



Merry Christmas



Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift. 2 Corinthians 9:15

Quarterly Prayer Letter

Fourth Quarter, October to December 2023

25 December 2023

Dear Pastors & Praying Partners,

Joy to the World the Lord is come! As we celebrate Christ's birth, may we also continue to be excited for His second coming. Trusting that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful to God for - first and foremost is our salvation, our families, our church(s), and the freedoms we enjoy today. We are thankful for your faithful prayers and support which enable us to continue to do God's work in the mission field. Many of you have blessed us with generous and wonderful Christmas gifts--Domo Arigato! May all of us try to share the unspeakable gift that God has given us with those around us, as the Holy Spirit leads.

It is with our deepest sorrow to inform you that Bro Glenn Owens has graduated to Heaven to be with the Lord. In 1994, God called Bro Owens, a US Marine, to plant a church called then Lighthouse Baptist Church (now Sasebo Baptist Church, I pastor) to start a military ministry. We are grateful for him and his wife for their faithful service to the Lord especially to the many souls saved in their ministry.

PRAISES: We are praising the Lord Jesus Christ for the many wonderful works He has done in our ministry. We are thankful that He made sure we stay busy doing about the Father's business. Sunday services attendance is steady averaging upper 30's, despite several families traveling, Sailors on duty, and/or sickness in the families. The Lord blessed us with new members; Noriel, a Sailor joined our church. Five new converts followed believer's baptism were added to our church: [Akito (7-year-old boy), Nick (Sailor), Maria (civilian), David (Sailor), and Tabitha (Sailor)]. Great turn-out during our special events: Veteran's Day service, our American-Japanese Friend Day with guest speaker Bro Dan Gardner Sr and his wife Terri with a total of 40 in attendance, and our very first Family Conference with Bro Rodney Parrott. We had 38 folks during our Christmas Eve/Candlelight service and a full altar during the invitation, followed by a luncheon, gift exchange, and fun games. Our children Jonathan and Jasmin came to spend Christmas with us. We had Christmas specials every Sunday from our Ladies and Men's Ensembles; Theodore and Jasmin also had solos.



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SOUL WINNING OUTREACH: Three Sailors and a dependent wife got saved: Tabitha, Juliano & Cleopatra - a Navy couple, and Elijah. We handed out over 280 Gospel tracts in Oct/Nov and over 660 in December at Ginza shopping mall. One Saturday, we encountered opposition from a business owner across from our assigned space. He reported us to the police and wanted to kick us out saying that we shouldn't be there. Praise God we had our approval permit, therefore, the police said, "it's ok". The devil tried to win the victory, but as always, the Lord and His work prevails! Praying for God's protection and salvation of this business owner

PRAYER REQUESTS: Our military's protection and those who are not able to be with their families and loved ones. More souls to be saved and recent converts to be baptized. We will lose 13 folks (including children) due to rotation beginning next month, please pray that God sends new folks to fill in the gaps to serve in various ministries of our church (soul winning, children, cleaning, ushers, music, sound system)

God Bless You All in 2024 and may our lovely Lord Jesus Christ be glorified through our lives throughout the New Year!

Because Christ lives!

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