



THE CALLAHANS TO JAPAN

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Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. Hebrews 10:25

Shu ni Eiko! “Glory to The Lord!” July started out with an unexpected visit from our landlord, Tony. It is not uncommon in Japan for one person to own the land and another person to own the building. Two churches here on Okinawa own their buildings but not their land. The owner may decide to sell the land. They could either sell it to the current occupant, or he may buy the building. The owner of the building could choose to move the building which does not happen very often. I think you know where this is headed.

Tony informed us that the owner has decided to sell the land. He also told us that he was unable to buy the land. He was terribly upset about us moving out. He told me he was really going to miss us. He told me we were the perfect tenants. He appreciated the fact that we were never late on the rent and all the work we did upgrading the building was wonderful. We have till October 31st to move out of the building. Our last service will be October 18th and then we will have two weeks to move everything to storage. We are currently rearranging our house so that we can begin having services here starting 25 October.

Update on the lockdown. Okinawa has had a large spike in positive tests for coronavirus on and off base. We were leading Japan in new positives for a time and still rank in the top three prefectures, (states). The bases are starting to lift some of the restrictions, but the military are still not allowed to attend off base churches. We are praying that by November 1st they will be able to come back to church. We do have some that live off base coming, but it is still not the same as having in person fellowship with everyone together in one place.

Update on family. Our son Nathan went to the hospital with severe pain in his side. He appendix was inflamed and had an emergency appendectomy. Then he tested positive for the coronavirus and ended up with an extended hospital stay. He is doing well now and recovering at home. Our future daughter-in-law, Teryn has had the coronavirus. Oh yea, Seth and Teryn are getting married in May 2021. She is also recovering and doing well. We also have great news from Matthew and Jessica, they are expecting their second child in March. We will make a quick trip back to the states for the wedding in May and we will get to see our new grandbaby.

THIRTY YEARS! Thirty years is how long Susan has been home-schooling. Just writing that makes it seem unreal. Why am I writing that? Because our youngest child Jonathan graduated from High School in August. We are now finished with home-schooling and wondering what our days are going to be like when we do not have to grade papers or study for quizzes and test. The real fun is, that most Americans now know what we went through for thirty years. But we are truly blessed that we have been able to home-school and graduate all our children and we all lived to tell about it. Please pray for Jonathan as he seeks God’s will concerning his future.

What’s next? The move to our house must be completed by 31 October. Starting November 1st, we will start saving and looking for a new building closer to Camp Foster. Outreach is still terribly slow; the bases are just letting up on some of the restrictions. Hopefully, they will be allowed back in church soon. We covet your prayers during this transition.

Ministry Praises: We can live stream our services. We are still allowed on base to visit locked in church members.

Ministry and Personal Prayer requests: Pray for the lockdown to be lifted so that we can start our outreach again. Pray for opportunities while we are ministering on Camp Foster, MCAS Futemna and Camp Kinser.

Family Praises and Prayer requests: Our children back in states, (and GRANDCHILDREN!). We are excited that Katherine and Seth are now on staff at PCC.

Your missionary, *Chuck Callahan*, Acts 26:18

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