

THE JOEL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Praying Friends,

Someone has wisely stated that *“revival does not come from a far country in an evangelist’s briefcase, but rather begins in the heart of God’s people who have prayed and yearned for spiritual awakening and a reaffirmation of their commitment to the Lord and the Great Commission.”* We praise the Lord for a great week of revival at the **Truth Independent Baptist Church**. Our host, Pastor Ricardo Vera Cruz, had so arranged the schedule that each night, one of the six pastors would preach a revival sermon. Please PRAY for the souls that were saved and the believers who got right with the Lord. A highlight of the revival meeting was when two sisters-in-law stood up during the invitation, ran into each other’s arms, and hugged each other for the first time in many years. They had an unresolved argument for all of this time. Immediately, the Holy Spirit convicted the hearts of many of their relatives, who had taken sides and would not speak to each other. The altar was flooded with folks, praying and weeping tears of repentance, and that night Heaven truly came down and God’s glory really filled our souls.

THANK YOU for your prayers, our founder, Peter Welles, in spite of his many other ailments, came out of his by-pass surgery doing fairly well. His diabetic condition caused his wounds to heal slower than expected. Since returning from the Philippines Heart Center, he has been house bound due to a minor infection at the site of the harvested blood vessel that was used to replace five blocked arteries. Another praise item was the success of our two VBS (Vacation Bible School) organized by our church folks for two consecutive weeks. Some of the kids who were saved are already attending our church services.

Our camp construction was slightly delayed, due to a series of funeral services for our church folks’ lost family members. Like the saying goes: *“Everybody is related to somebody on these small islands.”* We have hand-mixed and poured concrete in the footing area of our 12’ x 12’ square foundation for “our first” one thousand plus gallons rain catchment. The next step is to put up the rebar-banded, flat, tin frame, and then pour concrete around the bottom of the frame both inside and out. This will need to cure for a week before plastering the inside and outside surfaces. The flat tin had to be punctured all over to keep the plaster from slipping off like “water off a duck’s back.” Our young people will be sifting the sand for plastering next weekend.

Our church anniversary is this weekend. **Calvary Baptist Church** will be 38 years old! We had postponed the celebration from July 14th until August 7, in order for our founder, Pastor Welles, to participate.

Since I am a missionary, a pastor, and a teaching administrator for our Christian school, I have joined our school staff for a week long, daily in-service video session. Please PRAY for our school staff as we serve over 300 students in our school. We have new enrollees in every grade level this year. Our theme for this year is **“Vessels for His Glory”**(Romans 9:21-24). Pray for my two principles and me as we make decisions and preside over this great mission field. Our school has already been marked as *the best private school in Micronesia*. Pray that we will always remember to give God the glory.

Thank you,

The Joels