

June/July 2018

Dear Pastors and Co-laborers,

Greetings in the Name above all other names, Jesus Christ! We pray this update finds each of you enjoying your summer and the marvelous goodness of our Father. We want to thank each of you for your prayers and continued support. It is truly an honor to see God moving and to be a part of what is happening at North Shore Baptist Church (NSBC). We have had a total of 32 visitors in the last two months and we are averaging twenty to twenty-five in our Sunday services. We have been blessed over the last couple months to hand out an excess of 1,300 tracts and are seeing the fruit from our labors on Friday nights.



June brought the beginning of summer and some great steps forward at NSBC. First, we were blessed to come together as a body of Christ and agree on the future Constitution and By-Laws of NSBC. In the process of writing and reviewing these documents it was so amazing to see the people grow. We were honored to see two people rededicate themselves to the Lord and experience the growth they have had since their decision. We were also honored to hold the first fathers day service. We had seven fathers in service and are proud to announce that six of them still attend services. We took a church trip to a local pineapple park and burger house. We were able to enjoy our lunch with a young Marine and her fiancé named Anthony. Anthony lived a very rough life and has not had good experiences with "religion", as a matter of fact, he had all but sworn off church and God. We were able to share the gospel and witness to Anthony in a great way that day. He has since visited services several times and has been slowly changing his beliefs toward God. Please pray with us that Anthony will not stop his

journey of faith and will come all the way to the foot of the Cross, receiving Christ as his Saviour. We can never change what has been done to people in the past...all we can do is show them Christ and pray they see Him through our lives. Jesus told us the second greatest commandment was, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." (Matthew 22:39) It is through this love for others that they will be able to see Christ in us.

We are so amazingly blessed to have the opportunity to minister to these young Marines and families that are faithfully attending services at NSBC. The beginning of July brought with it typhoon Prapiroon. We were forced to cancel services do to the restrictions on the Marines. However, the very next Sunday we were able to take up a special offering for new flooring for NSBC. I had announced through the month of June that we would be taking up the offering so we could

purchase flooring and improve the church facility. This is the first time the church was faced with a special offering and they came through in an awesome way. With the help of a VBS group in Houston Texas, the church was able to give all the money needed for the future flooring. I was so excited to put the flooring on order and am looking forward to having it installed. When it is finished, people will be able to kneel on carpet instead of concrete. That's not all...July also brought with it our first baptismal service. We have been teaching and training new converts and young christians since the beginning of NSBC. For our first baptismal service we were honored to baptize three in the largest baptistery in the world, the Pacific ocean! The day was beautiful, the weather was perfect, the ocean was gorgeous, the church was alive and God was and is GOOD!



The upcoming months bring the BIMI Asia Military Missionary Conference and the charter service for NSBC. Please pray that God continues to move in the hearts of the people of NSBC as we grow as a church. Also, please pray for NSBC as we endeavor to reach our area with the Gospel, battling Satan on his doorstep in Kin village. Finally, please pray for the health and wellbeing of our family as we continue to serve our Military serving on Okinawa. God bless each of you as you faithfully serve Him.

Because of Calvary, Stuart & Michelle Jellison

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