

# 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 Pastor and Friends,

Sept./Oct

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of September we arrived back in Okinawa and got right into the swing of things. We got back on Friday and Cody was back to work on Monday!! No chance for jet lag there!! LOL While ministry is very different with our kids away, it is nice to be back in our own beds and on a consistent schedule.

October 13 there was a College Days event at the Kansai Independent Baptist College in Kobe City. Prospective students or even those who are curious about the college are invited to attend for the day. They attend classes, hear preaching and have a meal with the students and faculty. Being on the Board of the College I was asked to preach this year. Since we were going to be there, Heidi and I were asked to prepare lunch for the event. We decided to do a hamburger cookout. (not something Japanese do) There were about 65 people that attended and several of them were first timers to the college. Please continue to pray the Lord would move in the hearts of the young people to commit to serving Him.



Many years ago a couple of veteran missionaries built a house next to the college. As they grew older and some passed away, they returned to the States. Over the years this house has hosted new missionaries and married college students. After the College Days at the college, Heidi, Cody, and I stayed another several days to do some maintenance on the "Missionary House". Pray the Lord would send new missionaries or a married student or missionary family to start out in the Kansai area that could stay in the house.



On Oct 27<sup>th</sup> – Nov 1st I had the opportunity to help take group of 16 Americans from Maranatha Baptist Church in Okinawa to a Christian campground in Fukushima Prefecture. This camp ground Sustained damage to cabins during the Tohoku earthquake of 2011. For this Missions Trip, we were able to completely rebuild foundations for two cabins, repaired potholes in the driveway and parking lot, sanded and painted the metal stairs, hand rails, and wooden decking and cut down 4 large trees that were too close to the cabins. We were able to split all of the wood into firewood for the camp to use during the winter.



I can not thank you all enough for your faithful prayers and support.

In His Service,

Dan & Heidi Gardner

