



# The Pilalas Family

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## **Pandemic**

This has been a strange year for all of us. Millions of people have had their lives changed in a huge way because of COVID-19. I have no idea what the long term effects will be or how long this will last, but I do know that the Lord works all things together for good to them that love Him. Please keep praying for those who are suffering still and those who are going to be affected still.

As for us, COVID-19 has not come to our prefecture (state) of Japan in a very wide-scale way. Praise the Lord, we have only had 27 cases total here. We are still under some of the effects of the lockdown, such as limited gathering and required mask-wearing.

## **Jesse II and Sammy**

Sammy is four months old, and it's pretty evident that his favorite person in the world so far is his big brother Jesse II. This might be because he has barely had the opportunity to meet anyone else, haha! We do hope that they grow closer and closer as they grow up.

## **Faith Baptist Church, Misawa**

For church, we have been live streaming our services. This has opened our opportunity to reach some who are restricted from going to off-base gatherings right now. Hopefully soon, all restrictions will be lifted!

The base raised the limit on the number of people allowed to gather on-base, so most of the church family got together in the food court at the base exchange for some long-missed fellowship!

We started men's prayer breakfast up again. It was very encouraging to get to sit and talk to my brothers in Christ. We look forward to more time like that.

One of our wonderful church members known to our kids as "Grammy" wisely put herself on lockdown early on with very limited outings for supplies. I did get to have some fellowship with her shortly after her isolation by having a safe conversation through a glass door. It was a very good visit!

Because of the pandemic, I have had some unique outreach opportunities. Some people have come to me with spiritual concerns that I don't think would have come up otherwise. Pray that these contacts bring fruit in the long-term!

## **Thank You**

Thank you for supporting us during the pandemic. I know many are struggling right now, but still have been faithful. It is a special blessing to us to receive such offerings that would enable us to stay on the field. You are a special blessing to us! May God bless you!

Thank you for your prayers and support!

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