

## THE CALLAHANS TO JAPAN

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Hebrews 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.



**Shu ni Eiko!** "Glory to The Lord!" As the case is with everyone else in the world, 2020 has been a very trying year. How do we walk away from 2020? Do we walk away bitter or do we walk away saying, "wow, I'm so glad that is over!" We do have the option of looking back at 2020 and saying, "thank you Lord for going through that with me." Hebrew 13:5 says, "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." I do not know what 2020 was for you, but for Susan and me, it was a year that strengthened our faith and made us more aware of His presence in our lives.

**Update on the lockdown.** Having moved the church into our house, "in-person services" have been challenging due to space. Complying with the military requirements of Social Distancing, limits the number of people we can have in service. Most of the people that come to LBC are military related, either active duty, dependents, civilian workers, or contractors and must abide by these rules even at 'off base' establishments.

A new aspect that we do not often deal with is the local Japanese restrictions because of the coronavirus. We are blessed with faithful people attending Lighthouse, coming from off base. Yvette is an example of someone born in Singapore, raised in New Zealand, that now works in the Japanese schools. She must respect and obey the requirements set by the Japanese government.

The number of people coming to church as of now allows us to social distance. If we have any visitors, we must adjust our seating arrangements. One way we do just that is to have services outside.

It has been a blessing for Susan and me to have special opportunities to witness to several soldiers and marines. The lock down has given us more opportunities to witness on the bases due to the limited places the military is permitted to go "off base." Food Courts, gyms, and commissaries "on base," have been great places to start up conversations and share how sovereign our God is.

"Going with the flow" has taken on a new meaning for us. We are week to week with base restrictions and the changes that are made in these guidelines. When I say base restrictions, there are a lot of off base restrictions also. No indoor dining off base, no shopping or sightseeing that is indoor and where you cannot socially distance. All these continual changes make it exceedingly difficult to plan and to keep the church connected to each other. Please pray specifically for the need of fellowship among the believers.

**Update on family.** A lot has happened since our last prayer letter. We announced that Matthew and Jessica are expecting their second child in March and that our son Seth is getting married in May to a lovely young lady whose name is Teryn. This prayer letter, we are excited to announce Aaron and Heather are expecting their third child in June. Our cup truly runneth over with blessings.

A Blessed ending to a difficult year! A bright spot happened on 22 November that was very encouraging for us! One of our very faithful visiting families, Zander, Ashley, Archer, and Arowen, joined Lighthouse. We also had the honor and privilege of dedicating Archer and Arowen to the Lord, the same Sunday.



Ministry Praises: We can live stream our services. We are still allowed on base to visit locked in church members. WE would like to take this opportunity to say a special THANK YOU! to all of you who sent love offerings over the Holidays!

<u>Personal Prayer requests:</u> Pray that we will be able to travel for the wedding and to see our new Grandbabies.

<u>Family Praises and Prayer requests:</u> Seth and Teryn's wedding in May, Matthew and Jessica's second child arriving in March, and Heather and Aaron's third child due in June.

Your missionary, <i>Chuck Callahan</i> , Acts 26:18				
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