



THE CALLAHANS TO JAPAN

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*I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.
1 Corinthians 3:6*



Shu ni Eiko! “Glory to The Lord!” DISCOURAGEMENT IS EASIER THAN PATIENCE!

That may sound like a strange opening to a prayer letter, but that has been my lesson over the past several years. When things are going good, it’s easy to shout praises and say God is Good. But when our labors have not seen fruit for a while, we start questioning ourselves which leads to questioning God. So what is the point, I’m very good at discouragement, so I’m working very hard to replace it with patience.

Mid-March while hanging flyers in the towers on Camp Foster, Esther was walking her dogs. When she saw my van with the Lighthouse Baptist Church magnets on it, she stopped and stared at the magnets for a few minutes. She asked me where our church was. I could tell she was emotional and that something had just happened that meant something to her. I asked her if she was OK and she said she was having a really bad day. She shared with me that her family has had trouble finding a church and they were ready to give up. She asked God to help her and her family find a good church. To make a long story short, Tom and Esther showed up to church with their two teenage children the next Sunday. They came back a second time and told me they wouldn’t be here the following Sunday. They had already planned a trip to Korea to see her family but assured me that they would be back the following Sunday. Please pray for this family as they seek God’s will in their lives.

If that wasn’t enough to get me shouting, the following week, a young sailor named Jennifer contacted me through the church’s Facebook page. Susan picked her up Sunday morning and they had a great time of fellowship. Then Susan asked her if she would like to spend sometime together, so she took a Friday off and they spent the day together. They passed out tracts and cleaned the church after our big remodeling project. She was back the following Sunday and spent the afternoon with us.

If that wasn’t enough to get me shouting, the following week, a man contacted me through one of the tracts Susan and Jennifer passed out and he and his family was planning to visit this past Sunday, but contacted me at 6:30 am and told me he had been called into work. He sounded very disappointed and said we will see him soon.

If that wasn’t enough to get me shouting, a young lady named Yvette will be joining the church this coming Sunday. She wrote Susan and I these very overwhelming letters telling us what we have meant to her and how God has used us in her life, (especially Susan helping her through some rough times). She is a single young lady who teaches English at a local High School. She is originally from Singapore and grew up in New Zealand. Please pray for continued protection and spiritual growth for her.

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. These are some of the pictures of phase one of our remodeling project.



A special thank you to Missionary Ken and Vicki Mansell who came all the way from Teshio, Hokkaido, Japan to co labor with us through this part of our remodeling project.

Ministry Praises: Visitors, new member, phase one of our remodeling project almost completed.

Ministry and Personal Prayer requests: Pray that the money for the remodeling Phases 2 and 3 come in. These are smaller projects but still cost a lot due to the Okinawan economy. Continue to pray for our outreach ministry and we see more visitors.

Family Praises and Prayer requests: Our daughter Heather and Aaron were able to find a nice apartment and are settling in well.

Your missionary, *Chuck Callahan* Acts 26:18

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