



Pacific Islands Bible College

and

Pacific Islands Outreach Program

NEWSLETTER OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS BIBLE COLLEGE *April 2020* AND THE PACIFIC ISLANDS OUTREACH PROGRAM

Greetings to all Christians and students of PIBC who are in the Pacific, *3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, 5 for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; 7 just as it is right for*

me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace. (Philippians 1:3-7) I hope that you are encouraged by the words of Paul to the church at Philippi, because these are my words to all the churches of Christ and you PIBC students throughout the Pacific Islands.

B I B L E C O L L E G E

NEWS.....

Growing and Growing We thank God that the Pacific Islands Bible College continues to grow and grow. We thank all of you out in the Pacific, because you are making the Lord's church and the college grow. We hope that you are *"growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"* (2 Peter 3:18) through PIBC courses.

PIBC HAS ADDED ANOTHER LOCATION....I had wanted to take PIBC to Guam, but it took the Joey Treat family moving to Guam to work as a missionary family to make it happen. Joey has always worked very closely with me in doing many projects for PIBC. He has always promoted and been a joy to work with in Saipan, Palau and Chuuk. Joey was happy and so helpful to me in setting up the first PIBC course to be taught in Guam at the North Guam church of Christ



church building. I taught the PIBC course on Hermeneutics (How To Study The Bible). We had Christians from two congregations attend the class.

PIBC IS ADDING ANOTHER FULL-TIME STAFF & INSTRUCTOR....We are truly excited about adding another full-time staff/teacher to PIBC. With PIBC growing every year and us adding more locations we need more instructors. I would like to introduce Nathaniel & Rachel Ferguson as our new addition.



He has been married for seven years and they have two children who are brother and sister. They are long-term adoptive placements. Nathaniel is the son of brother Stacy Ferguson. He obeyed the gospel in 2003. He is a graduate of the Memphis School of Preaching. Nathaniel has been the associate minister for the Adamsville church of Christ for 6 years. He made his first trip to teach a PIBC class in 2011 and has made numerous trips teaching PIBC classes with Stacy Ferguson and Robert Martin. You will be seeing more of Nathaniel in the Pacific and Rachel as she can come.

NEWS ABOUT PACIFIC ISLANDS BIBLE COLLEGE & PACIFIC ISLANDS OUTREACH



Two more Pacific Islands Bible College students receive their diploma. Brother Eddie Karris who was the first Ni-Vanuatuan baptized into Christ in that country. Eddie is a faithful, delightful, and very intelligent brother in Christ. He is 87 years age and he loves the truth. I want to thank Randy English presenting brother Eddie his diploma.

The second person to receive their diploma was sister Gloria Rivida who is a faithful and dedicated Christian lady. She is always smiling and greeting others as they come into the church services. She is a great encouragement to the ladies in the Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.



Those who graduate have given their time and energy to achieve this milestone in their Christians lives. They have been in class 375+ hours and have passed exams on 24_ courses to receive their diploma.

Robert H. Martin - Reporting

A GOOD FATHER AND MOTHER



What are some very important things for those who desire to be the kind of parents God wants? Let me suggest three:

1. SHOW THEM YOUR LOVE. Children are always changing. But when we show them love the changes come easier. Paul wrote, **"Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged"** (Colossians 3:21). The more hugs, kisses, and tenderness they receive the better. This is not just the rule for the mothers, but for fathers also.

2. REMEMBER YOU ARE THEIR TEACHER. God commanded Israel to **"Teach....diligently" your children God's will** (Deuteronomy 6:7). It is much easier to just slap a child when they do wrong rather

than teach. But your role as a parent is that of a teacher. Do not expect others to teach your children what God expects you to teach.

3. DO NOT BE AFRAID TO DISCIPLINE. Discipline is hard work. It is hard to correct your precious boy or girl. But God said, **"He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly"** (Proverbs 13:24). The word "promptly" means "immediately" do not put it off. Some things should be observed during discipline: **DO NOT INJURE THE CHILD, DO THE DISCIPLINE IN LOVE NOT ANGER, and APPLY IT PROMPTLY, FAIRLY, AND CONSISTENTLY.** The word "discipline" means "instruction". Solomon said, **"Chasten your son while there is hope...."** (Proverbs 19:18). This means do not wait too long to start. Your children's future depends on you being a good, fair, loving parent who can discipline them.

Robert H. Martin