



THE CALLAHANS TO JAPAN

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

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"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9



Shu ni Eiko! "Glory to The Lord!" 2020 started like most years have started since I can remember. Hopes and dreams of the coming year, looking forward to what God has instore for me, my family, and the church. Preparing for spring rotation when new families arrive on island. Then watching the year unfold in front of you, most of the time it unfolds completely different then you think it would. 1969, I watched man land on the moon for the first time, the world had changed. 1978, I left the small town of Millersport, Ohio, my world had changed. 1982, met and married my best friend, once again, my world changed. 1983, our first child was born, enough said. 1986, salvation, my eternity changed. 1999, retirement from the Army and started deputation. 2001 the Twin Towers changed the world. 2002, arrived in Japan and started a brand-new life. All these things were defining moments in my life. I have to say, 2020 will be one of those years that changed the world. As hard as I try to return to normal, normal has changed. Everywhere I go and everyone I talk to; the world has changed. Praise the Lord we have the promise that God does not change. **Malachi 3:6 For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed. Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.**

That also means the need for the Gospel has not changed. Father's Day was a huge day at



Lighthouse Baptist Church. Not only was the military allowed off base, they were allowed to attend off base services. What a blessing to have almost everyone back, (we had a family out with sick children, as Bro. Jerry said, "for three months they have been healthy and ready to go, then when we're allowed to go, they get colds"), and as they say, the icing on the cake, we had visitors. They drove from Naval Station White Beach which is over forty-five minutes away. Both said they would be back. They grew up Catholic but was incredibly open to learning more and open to the Gospel.

As of this letter, they still are not allowing normal rotations to Japan to happen. That means no one leaving, no one coming. There are exceptions, but they are far and few between. With that said, we are looking forward to August when all that changes. Normal PCS's, (Permanent Change of Station), are supposed to start happening. When the gates open, there should be a flood of new servicemembers, families, and civilians arriving on Okinawa. I am already planning and preparing. We have completed a lot of renovations on the building, new T-shirts, and polo shirts to wear on base with the church name and logo on it. In July I will order new signs to hold up outside the bases to invite people to our services. If you would like to keep up with us, please go to Lighthouse Baptist Church Okinawa on Facebook to see pictures and updates.

We want to thank all of you, for staying faithful throughout this incredibly tough time. With the lock down, unrest, and uncertainty going on in the world, we could feel very isolated being so far from home.

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.

Family Praises and Prayer requests: 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 missionary, *Chuck Callahan* Acts 26:18

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