

# 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,

April 2026

A week after camp we had our Easter services and we had 30 people in the service which was a great encouragement to us and our people. We have had a new couple visiting our church lately. Carl and Yukari (you-kaw-di). Yukari has said that she believes, but Carl said that he doesn't know what he believes. Pray for Carl that he will hear and trust the Lord.



The following week was celebration weekend, where we celebrated seven years of ministry since the start of Seaside Baptist Church. We had Hiraoka Sensei (he-da-o-kaw) come to preach for us. We started our activities with a Saturday night men's dinner. We invited some unsaved men from our prospect list for a steak dinner and a Q&A time comprised of questions they previously submitted about church and/or Christianity. One of the guys, Hiroya (he-do-ya), and a coworker of his, Yuki (you-key) stayed a couple of hours after to talk and ask more questions. They said thank you and really enjoyed their time and learning more about the Lord and the Bible. Hiroya has been in my prayer letter for several years. Please continue to pray for him!! I truly believe the Lord is softening his heart.



On anniversary Sunday, we had a few visitors which pushed our total to 35 people. Hiraoka Sensei preached a powerful gospel message from Romans 5:8. After lunch, he held another Q&A time for our people. As a result of this, several understood their need for baptism, and expressed their desire to get baptized.

On 16 April I was back at the Bible college for College Orientation, first day of classes and the annual board meeting. While I was there, I was able to preach in college chapel and preach Wednesday night at the Senri New Town Baptist Church Pastored by my friend Eriya Ogawa.

The following Sunday, on April 19, after the service, I followed up with a young couple about salvation and baptism. A young wife named Rin (deen), bowed her head to accept Christ as her Savior!! Praise the Lord for this Salvation decision.



The month of April I also had an intern for about three weeks from Australia. Ethan was able to help me with outreach projects, IT projects, power washing the building, and replacing the carpet in the auditorium and in the entry of the church.

We also have a furlough planned this fall we would love to stop by and report if you're interested please email me so we can work out a time for us to stop by.

Thank you again for your support and may God bless you.

In His Service,  
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