

*Serving U.S. Military Families in Japan*

## THE MCKITTRICK FAMILY

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Dear Pastor, church and praying friend,

Happy New Year from the "Land of the Rising Sun"...that lives in spiritual darkness. As we drove past a large Shinto/Buddhist Temple in the New Year, I saw many Japanese families leaving the temple carrying an arrow. Every year people bring last year's arrow, have the priest burn it, and then buy a new arrow for good luck. Commonly, people also place white strips of zig-zag cut paper, and green spruce branches on their doors to keep the evil spirits away. They also place these good luck charms at all places in the house through which water enters, i.e. sinks, bathtubs, and kitchen faucets, for the same reason. The Bible says "...the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not" (II Cor. 4:4).

In an effort to reach more Japanese, we passed out Christmas gospel tracts (attractively designed by Haruna) with little candy canes at the nearby train station. We sang Christmas carols and passed out 245 tracts in about an hour. One American woman passed by that day, got a tract and candy cane, then she, her husband and their three children came to church the next day! They have been faithfully attending ever since! To God be the glory!

Sunday, November 5, was a first for us. That morning we had ZERO active duty personnel in attendance! There was a reason: President Donald J. Trump was visiting the Yokota Air Base and giving a speech at Hangar 15 at 10:00 am. Of course, when the Commander in Chief of the entire Armed Forces shows up to your base and wants to give a talk, you better be there! The local area outside the gate was packed with Japanese police officers, and on the base folks had to wait four hours to get a chance to meet the President. On a roadside gate I saw a sign in huge letters: Japan Loves Trump! Please continue to pray for our leaders to seek the wisdom that comes from above as they make difficult decisions in the days ahead, especially in this area of responsibility.

God blessed us on November 19 as we held our annual Friend Day at the church. We had a total of 14 first time visitors! Veteran BIMl military missionary Ron Parrott was visiting with us and preached that morning. A young man I led to the Lord two years ago was also visiting and he preached in the evening after a testimony from a young man he led to the Lord last year. The gospel is still the power of God unto salvation!

For the New Year we held a "Watchnight Service" from 7:00 pm till midnight. Several of our men spoke and we had a wonderful time of fellowship. One man, who last year was lost and on his way to hell, this year was saved and proclaiming the gospel from behind the pulpit. Is there any thing too hard for the LORD? He is so very good to us and we are thankful to be serving Him in Tokyo. Thank you for your faithfulness to keep us here with your prayers and financial support. We pray you have a wonderful New Year and that God continues to bless you as you serve Him.



Bro. Ron Parrott visits



Ladies Bible Study



Marshall's Baptism



Caroling at a local nursing home

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