visited the local jail and had a long talk with a convicted murderer. After two weeks on Kosrae, we returned to Pohnpei to find Dr. Angel and her medical team busy with clinics in two to three different villages. Some of our young people volunteered to transport and translate for the medical team and did a wonderful job. Pray for those who were not only helped physically, but spiritually through the teams.

The same weekend that we bid farewell to the Medical Team, the last summer team arrived. We had a big feast for both the arriving Marshallese Youth and the departing Medical Team. We praise the Lord for the three sister Baptist churches which extended a helping hand in the activities, especially the Youth rally at Nihco Beach. Pray for the young people who attended the summer activities. The three-day Youth Summer Camp went real well with three services each day and four preachers. We had sixteen young people from Majuro, Marshall Island plus around forty-some young people from Calvary Baptist Church. Please pray for the young people who made decisions at camp that they will "continue in the things that they have learned and were assured of..."

Things are getting back to a normal pace after the three teams departed. Pray for one of our young man from the Bible institute on Guam. He came to spend the summer with his sick dad and was able to take care of him until he died. There were many people at the funeral and since the man was a born again believer and a "Baptist", our church did all the singing and preaching. Please pray for the countless number of unsaved relatives who attended the funeral. Pray also for Carter Doses as he returns to Guam to finish his Bible training.

Most of this summer, my family and another missionary take turns preaching in one of our village churches. The pastor went to the United States for a seven-month furlough. We are involved in a "circuit-driving ministry". Thank You all who have been praying for our house. From what the Rural Development people told us, all the required documents are in, including the quit claim deed to the land. They told me that our contract may be approved this month. It has been a long wait of over ten years.

A final prayer request: Pray for Terisa as she starts her last year of college. We are all praying that she fulfills all her "major's" requirements so we can come to her graduation. **THANK YOU AGAIN for your vital role in our ministries. Your faithful prayers, support, and heart for mission are the three strands of "the Rope" from you to us.**