



# The Pilalas Family

Missionaries to the U.S. Military in Misawa, Japan

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## **Continue in Prayer**

We are going through the Bible study book *Continue* on Wednesday nights with our church over livestream. It is a great basic discipleship study. We are in the middle of the lesson on prayer. I am thankful for this reminder that we can talk with our Savior anytime! Please remember us as you consider this truth!

## **COVID-19 in the Church**

Two faithful attenders of Faith Baptist Church, Misawa have been diagnosed with COVID-19. They had taken a trip to the States and back, then were in the mandatory quarantine until they tested positive. Praise the Lord, it seems they are not going to have any long-term effects. They have had to be isolated for almost a month already with part of that being isolated from each other. We have been able to bring them food and other necessities while they are in barebones isolation units on-base. I am very glad they know the Lord and have Him as their comfort. This is the physically closest that we have had confirmed cases. We have been blessed as a church to be almost completely untouched locally by COVID-19. Please pray for God's mercy here as with pretty much the rest of the world.

## **Base Condition**

Our base has also been protected from sizeable outbreak of COVID-19. This is partly due to our isolation from the more populated cities of Japan. I think it will eventually get here as with all places, but so far there has not been any outbreaks unable to be contained. I pray for some of the other places in Japan and the United States that have been greatly affected in this way. If I can pray for you in this way, please let me know.

## **First Church Meal Together in Months**

While we have been relatively unaffected by COVID-19 directly, we have been affected by COVID-19 indirectly. There are restrictions as to what military families can do, particularly in keeping social distancing requirements. One of my favorite things to do is to meet for a big time of fellowship and food. As a church, we have done our best meeting for church services, but we have not come together for meals. This Thanksgiving, we are renting a wide-open room on-base to have our first meal together in a long time. We will be carefully distant with seating and interaction, but most of us will be in the same room! I am looking forward to that!

## **Babies**

Though we are a small church, we have had a few babies born to families in our church in 2020. Of course, we had our own Samuel Allen Pilalas born in January, and there are a couple others in the church family. It is a wonderful blessing to see the gift of life in the middle of an otherwise infamously difficult year!

## **Thank You!**

We appreciate all of you and your prayers and support. Many supporters have been with us for over a decade of ministry on the field. To them, and to many who have picked up supporting us since we arrived here, THANK YOU!

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