



Newsletter from the Navatos

Your Church Planters to the US Military

September – October 2025

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends

Romans 10:13 "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Praise the Lord! We are grateful for your faithful prayers and support. Your partnership continues to be a great encouragement as we serve the Lord Jesus Christ here in Japan.

Brother Larry S. recently sent us an email and wrote, *"Congratulations on 20 years on the field!"* This year marks our 20th year on the mission field, and our 24th year with Baptist International Missions, Inc. After two years and eight months of deputation, we arrived on the field on 13 July 2005. We were blessed to train under our sending church and Senior Pastor, Missionary Steve Nutt, at Maranatha Baptist Church in Okinawa until 2008.

By God's grace, He has allowed us to serve in three other churches in Japan over the years: Sasebo Baptist Church (2008–2011), Yokosuka Baptist Church (2011–2017), and Maranatha Baptist Church, Okinawa (2017–2022).

We are thankful for how the Lord worked in each of these churches—many souls were saved, several followed in believer's baptism, and the churches grew in their missionaries supported. It was a great honor to ordain two faithful men during our time at Maranatha: Jeremiah Roper, now pastoring Calvary Baptist Church in Italy, and Fred Rojas, now pastoring Sasebo Baptist Church in Japan. We praise the Lord that all three churches—Sasebo, Yokosuka, and Maranatha—continue to serve the Lord faithfully today!

In January 2024, the Lord led us to begin holding services in our apartment as we planted Freedom Baptist Church in Atsugi-Zama. Our burden is to reach the U.S. Forces stationed at Naval Air Facility Atsugi and Army Camp Zama, as well as the surrounding neighborhoods, with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lord willing, my wife and I will celebrate our 42nd wedding anniversary on 1 September. Please pray for two major upcoming events: our first missions conference and our first-year anniversary of Freedom Baptist Church in 15-19 October 2025. We've included photos of those who recently prayed to receive Christ. Pray for their baptism and discipleship. Pray for God's provision for the GM Baptist Outreach Digital Tracts premium technology.

We are forever grateful for your continued prayers and support. God's blessings to you!

Your church planting missionaries to the U.S. Military in Japan,

Ed & Elvie Navato

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Sasebo Baptist Church 2008-2011



Yokosuka Baptist Church 2011-2017



Maranatha Baptist Church 2017-2022



Freedom Baptist Church October 2024 -



**Pray for Khamya & Kamiya
Received Christ 6/29!**



**Sunshine & Ephraim
visited 7/4**



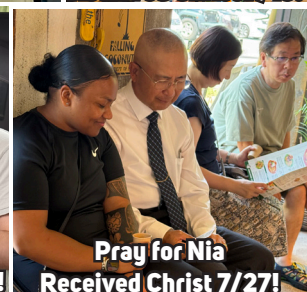
**Pray for Reicotta
Received Christ 7/13!**



**Pray for Samuel
Received Christ 7/16!**



**Pray for David
Received Christ 7/23!**



**Pray for Nia
Received Christ 7/27!**



**Pray for Israel, Colin, & Vladimir
Received Christ 8/13!**

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. II Timothy 2:2

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