

# 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,

Jan/Feb

And just like that, 2025 is gone!!! Pray for us as we Refresh, Renew, and Refocus, physically and spiritually for 2026.

For the last year, the Lord has brought the Carter family into our lives. He is American and she is (Muslim) from Tunisia, Africa. We don't have time for their Story, but please pray for Bryce, Imen, Zephyr and Zayne!! It is an abusive, alcohol... bad situation. Heidi has been able to share God's love so many times with her and the boys (3 & 5). Imen believes that we pray to the same God, which has made it hard to witness to her. Please pray for wisdom, open doors and for them to come to know the Lord.



Cherry blossom season is Heidi's favorite time of the year here!! The trees are so pretty! I took Heidi up to see the flowers and met up with a family that we have been trying to reach. This guy, Eito (eight toe) was so excited to run into us! Every time we have an event, he wants to be there. Many of you have been praying for Hiroya (he doe ya), came originally for English. Over the years, Hiroya has always kept in contact and introduced us to his girlfriend and her 2 boys.

We had them all over for a BBQ recently. Please pray for them as we try and reach them for the Lord. (Hiroya, Lisa, Kaiki (ky key) and Eito) The next week, we met up with some of our Sunday School kids at the Cherry Blossom Festival. It is always fun to spend extra time with the families of the church.

The end of January, as we were finishing up our curry lunch, a young Japanese mom, Rin(din) walked in with her baby (2 mos). She is searching for the truth about which God is true and who He is. Her husband is Filipino. Since we have 3 Filipinos in the church now, we decided to have a Filipino get together. Rin's husband usually works on Sunday, but he was able to take off the next week. It was a great time of fellowship and after Rin and her husband, Chris stayed around for over an hour asking questions about God and Christianity.



Cody and I were able to participate in a multi church soccer event. There were about 10-12 churches that came. It was a time of food, fun and fellowship amongst fellow Christians Thank you again for your prayers and support.

Please continue to pray The Lord is working here in Okinawa, Japan!!

In His Service,  
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