

THE Gardner Family

MINISTERING IN OKINAWA



“The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few” Matthew 9:37

Faithfully delivering the message of NEW LIFE in Christ to the nationals of Okinawa, Japan.

Dear Pastors and Friends,

January/February~25

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and HIS greatness is unsearchable. Ps 145:3
We have so many praises to sing to the Lord!!!! We are so thankful for the visitors that we have seen coming to church recently! Teruya (te-du-ya) a single retired nurse has been coming for a couple of months now. A couple in their 70s, Jim and Kuniko (koo-knee-ko) have been coming faithfully for about a month now. She was saved as a child, but he grew up Seventh Day Adventist and was disowned by his family when he was drafted in the military. His heart has been hard toward the church since then. Even though the messages are mostly in Japanese (I try to do English and Japanese) and I give him notes in English that he reads intently during the Japanese. We have been able to go golfing several times lately. Please pray for his salvation. Many of you have been praying for Shino (she-no) san. Recently her mom, Ms. Toma (toe-mah) has been coming from time to time. She lives far away, so she doesn't come often, but is very interested in what she is hearing and has seen a difference in her daughter since she has been learning about the Lord. Mr. Nagayama, a former City councilman that had a stroke 10 yrs ago and started reading the Bible. He has been riding his electric cart to church every Sunday. He has questions about what he has been reading and decided to attend church. He has raised his hand that he is a believer in Christ we praise the Lord for that. Pray that I can help him answer some of his questions and that he will continue to be faithful.



Our son, Cody, went to help our missionary friends, Paul & Sarah Johnson, in Aomori, Japan with snow removal. With an average annual Snow fall of 25ft, things get covered in a hurry and make it hard for ministry and life in general. He was able to help with the snow removal a long with spending some time snowboarding. The 2nd weekend, he helped with preparing for their annual one-day Snow Camp for kids. The attenders had fun sledding, having snowball fights and were given a simple gospel message. We are thankful that he was able to take a small mission trip to assist other missionaries in their outreach.



Mrs. Nakagami (naw-kaw-gaw-me) has been overwhelmed lately with many different things. They have been attending our church for a couple of years now. Her husband has been laid up for almost a year with back injuries, a light Stroke and a stomach hernia. One of the things she needed help with was clean up at her dad's (passed last year) house. The leader of the single GI's at Maranatha Baptist Church contacted me about a project that we needed help with. We were humbled at the group of 26 young US Military & church member volunteers who helped clear the overgrown property for her. The work done by the volunteers was a huge burden lifted from them. It was also a great testimony to the people living in the surrounding houses. I had an opportunity to interact with them and invite them to our Church.



Thank you for your prayers for Shino (she-no)san. She has been coming faithfully on Sunday and Bible study on Thursday, for about a year now. During a Saturday evening Bible Study, on the 25th, she prayed and accepted Christ as Savior!!!

Thank you for your faithful prayers!!!

In His Service,

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