



THE CALLAHANS TO JAPAN

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

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And when he had saluted them, he declared particularly what things
God had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry. **Acts 21:19**



Shu ni Eiko! “Glory to The Lord!” When we think of the ministry of missionaries, we think about passing out tracts, Bible studies, foreign countries and people that speak another language. Webster’s 1828 defines Ministry: The office, duties or functions of a subordinate agent of any kind.

1. Agency; service; aid; interposition; instrumentality.

He directs the affairs of this world by the ordinary ministry of second causes.

2. Ecclesiastical function; agency or service of a minister of the gospel or clergyman in the modern church, or of priests, apostles and evangelists in the ancient. Acts 1. Rom.12. 2 Tim.4. Num.4.

Most people think of the second definition. A preacher on his knees praying, studying the Word of God in a different language. In our case, the language of the military.

But what about the first definition. Service and aid. When we arrived in Okinawa three years ago, we moved into a house with empty lots all around us. The lots had very high grass which being from the country meant critters to me. On Okinawa they have one critter I don’t want to run into, Mr. Habu. Mr. Habu is a poisonous snake that doesn’t like to be bothered and I don’t want to be bothered by him.

So, we went about to do a service. We wanted to aid in the clearing and upkeep of these lots. I wanted to make it less desirable for Mr. Habu to want to live in these empty lots. In the past three years, something amazing has happened. The huge lot next to us is now the Maehara Base View Hotel. Since it has opened, many Americans and people from foreign countries have stayed there. We look forward to the day someone sees our signs and stops in.

The lot behind us is owned by an elderly lady with two grown handicapped children, and has come out and helped us with the lot.

As many of you know, we rent the building beside us, and the lot on the other side is owned by the neighbors living next to the church. We tried to rent the lot so that we could park cars there, but they refuse payment and they allow us to use the lot for free all through the week. On mainland Japan, we paid a \$1000 a month for eight parking spaces. We can park eight cars there easily. Their daughter, Mai, has actually started coming to Susan’s English-Bible study every week.

Susan’s English-Bible Study has grown and continues to grow. Just by providing a Service and trying to aid our neighbors. At first, we did not see it as a “ministry according to definition two. We just saw it as a way to keep Mr. Habu out and to make the yards look nice. But the relationships that are continuing to grow, people watching us everyday as we go about our normal routine has turned it into so much more. It’s turned into a ministry. The hair dresser across the street, the older husband and wife who wouldn’t even smile at me, now smiles and waves at me first. The grumpy neighbor who’s daughter says he would never speak English, try’s and speaks English with me. When Bro. Mansell was working on the building, he came over and sat down and actually taught Bro. Mansell some Okinawan words. Lesson learned, you don’t always have to look for a ministry, sometimes just doing what your doing can turn into a ministry.

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

Ministry and Personal Prayer requests: Pray for our outreach ministry and that we see more visitors. Pray for the finances to complete the remodeling of our building. We still have smaller projects to complete, but still cost a lot due to the Okinawan economy.

Family Praises and Prayer requests: Heather and Aaron are expecting their second child in December. Katherine and Seth as they work through the summer at Pensacola Christian College.

Your missionary, *Chuck Callahan* Acts 26:18

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