

Serving U.S. Military Families in Japan

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Dear Pastor, Church and Praying Friend,

Hello again from the land of the rising sun! We trust you are doing great in your part of the world. Thank you for your constant prayers and encouragements along the way; we are so grateful to serve the Lord together with you.

In March we held a Ra-Men's night out. We had eight men from the church attend and we all slurped some noodles together. We filled the seating of the ramen shop where we went. It is a blessing to work and fellowship with some of the finest men on the planet.

We had several first time visitors over the last two months. I believe that is due to the faithfulness of some of our folks to be busy on "soul patrol." We depend heavily on training and encouraging our folks to be soul conscious and on having them invite the military service members and families they work with and live beside. Since we are not allowed to go door knocking on base, it behooves our members to lift up their eyes and look on the harvest. We have seen several first time visitors because of their efforts, for which we praise the Lord.

The summer months are the months when military members move to their new assignments. We have recently lost several families due to this process, and we ask that you would pray that God would send in "re-enforcements" in the days and months ahead. We have seen the Lord move two new families to Yokota Air Base, and they have recently joined the church. One is a 21-year-old jet mechanic, and the other is a couple of 20 year olds that have been married for six months and found themselves in Tokyo for their first assignment. We thank God for these folks and are grateful to preach the Word of God to them and see them grow in the faith.

April concluded with our first ever Marriage/Family Revival Conference. A Bible college friend of mine, Pastor Michael Poindexter, and his wife Rikki-beth were able to be with us as the conference speakers. On Monday night Pastor Poindexter preached on relationships. On Tuesday night, we divided the meeting into men and women and Pastor Poindexter addressed the men and Mrs. Poindexter spoke to the ladies. Wednesday was family night, and we had pizza before service and then heard an encouraging message on the "10 Commandments of a Successful Relationship." This conference was very well attended, complete with first time visitors from the base. Family/Marriage is a hot topic among military folks and this meeting really helped some folks—see some comments below:

"Loved the night service. The Lord spoke to my heart. Plan on being present for the remainder of the conference!"

"I am enjoying this conference so much! Local people, if you don't have plans, come on out."

"It has started and it's sooooooo good!"

"As a single woman, I was so encouraged by your marriage. You live what you preach, and you showed me that doing things God's way is the best way."

Please continue to pray for our military families and the stresses laid upon them.

Once a month we take up a "Buy the Land Offering." Our folks have been meeting the goal each month, and we thank you for your partnership in this great endeavor as well. Thank you for your giving! If you would like to help us raise money to buy the land on which the church sits you can send all donations to BIMl and mark it account #1302. We are closer today than we were yesterday ☺

God bless each of you. We love you all!

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