

THE Gardner Family

MINISTERING IN OKINAWA

"The harvest truly is plentious, 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,

April 2025

The first week of April, we had the privilege of celebrating our 6th anniversary at Seaside Baptist Church!!! As we look back over the year, we are humbled at the blessings from the Lord. He has brought several new people to hear His Word taught. One lady, Mrs Iwanaga (E-wa-naw-ga) for several years, has brought her 3 girls. AS SOON as church was finished, she would leave quickly. Over the last several months, she has stayed and chatted upstairs with Heidi for a little bit before leaving. The Sigerests, Jim & Kuniko (koo-knee-ko) (he is American, she is Japanese), have been attending consistently each Sunday morning. Jim grew up Jehovah Witness and was shunned by his family when he joined the military during the Vietnam War. Mr Nagayama (naw-ga-ya-ma) was a politician many years ago. Some years back, he had a stroke and he had to step down. He has been reading the Bible and seeking after God ever since. The Lord led him to Seaside Baptist Church, where he has been so faithful! Mr Teruya (teh-du-ya) started coming to the church several months ago. Initially his attendance was sparce, but has been coming more lately. He is quiet and leaves quickly after church, but thankfully, he comes a little early, so we can talk. **Please pray for these men to be saved, Jim Sigerest, Mr Nagayama and Mr Teruya.**



Each April, we reveal our new theme for the year. This year our theme is "Rooted in Christ". Please pray that the Lord will use the messages over the next year to help us be "Rooted In Christ!"

This year for our Easter Egg Hunt, we were praying the rain away!!! It poured for several hours in the morning. The grass was wet, but the Lord held the rain off long enough to have the egg hunt!!! As soon as we started church, it started pouring again!! God is so good. One of our girls brought a friend. Each of them got to hear about the one TRUE God and what He did for them!!! Please pray that the Sunday school class will grow. There are days that 11 kids come. We would love to see them come consistently!!

We cannot thank you enough for your faithful prayers and support.

In His Service,

Dan & Heidi Gardner



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