

THE CALLAHANS TO JAPAN

CHUCK, SUSAN, KATHERINE, SETH, AND JONATHAN SERVING THE US MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES SINCE 2002

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Psalm 91:1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Psalm 91:2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Psalm 91:3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

Shu ni Eiko! "Glory to The Lord!" The last prayer letter seems so long ago. Since I wrote it, the world has literally turned upside down. We like everyone else have had to change how we live our lives. We have started streaming our services over Facebook at Lighthouse Baptist Church Okinawa. We live stream Sunday Morning at 10:30am Japan time. Then I bring a challenge out of God's Word on Wednesday Nights at 7:00pm Japan time.

Just a simple trip to the commissary or PX has changed? There are red lines at the checkout to help you with social distancing. They have less tables at the food court and they are spaced to ensure safe distances.

Rationing of certain items have become the norm. Now these are all physical and we can adjust to them. As of this writing, we have 13 confirmed cases on Okinawa. Two of those cases are airmen at Kadena Air Base and one is a family member. Life on this small island of Okinawa, Japan hasn't changed much (yet), it is just making its way to us.

So how can you pray for us? What are the big challenges and stress points? The COVID-19 has changed our lives just as it has yours. Yes, we have changed the way we go out into public. Yes, we have changed our way we to do our services.

The BIG prayer requests! Pray for the 25,000 US military on Okinawa and the 25,000 US military on mainland Japan and the thousands of military personnel around the world that are separated from their families during this time. All transfers and leaves have been canceled until further notice. On our island of Okinawa all military families are locked down to their bases. They call it R.O.M. (Restriction Of Movement) This also includes all schools are closed and everyone is now experiencing "home schooling." We praise the Lord for modern day technology but being here as your loved ones are thousands of miles away during this outbreak adds a tremendous amount of stress on single service members whose lives already have more stress than the normal person. Now, let's talk about the 40,000 plus family members, spouses, children, civilian workers, and yes, missionaries that are on Okinawa, not to mention the thousands everywhere else. The prayer requests are simple:

- 1) Protection from the virus
- 2) A Spiritual awaking
- 3) That we will have ministry opportunities while we still have access to the bases
- 4) That people will; But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen. 2Peter 3:18

Ministry Praises: We can live stream our services. We are still allowed on base to visit locked in church members.

Ministry and Personal Prayer requests: Pray for our outreach ministry and that we see more visitors. Protection while we are ministering on base.

<u>Family Praises and Prayer requests:</u> Our children back in states, (and GRANDCHILDREN!). So far none of them have lost their jobs or have been ill. Katherine and Seth were able to stay on campus at PCC, even though the college is not having classes because they are contract workers.

Your missiona	ry, Chuck Callahan A	cts 26:18	
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