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Dear Pastors and Co-laborers,

Greetings in the name of Christ the Lord! We pray this update finds each of you enjoying the blessings of our gracious Father "with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." 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 13 visitors in the last two months and we are averaging twenty in our Sunday services. We have been blessed over the last couple months to hand out an excess of 1,500 tracts and are seeing the fruit from our labors on Friday nights. The new street level sign is up and people are really starting to understand that there is a church right outside the gate and that we don't plan to leave any time soon (Lord willing).




Over the last couple months God has moved on the hearts of different people and has provided for specific needs our young church has had. Even without us asking, He has provided for several things as He has seen fit. First, we had a pastor and his wife from the states contact us about providing new hymnals for NSBC. They graciously purchased 27 new hymnals and had them mailed to us here in Okinawa! We had a family donate the money for the new sign that is pictured above. We had a local business donate four new waterproof light fixtures to hang outside the church (also in the picture above). These lights are a special blessing as it had been difficult to hand out tracts on Friday nights for the few weeks prior to them being installed. Our old lights had shorted out in a storm and for some reason people were leery of approaching a guy who is 6'1" 250 lbs in a dark alley to talk about Christ and church :) After receiving the light fixtures, a sister church in the South was kind enough to donate lightbulbs for the lights. Isn't God good!



We are blessed to have an opportunity to minister to the best people group on the face of the planet...our U.S. Military! We are also blessed to meet young men and women who desire to live for Christ and make a difference in their workplace. One of these individuals was a young Marine named Jordan. He was here on temporary deployment and did not know about the church. One Friday night, while tracting outside the church, we offered a young man an invitation to services. He promptly refused the invite and kept walking. Then, as if he had hit a wall, he stopped and turned around and walked back to us. He said, "I don't want one but I believe my roommate would." Jordan received an invite from his lost roommate and it changed his perspective of Okinawa. He told me that he "hated this island (Okinawa) until he started coming to church." When he left he told me, "I'm so thankful for you and your family. In the short time I've known you and your family you guys have brought nothing but joy and blessings into my life." Jordan doesn't understand the blessing he was to us and we were sad to see him go. However, the Lord has blessed us with several "Jordans" over the last few months and we are honored to be an encouragement to them and train them in the way of the Lord. As they go back to their home units we pray they become the shining light that God wants us all to be.



Over the last month we have published and reviewed NSBC's Constitution and By-Laws. The church body agrees with proceeding and we are in the process of planning a charter service in the near future. But first, we will have the wonderful opportunity to baptize several individuals as we hold our first baptismal service. Please pray that God continues to move in the hearts of the people here on Okinawa. Also, please pray for NSBC as we grow as a church and endeavor to reach our area with the Gospel. God bless each of you as you faithfully serve Him and we will be sure to keep you in our prayers.


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