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Ten Years on the Field

Lynne and I have been on the mission field of Japan reaching the US military stationed at Misawa Air Base for ten years as of this month. That might sound like a good amount of time to me, but I remember that someone once said that Christian ministry is measured not in years but in decades. Now we have one, singular decade here!

In that decade, the Lord has led us to have a lot of growth personally. There were trials and hardships, but there were also many blessings and wonderful people with which to get through everything. God has given us three amazing children born in Japan and I look back on many people saved, baptized, counseled, and discipled.

A Sailor Saved

At a fellowship service at a rec room on-base, we had a sailor come with his daughter and get saved! He said he was looking for a real relationship with Jesus after growing up in a nominally Christian home. I told him about what the Bible says about knowing Christ and that the first step to following Him is accepting the salvation from our sins that He offers. He did accept and I hope to baptize him and see the rest of his family come to Christ. Please pray for many more like this.

Goodbye to a Long-time Friend and Member

Last month, we said goodbye to a friend and member of Faith Baptist Church who has been faithful for over eight years. She retired from teaching at the school on the military base and moved back to the States. She is "Grammy" to our children, and she is missed very much. She has shown loving care to the people who have come through Misawa over the years and has especially been a help to us in the ministry. This is the kind of eternal relationship we hope to develop with many people the Lord brings our way.

Upcoming Short Furlough

This coming October through November, we are taking a short furlough to the southwestern United States. It will be our first time back to the States in seven years, thanks to the timing of our last opportunity being right at the start of COVID response. We won't be able to get to most of the churches that have faithfully supported us for the ten years that we've been on the field, but we do hope to take more frequent short furloughs in the future. If you would like us to try to make it to your church to report in the next couple years, please let me know and we can start scheduling meetings.

Thank you again for your prayers and support. If you would like to contribute to the ministry of reaching US military members and their families in Japan, please send donations to BIMJ account 1386.

If you are in the Southwest and want to see about scheduling a meeting with us in October or November, please email me at jessepilalas@hotmail.com.

Thank you!

-Jesse Pilalas
Missionary to the U.S. Military in Japan