



# News from the Navatos

Your Missionaries to the US Military

January - February 2019

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

*Acts 14:17 Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.*

The LORD JESUS CHRIST continues to bless Maranatha Baptist Church (MBC) in Okinawa. Having many irons in the fire, the LORD gave us a great year in 2018! We trust you received our November 2018 Thanksgiving and December 2018 Christmas prayer letters. Because of your love, prayers, and support there were 126 salvation decisions, 28 baptisms, 1 ordained to preach, 1 baby dedication, and many new joins to the church. But there were numerous military transfers of church members also.

The LORD continues to bless us in our Winter Revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Richard Harper. The LORD also blessed MBC with a well-attended Thanksgiving Dinner, wonderful Christmas Services, and New Year's Eve Drop the Hat Preaching. Brother Dakota was one of the many saved and baptized in 2018. He recently joined the USAF. He believes GOD is calling him to be an Evangelist. Brother Sam, a senior in West Coast Baptist College, came to visit his family in Okinawa. He graduated from Maranatha Baptist Academy (MBA), a ministry of MBC, was saved, baptized, and surrendered to full-time Christian service at MBC. We had another wedding. USAF Brother Chris married Kasumi Hanashiro. Elvie led Kasumi to CHRIST a year ago, on 25 December 2017! She was baptized at MBC.

The LORD continues to bless us with visiting missionaries we pray for and support. Missionary Jeremy Benbrooks was also a graduate of MBA. He successfully turned over the church to a local national pastor in Togo, Africa. He and his family are now planting another church in Martinique, France. Missionary Naomichi Shibayama is a Japanese serving in Cambodia. He is getting ready to turn over the current church to a local national pastor to plant another church somewhere in Cambodia.

Kindly pray to the LORD of the harvest, to send more laborers in MBC as soul winners, disciplers, assistant pastors, deacons, care group leaders, bus workers, ushers, altar workers, music, and other ministry workers. Pray for more souls saved, baptized, called to Military Missions, and other fields while at MBC Okinawa, Japan. Pray for our spiritual and physical health. Elvie is suffering from a thyroid condition, osteoarthritis, along with painful hips and knees.

The LORD continues to bless us with eight salvation decisions and four baptisms since 1 January 2019! May the LORD JESUS CHRIST bless you, your loved-ones, and ministries in a powerful way!

Your missionaries to the US Military in Japan,

Ed and Elvie Navato



Brother Dakota



Baby Emi Dedication



Brother Sam



Mrs. Harper with our Ladies



Missionary Benbrooks



Ladies' Christmas



Missionary Shibayama



Preachers Drop the Hat



Genevieve



Chris & Kasumi



Jonathan



Maranatha Baptist Academy



Atsuki



Siri

Wendy

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. || Timothy 2:2

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