



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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