



YOUR MISSIONARIES TO THE U.S. MILITARY IWAKUNI, JAPAN

January - February 2021

Dear Praying Friends and Family,

We pray that this letter finds each of you well. This past year has been difficult for so many, and the beginning of this current year, has been certainly laced with its share of uncertainty. However, we take heart in the Divinely inspired words of the Apostle Paul in Romans 8:38-39, *“For I am persuaded, that neither...things present, nor things to come...shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* We count it a great honor to be able to represent you in military missions, and to be allowed of the Lord to minister in Iwakuni, Japan.

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SINCE OUR LAST PRAYER LETTER

In October I was allowed to return to Japan. This time was crucial to get some necessary paperwork for my family, as well as to get a finger on the pulse of things in Iwakuni. We have had several folks move out, and several new families begin coming in. The plan was to remain in Iwakuni until I was unable to move forward with our families paperwork any further. I was notified on December 17th that our COE's (Certificates of Eligibility) had been approved, but to procure the visas, we must submit the paperwork together in DC at the local embassy. I gratefully arrived on December 23rd, and with the holiday keeping offices closed through the next Monday, I scheduled to submit the paperwork then. What happened next would shock our whole family. On the morning of December 28th, I was notified that the Japanese immigration division made a snap decision to cease the processing of all visa paper work, and was instituting a nationwide freeze on new visa entries. So...

HOLDING PATTERNS

We currently find ourselves unable to be in the place God called our family to. Many missionaries are in similar circumstances, however we have been increasingly bewildered with Japanese immigrations. Unfortunately, until PM Suga (Soo'-ga) allows the State of Emergency to be lifted, we will be unable to submit the paperwork necessary to finalize the dependent visas we are needing. Also, we have been notified that the Certificates of Eligibility I was able to procure while in Japan from October - December will be expired as of April 31st. **Please pray that this will all be resolved this month, and that we will be allowed to finalize our paperwork. Our paperwork needs to be submitted by the beginning of April for our visas to have the time to process.**

IN CLOSING

We are thankful for your continued patience, prayers, and support for our family. All of this has thrown our family schedule off, and placed our extended families into some very trying circumstances. However, we trust that God is at work, and we know that His will far surpasses any plans that we have laid. Until next time!

Laborers Together with God,
Brandyn, Alicia, Dawson, Gavin, and Beckham (09/13)
*THAT THY WAY MAY BE KNOWN UPON EARTH,
THY SAVING HEALTH AMONG ALL NATIONS.*

~ PSALM 67:2

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