

THE JOEL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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*One of our Filipino church members, Mr. Noel Comendador, is the resident engineer at the Pohnpei Port Authority. He and his wife Mila have been here for many, many years. Last week, Brother Noel asked me to be one of the observers at the Plane Crash Simulation demonstration on the runway. The coordinator is an FAA official who flew in from Los Angeles and his assistants were from Hawaii, Saipan, and the Marshall Islands. The pretend crash victims were College of Micronesia students, with bloodied and burnt body make-up that looked so real. Among the hundred plus "Official Observers," were the "Evaluators" who were heads of hospitals, policemen, firemen, Red Cross workers, EMTs, and the whole works. After the make-believe crash, most of the evaluators verbally agreed that it was the fastest, most efficient performance that they had seen. I was really impressed. My mind recalled the urgency of Jude 23. **"And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire..."** Chills ran up and down my spine as I heard hundreds of "make-believe victims" screaming at the top of their lungs in pain and agony, hoping against hope that someone with the compassion of Christ would rescue them from perishing. Pray for us as we do our part in fulfilling the Great Commission here.*

My daughter and her best friend, Margorie John, and Margorie's Mom, Ginny, held the "first" VBS in their predominantly Catholic village this past summer. After they were introduced to it, the kids, especially those who got saved, would not stay away from Sunday School and Bible Club. Over the next weeks, most of these kids have come to personally trust the Lord as Savior. I had the great honor of leading some of them to the Lord. What we are seeing here may be the beginning of a church in the village of Paliais, Nett. Please pray for the germination, fertilizing, watering, and nurturing of these seeds. Pray also for laborers because the fields are white unto harvest.

Camp Rejoice will be ready for camping when we build another large building or a set of cabins to accommodate both boys and girls. Right now we can only have either boys or girls, but not both at the same time. Please pray for the Camp Fund. We are working on finishing the floor for the multi-purpose building. It is a 40'x 20' floor that is half covered in treated plywood and half concrete with a 20 foot hallway.

Please pray also for a new convert's class that we set up at our Christian School for students who get saved. Two of our Bible teachers are heading this up and we are seeing good results. Many of our students are also attending our Kid's Bible Club on Wednesday nights. The majority of these kids are from unsaved homes.

Thank you again for your faithful prayers and support. May the Lord abundantly bless you all.

The Joels