



Dear Pastors and Co-laborers,

October/November 2019

I wish to begin this letter by praising God for His abundant mercies and grace! We are honored to be in the place that He has called us to minister. It is by His goodness that we are able to persevere in the ministry. Second, I thank each of you for your continued prayers and financial support. We understand that life is busy especially with all the holidays in the last part of the year. It is our honor to continue representing each of you as your representative to the U.S. Military here on Okinawa. As you continue to serve where God has placed you we continue to serve here as well. Please continue to pray that hearts will be open and receptive to the preaching of the Word, especially during the upcoming Christmas season.

NSBC wishes to express a very merry Christmas to each of you as you celebrate with your family, friends, and loved ones. We will be hosting special Christmas Eve and New Years Eve services. We pray there will be an influx of visitors during



this special time of year. It certainly is a truth that some people will go to church at Christmas when they normally wouldn't go any other time of year. Please continue to lift up the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines that are stationed here on Okinawa. The last few months of the year bring many family holidays and some are desperately missing home. Unfortunately they find solace in things that do not provide lasting comfort. With this comes hurt and heartache. We witness this first hand and our souls ache for these hurting people. Their decisions have lasting consequences and unfortunately many times those consequences are rather severe. This is just such the case for a young Marine we found passed out on our way to Sunday morning services. He was seeking comfort in a bottle and now is serving time in the brig. I beg you to

strengthen your resolve to lift these service men and women before the Lord as they battle the temptations of Satan. These people need the Lord and it is our desire to introduce them to Him.

November brought with it a vast array of emotional events. First, my wife and I celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on the 12<sup>th</sup>. I am amazed to this day that God has blessed me with such a beautiful, Godly woman. She is my best friend and I am honored to minister along side her here in Okinawa. Second, our youngest son, Drake, enlisted in the United States Navy. He shipped off to boot camp on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November, which also happens to be my wife's birthday. We have heard from him and he is doing well. He asked that we pray for his class to form into a cohesive unit so they all can succeed in boot camp. He has been able to visit the chapel and is encouraged by the knowledge that this is exactly where God wants him.



We are humbled to announce that we have had two families join the church. This is exciting as they are replacing a couple families that we lost. We were also excited to host our second Veterans Day service on the 10<sup>th</sup>. There were fourteen veterans in attendance and we had a good time together. It was awesome to have all four branches of the military represented. Just a couple weeks later we were able to host our annual NSBC Thanksgiving lunch. We had a great time together and everyone pitched in to make it a memorable event. I thank God for the family He has given us and we look forward to what is in store. Please continue to pray for the church and ask God to grow them in His grace and knowledge as they mature as Christians.

On a personal note, please pray for my health. I have been having severe migraines and shooting lower back pain for a little over six months now. It is a great blessing to be able to use the military medical services here. However, there is only so much they can do for a retiree and I may need to get help for my back off base. This would obviously cause us to incur additional medical costs and could take time away from the ministry. We would be humbled for you to lift this before our Heavenly Father and trust that He will provide for my speedy recovery.

Finally, we will be heading back to the States in January to visit Drake as he graduates from boot camp. There is a possibility that we can visit some of you during that time. We will be in Washington, Texas, Illinois, and Missouri. I will be contacting each of our supporting churches in these areas to schedule a good time to update you on the ministry.

Thank you again for your faithfulness to our Father in the place He has called you to minister. God bless you as you continue to serve Him during the next few months.

Because of Calvary,

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