

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,

May/June 2026

This year is flying right by!! Whew!! As I sit here typing this letter, I am once again amazed by our God and His goodness to the Seaside Baptist Church.

May was a full of fun and fellowship. The first week of May in Japan is Golden Week. Almost every day is a national holiday! The last couple of years, we have joined our previous church, Shinko Baptist Church for a church BBQ. It was fun to see the kids growing up and the families being faithful.

Bosco, A young entrepreneur from Hong Kong, has been visiting our church for several months. On Mother's Day, after the service I was talking to Chris, who was saved a few weeks earlier, about Baptism. Bosco was very interested but admitted he wasn't saved, Chris got excited and said, "Pastor can tell you how !?" I was able to share the gospel with him and he trusted Christ as Savior!! A couple of weeks later, I had the privilege of baptizing 5 people into the church!! There are still 4 more young people and 1 mom that have also been saved, that are needing to be baptized at our next Baptism Sunday.



We have been so thankful for the Filipinos that have joined our services over the last year. Weekly, we have 4 Filipinos. (Nelmar, Jordan, Rose, Chris) We also have Bosco (Chinese), a man from South Africa named Tebogo, Carl who is married to a Japanese lady, Jim is also married to a Japanese lady. They don't come every week, because of their work, but we are thankful that they come. Most of these speak good English but only a little Japanese, so we have started an English Sunday School lesson, so that those who speak English can be challenged and encouraged in their walk with Christ. We also started a Tagalog Bible Study once a month. I have a faithful Filipino Brother Trained in Ministry who attends a nearby church for the military families, come and teach the bible study. It has been such a blessing to see them grow in the Lord in their own language. And live out their faith through witnessing and serving in the church.

Please pray that these God has led our way will become faithful and see how the Lord can change their lives. We are praying for Tebogo, Carl and Jim to be saved!

One of our ladies, Shino San (she-no) has recently had some health problems and has not been coming. Please pray she can figure these things out and return to church. Shino San's mom, Toma (toe-ma) san has been coming off and on for about a year. Please pray for her salvation!!!

Thank you always for your faithful prayers and support.

In His Service,

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