

July – August 2025

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

Psalm 122:6 – "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.'

Newsletter

from the

Freedom Baptist Church (FBC) Atsugi-Zama, Japan, wishes you a blessed Fourth of July! We are deeply grateful for the freedom we have to preach Christ boldly abroad. Please pray that God will prosper our efforts in fulfilling the Great Commission. We are excited to share some updates with you!

## **Praise Reports:**

- · Baptisms & Dedication: We are rejoicing in the recent baptisms of DaShaun and Semira, marking a key step in their spiritual journey. Their daughter Gia was also dedicated to the Lord on Mother's Day! Pray for their continued spiritual growth.
- Evangelism: Chris, a first-time visitor, attended our Father's Day service and accepted Christ as his personal Savior! We continue to reach our community with Gospel tracts in both English and Japanese. Our Discipleship Bible Studies are ongoing at the U.S. Navy and U.S. Army bases.
- Encouragement: Pastor McKittrick of Yokota Baptist Church invited us to their Missions Revival. We are also encouraged to see fellow BIMI missionaries, the Harris family and the Edwards family.

## **Building Expansion & Renovation:**

We are expanding into the office space next door to create room for growth. This renovation, set for September 1-10, will include adding a baby nursery, installing a new HVAC unit for comfort, and updating signage. Please pray for wisdom as we move forward. Additionally, pray for God's guidance as we seek a portable baptistery for future baptisms in our church building.

Your prayers and financial support are vital to the success of this ministry. We ask that you continue to pray for:

- The salvation of our U.S. Forces, especially those who are, or will be, in harm's way.
- The spiritual and numerical growth of Freedom Baptist Church Atsugi-Zama.
- Provision for the building renovations, signage, advertising, and baptistery.
- · Opportunities to share the Gospel, baptize new believers, and disciple converts.

We are grateful for your continued partnership in the Gospel as we labor in church planting. Thank you, and may God bless you!

Your Church Planting Missionaries to the U.S. Forces in Japan,

Strie Novato

Ed and Elvie Navato



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



Bro. DaShaun's

Baptism 27 April



Gia's Dedication on Mother's Day





<u>Memorial Day Sunday Table Display</u>

Far East Director David & Jenny Harris & the McKittricks of Yokota Baptist Church

The Edwards Missionaries to Japan



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