



THE CALLAHANS TO JAPAN

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SERVING THE US MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES SINCE 2002

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Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. Jeremiah 33:3



Shu ni Eiko! “Glory to The Lord!”

Jeremiah was a prophet that did not live an easy life. When he wrote Jeremiah 33:3, he was in prison. Yet the promise is that God will show him “great and mighty things”. What God was promising is that Jeremiah would be shown things to come for Israel and God’s people. Today, God still shows us things to come. Sometimes through circumstances and people that He brings into our lives at just the right moment. After going through furlough and a big turnover with our church here, I was wondering what God has instore for Lighthouse Baptist Church in the coming months. As soon as we returned home from furlough, God started putting things in our path to show us that “great and mighty” things were coming our way.

First of all we want to thank everyone for the Christmas cards and special gifts. God’s timing is always perfect, so I can tell you each card and each gift made this Christmas a very special one.

An almost brand new Van. On Okinawa, vans can be very expensive. Don’t get me wrong, you can always find a deal, especially for a van that is 15 to 20 years old. To find a newer and dependable van can be very costly. That is why we are praising the Lord for the families who donated toward our “almost new” church van. It’s not as big as I wanted, but it’s less then ten years old and has a two year warranty that comes with it. Because of the holidays here in Japan, we probably will not get the van until the second week of January, but we are so grateful and we know our military members will be too.

We are currently meeting in our house. To grow and to continue reaching out to the community, we desperately needed a building. My plan was to contact the owner of the building that is located next door to our house upon our return to Okinawa. We rented the building before and it proved to be a huge blessing.

We arrived back on island on Friday and the next day, Saturday, the landlord was waiting at the building next door. She wanted to know if we would like to rent the building again. She had put a small business in the building and is now moving it to a better location. This will allow us to have our auditorium and nursery next door and Sunday School rooms in our house. Praise God for His provision!! Our first service in this building will be the first Sunday in January!

One of our LBC Alumni families contacted us concerning a couple coming that was going to be stationed here on Okinawa through the Marine Corps. Deb and Steve who were our first members here at LBC, and now live in the states, knew this young couple from a prior assignment here and found out they would need help upon arrival because they were bringing two dogs. The next Sunday night around 11:00pm, we were at the airport to help pick up “Jo and Korey.” Korey rode with a co-worker and they took the dogs to the kennel on Kadena Air Base. Jo, his wife, rode with Susan and I to the Air Force Lodge. How exciting it was when they visited the following Sunday to attend church. It was a special Sunday. We had a Christmas fellowship where we decorated cookies and made cookie trays with tracts included, and took them to our Japanese neighbors. We even sang to them.

We want to say a special thank you to all of our new supporting churches. Your prayers and support will help us continue the work God has called us to here in Okinawa. Lives are being changed and Christians are growing in the Lord.

2019 will be a great year because of ALL of our praying partners and supporters.

May your 2019 see God show you “great and mighty things”!

Ministry Praises: We had a core group of people stay faithful while we were on furlough.

Ministry and Personal Prayer requests—ANSWERED!!: 1. Pray we will raise the much needed funds to purchase a church van. On Okinawa, you have to be a certain rank or married to be able to drive. Our hearts are truly burdened for our single men and women who serve in Japan. We need to start picking them up. (ANSWERED) 2. We also need to start looking for a larger building to worship in. (ANSWERED) 3. First thing when we arrive back in Japan we also need to purchase a washer. Our washer died six months before our arrival here in the states. (ANSWERED)

Family Praises and Prayer requests: Our daughter Heather was told by their landlord that they would have to move by March. He is selling the building and he needs it empty. Pray they will be able to find an affordable apartment or house very soon.

Your missionary, *Chuck Callahan* Acts 26:18

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