



## "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." Matthew 28:6

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Quarterly Prayer Letter First Quarter, January to March 2024

Dear Pastors, Praying Partners, and Supporting Churches,

Happy Resurrection Easter Sunday! We serve a risen Saviour! Roma and I began this new year with much gratitude to God for the faithful prayers and support from all of you, and for the many marvelous works God had done in our ministry throughout the year 2023. Some highlights include: 50 souls saved (mostly Sailors temporarily deployed to Sasebo), 14 followed in believer's baptism (some have already relocated), one joined by statement of faith, and our children Jonathan and Jasmin stayed with us one more week after the New Year. They were such a blessing! On the downside, early this year we were plagued with sickness which affected many people in our church including me and my family. I had to cancel one of our Saturday's soul-winning outreach and one Wednesday night service due to my illness. Thank the Lord we were all healed and recovered.

Being sojourners in this land, we said "Sayonara" (means goodbye) to the brethren who are students from Nepal. They have been faithfully attending our church since July 2022, had successfully graduated from Japanese Language school and now had to move on to further their education. Also, God blessed my eye appointment at a military hospital in Hawaii. I will have a follow-up appointment this summer to do an outpatient procedure. Praises:

- Highest attendance of 45 despite sicknesses, travels, and work-related situations
- 43 first time visitors, mostly transient Sailors.
- Our men's quarterly prayer breakfast is now monthly.
- Joshua and Kyle, both Sailors joined our church by statement of faith.
- Great turnout on Valentine's Day Sunday worship service and Ladies Bible study.
- Easter Sunday with 10 visitors and two baptisms (husband Prince and wife Alv).

## Soul-Winning:

- Thank the Lord for enabling us to hand out over 340 Gospel tracts at Ginza shopping mall - mostly to the Japanese due to our military being out to sea or underway. There was no salvation decision, but we know it's the Holy Spirit who draws men unto Him.

- After one of our Saturday's soul winning, my wife and I made a follow-up visit to Natac

family, a Navy family. They are fruit of our Ginza soul winning and have been coming to church services faithfully. We learned that Aly (wife) is already saved, however, Prince (husband) wasn't saved. Shortly after sharing the Gospel, he settled his eternity by putting his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and received Him as his Saviour. Both followed the Lord in believer's baptism on Easter Sunday. Praise the Lord!



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## **Prayer Requests:**

- Pray for our Military Worldwide as they serve and deploy to various parts of the world and during separation from family - God's anointing upon me as I prepare messages and preach ... His will for us to stay in the mission field for many years

- We lost 11 folks due to relocation, please pray for stability on our membership to fill in the gaps in our ministries, to grow in grace and to know more about our Saviour

- More Divine Appointments, more souls to be saved
- Pray God will send to us shore duty Military instead of personnel assigned to ships who are susceptible to deployments

- Our health in general

We love you all and are praying for you especially the prayer requests sent to us.

Because Christ lives!

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