

"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 15:57

Quarterly Prayer Letter First Quarter, January to March 2025

Dear Pastors, Praying Partners, and Supporting Churches,

Oh, what a Saviour! God has done so much and answered so many of our prayers! As many of you know and have been praying for our visa extension for a while now. Prior to submitting our request, Roma took a trip to the Philippines to visit her older siblings she had not seen in seven years. One of the famous hymn that goes "Take the name of Jesus with you..." my wife did exactly that and shared the Gospel whenever there was opportunity. As a result, seven souls put their faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and got saved [see photos: Marcela (Roma's cousin), Lyn (at the Spa), Maribic (Roma's sister's maid), Missy & Jenna or Lyn (mall's cellphone vendors), Jenny & Karl (mall's shoe store vendors)]. Glory to God! One **BIG** news is that the Japanese government approved our visa extension for 3 years, hence, we are here to stay until April 2028, thank the Lord! We are praying that God keeps us here for as long as He wants. If the Lord is willing, we are planning to go on furlough summer of next year. Roma was also able to renew her Japanese driver's license and is good until 2028, praise God! These will not all be possible without your unwavering love and faithful prayers and support. Thank You is an understatement!

Praises:

- Highest attendance of 44 which doubled our first Sunday attendance in May 2022

- New addition to our church: Avelino & Juana (retired Navy couple, now civilian employee on base) by statement of faith, Jackson & Rosemarie (young Navy couple) by baptism, Jason by baptism & Apple (both civilian, Apple is a school teacher) by statement of faith, and Karen (also civilian school teacher, used to drive over two hours from her town, pays over 5,000 Yen in tolls and checks in to a hotel just to attend our Sunday worship service whenever her work schedule allows. She did this for over a year, what a commitment! God blessed her with a job in Sasebo and a place to live about 3 minutes from our church, God is so good!! She also joined our church by statement of faith and now also involved in ministries.

- Great turn-out during Valentine's Day Sunday

- Monthly church activities are growing; folks know the importance of fellowship.

- More folks have gone to the altar during the invitation, this past Sunday the altar was full! The Holy Spirit truly continues to work in the hearts of God's people.

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- Jordan, our very first college graduate who started attending our church services on our first Sunday...the Lord already blessed him with a job!

Soul-Winning:

- God enabled us to hand out over 990 Gospel tracts at Ginza outdoor shopping mall; three Sailors got saved (Glenn, Renaldo, & Rashad), five civilians: Zey (a merchant marine), Cosimo (an Italian tourist from a cruise ship), Jason (Apple's husband, also mentioned under *Praises*) and Deron & Warren (brothers, local school boys).

Prayer Requests:

- Our Military Men & Women safety worldwide as they serve faithfully to protect freedom, uphold peace, and defend our Nation both at home and abroad.

- That new converts on shore duty will come to church; Deron & Warren's Mom will bring them to church

- God's anointing upon me, health in general for me and Roma

- We are expected to lose four members and their families this year due to rotation, please pray that God sends new folks ready to serve the Lord

- More Divine Appointments, more souls to be saved

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

Because Christ lives!

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