

Serving U.S. Military Families in Japan

The McKittrick Family

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The holiday season seemed to fly by! We were very busy preparing Thanksgiving meals and Christmas meals and New Year's meals. Military missions is all about eating ☺. Not really, but having opportunities to gather together around the holidays is important in this type of ministry. Most of our folks can't go home for Christmas. They stay here in Japan and spend the holidays with their "military family" and their "church family." We had a great Thanksgiving Day Dinner. Many people attended including seven single airmen. It was a blessing to have them and feed them. They like to eat...a lot. ☺

Please pray for our single airmen. It is a challenging time for them to wear the uniform. Matt, from Boston, shared with me that he felt very awkward walking through an airport wearing his uniform. He said he was getting a lot of looks that weren't the "we're proud of you" looks. I tried to encourage him and told him there were many churches and individuals that love our military and support their troops! Please pray for us as we desire to make 2016 a year that increases our outreach to our single/unaccompanied service members on Yokota Air Base.

In November, we celebrated "Friend Day" and the 40th anniversary of Yokota Baptist Church. Not a single charter member was in attendance! Uncle Sam has moved them all down the road! BIM! Military Missionaries, Bro. Ron and Mrs. Barbara Parrott, were passing through from the Tinian Islands and Bro. Ron was our guest speaker. It was a wonderful service and we had several visitors.

We began the New Year with a Watch Night Service. We had preaching, singing, testifying, ping-pong battles, snacks and rang in the New Year by observing the Lord's Supper as the clock struck 12:00 am. An Air Force Technical Sergeant (E-6) and a retired Air Force Chief Master Sergeant (E-9) spoke to our hearts and were a blessing. Please be encouraged (in spite of what the news media may tell you) that you have some men and women of godly character still actively serving in our US military.

Finally, a goal we have in 2016 is to move closer to the place where we can buy the property where the church sits. If you would like to partner with us in this endeavor, you can send contributions to BIM!, Yokota Building Fund, Account #1302. We are grateful for any and everything you are able to give. To God be the glory!

We hope you have a wonderful 2016. Thank you for all the prayers and gifts and cards. You folks are a real blessing to our family. Please go back and read that last sentence again, slowly. I want you to know we mean it! We love you all. God bless.



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