

# THE KNIGHTS

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

Year End 2023

Dear Praying Friends and Family,

With 2023 in the rear view, we stand in awe of what God has been able to accomplish through this last year. There isn't a week that goes by where we aren't reminded of the opportunity that has been afforded to us by your faithful support and fervent prayers! Thank you!



## FINISHING THE YEAR STRONG

The season of October - December are notoriously busy months of ministry. I'm sure the same is probably true for you! Even so, Scripture that I try to think on during such busy seasons is: "Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; 2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and

thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: 3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. 4 Nevertheless I have [somewhat] against thee, because thou hast left thy first love."

(Revelation 2:1-4) It is so easy to become enamored with a busy or exciting church schedule, but lose focus on what, or Who, is most important. As we enjoyed a month of missions emphasis, labored together to minister to a local children's home through Christmas, nurtured the sown Gospel seed among our Japanese friends, and generally celebrated the season together, it was a blessing to observe our church family grow together in so many ways. To top it off, we saw 4 souls make a profession of faith in Christ as their Savior, and we look forward to talking more about this in our next prayer letter.

## A REFRESHING SURPRISE

One of the hardest things about being here in Japan is simply not having the ability to visit family easily; especially given all that our family has endured this year with the passing of my brother Ethan. This would be our first Christmas, and first birthday, without his hugs, voice, and presence. Yet, God made a way for my mom and dad to be able to come out to Japan for what can only be described as the most memorable Christmas season I can remember in a long time. We had our moments of grieving, but we also have some sights and sounds that I pray last a lifetime. I am beyond certain that God's sufficient grace would have carried us through this season regardless, but we rejoice in God's immense mercy and love expressed in allowing my parents to be here with us in Iwakuni.



## IN CLOSING

We are playing a bit of administrative catch up, and we need your help. If you/your church is receiving our prayer letters, would you please shoot me a short email to confirm this? Also, we will be sending out something personal, but we do not want to neglect to say a huge, "thank you" for all of the Christmas cards and love offerings we received. You all so sacrificially help with so much in your regular support, and we are humbled that you would go beyond that in order that our family would have some extra during the Thanksgiving/Christmas season. Until next time!

Laborers Together with God,  
Brandyn, Alicia, Dawsyn, Gavin, Beckham, and Elliotte  
*THAT THY WAY MAY BE KNOWN UPON EARTH,*

*THY SAVING HEALTH AMONG ALL NATIONS.*

~ PSALM 67:2

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