



Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. 1Thessalonians 5:24

Dear Pastors and Co-laborers,

January-March 2023

Greetings in the name that is above every other name, the name of our precious Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! We thank each of you as you continue to faithfully pray for and support us and the ministry here in Yokosuka. Also, a special thank you goes out to all of those who have generously given to our new facility, your generosity has made so much possible. We have been blessed to see souls saved and people join with our church as we minister to the local community. January marked my two year anniversary as pastor of YBC and we started off this past quarter running. It is a new year and there have been many firsts for us as we have entered into 2023.

In the beginning of January, we had the privilege of having our son Chance and his girlfriend Susan visit with us. It was nice to take a few days and visit some of the historical sites here in Japan. Although this was exciting, it was not the most exciting thing that happened during their visit. As we were visiting Kyoto, the old capital of Japan, my son proposed to his girlfriend in the old part of town. We officially have a new future daughter-in-love as my wife likes to call Susan! It is so exciting to be a part of their life even while living on the other side of the world. We cannot wait to see what God will do with them as they prepare to begin a life together.

We also had a BIMI CLAIM team come over and work for ten days. They were instrumental in finishing the walls in the Sunday School and nursery rooms. They also completed the walls in the auditorium. The days were long and the work was difficult but we had a great time and were able to bond together with the team through the love of Christ. Please pray for them as they plan to come back at the end of June and help us with more renovations. Please pray that God will provide the funds for their trip and safety as they travel. While much has been done and many have generously donated, there is still a great need for financial assistance. We are all aware of the rise in cost for materials and it is just the same here in Japan. Please prayerfully consider giving a love offering (BIMI Acct #1428) to YBC to put toward the needed renovations and purchase of the building.

We were blessed to have our first wedding in March. A young Filipino couple, who have been members of our church since right after we arrived, were able to have their church wedding. They had planned to do it in 2020 but COVID changed that and they were married by the government instead. We were grateful to be a part of their wedding and I was excited to perform my first official wedding. On top of everything, it was a Filipino wedding and we had a great time. While there are many differences between a Filipino wedding and a traditional American wedding, the center of it all was still the same, a joining of a man and woman in holy matrimony in the eyes of God, family, and friends. This couple has a desire to keep Christ as the center of their marriage and if they do they will experience the blessings and guidance of God as they walk together.

In May/June we will celebrate our tenth year as missionaries and our eighth year with BIMI. To date, we have not had a furlough and reported to our supporting churches. We intend to do this next year (2024) during the months of March through July. Please look for the schedule I will send out and let us know when we can visit with you. As I close, I ask that you pray for the following: 1. Safety as we continue to remodel/repair our building. 2. Financial support for these remodels/repairs. 3. The salvation of the local military personnel and civilians around YBC. 4. The people of YBC as we continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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