



# Second Level Okinawa Newsletter

## from Atlanta



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*For the sake of Jacob My servant, and of Israel My chosen, I have called you by your name. I have surnamed you, though you have not known Me. I am the Lord, and there is no one else; there is no God besides Me. I will gird and arm you, though you have not known Me. (Isaiah 45:4, 5)*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I thank God for my mission trip, for tremendous blessings, and for preparing my path before I even went. The two and half months passed so quickly, but it was all good. I was able to accomplish many of the plans that God assigned for me to fulfill in Okinawa. Okinawa is such a beautiful Island; the climate is just like Hawaii. At first I felt a peaceful and calm Spirit at the beginning. However, as I visited more places and spoke with various people, a heavy burden grew and I felt an oppression from Spirits around Okinawa and the people in Okinawa. My people don't know our Heavenly Father who created Heaven and the Earth. I witnessed evil forces that were trying to capture the Okinawans. In Japan idol worship is rampant, and the people have become deceived by faithfully serving false gods. Below are some examples of the trinkets that appear harmless, but oppose Jesus Christ.



Within regular conversation, people mentioned gods quite a lot and believe they received curses because their prayers were too short or their offerings were unacceptable. They do worship faithfully. People rely on fortune tellers, astrology, horoscopes and all other new age materials. They really don't know who our God is!

*You shall not make yourself any graven image [to worship it] or any likeness of anything that is in the heavens above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; You shall not bow down yourself to them or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me. (Exodus 20:4,5)*

I met and heard so much about people with depression and suicidal problems. And we know the solution for that!!! *The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows). John 10:10* I realized that as believers, we need to speak up and proclaim the name of Jesus. The Japanese people are still searching. They need a Savior, and they need to be rescued. They are crying for help. One of my sisters in Christ was someone who suffered from depression for over 12 years. When I shared the scriptures of healing (Isaiah 53:5), and having faith in God (Mark 11:23) She claimed her rights in Jesus name, and she was healed instantly. Praise God for her healing! Not only did God heal her, but He also now uses her in a healing ministry. People can recognize a change in her face, looks, the way she talks, and what she says. People see her transformation automatically and meet our great creator.



*[Just as] You have granted Him power and authority over all flesh (all humankind), [now glorify Him] so that He may give eternal life to all whom You have given Him. And this is eternal life: [it means] to know (to perceive, recognize, become acquainted with, and understand) You, the only true and real God, and [likewise] to know Him, Jesus [as the] Christ (the Anointed One, the Messiah), Whom You have sent. (John 17:2, 3)*

God also used the weather to strengthen my faith while I was in Okinawa. I used a motorcycle for transportation, and when I was going to Church it began to rain. My brother was worried, but I told him not to worry. I would pray to God so that the rain would hold off until I go to church. Sure enough, it did. As soon as I entered the church parking lot, it started raining again! While I was fellowshiping with a couple, it was pouring rain. When our fellowship was over, the wife told her husband to bring their car under the roof so that she wouldn't get wet. I told both of them to pray and use our authority and rights that God gave for sons and daughters of Him. They did and the rain froze. The second time was at the family Camp where we had swimming time. All of the sudden, gray clouds covered our area and it started to rain. Rain was not the issue this time because we were already wet in the ocean, but the waves began to get bigger. I asked two of our pastors to pray like Jesus did to calm the storm, and they did. No doubt about that—the waves began to calm down so we continued to swim.

The last time was in the car after having a great meal with my sister in Christ. It started pouring rain. She said that I may get wet when I reached the house, but I told her that I will take care of it by asking our father to stop the rain, and I prayed. Yes, yes, yes, the rain stopped again, and she was amazed about this incident. I told her that we have authority over everything on the Earth and prayer works. She agreed. I know God knows my motivation and answered my prayer because He wants other Christians to use and practice faith and increase their blessings that God already promised us in the Bible. These things happened not because I prayed, but because I demonstrated God's love by believing in Him, and He is faithful.

We need to experience God's love so that we really can introduce how great our God is. My brother owns a restaurant, and I had a chance to serve in his restaurant. I asked some of the part-time workers about the restaurant menu. They said they never ate some of the items. I told my brother that if they never ate from the menu, then they cannot recommend it to customers. In fact, if they ate and discovered a favorite menu item, they could easily recommend it. They would be able to describe the taste and their passion for the food. It is the same with our faith. If we never experience how great our Father is, we may have a weak witness to others because we don't have confidence in God's love.



My brother's restaurant workers '*ichikappy*'

With Second Level Ministry, I visited KBF (Kobe Bible Fellowship) every Sunday afternoon to lead a discipleship group. They just started this fellowship recently and wanted to expand their faith. Thank God for the sharing time and fellowship every Sunday and we were able to make it up to step 7, halfway through the series. I desire to continue to minister to them with Skype if possible to share and fellowship together once a month. Please pray that God will foster this opportunity. In my church (Naha Baptist Church), I also had a chance to share and use a Second Level Ministry tool with one of the groups. They wanted to learn the Bible in English, so I used the English version of the discipleship lessons with them.



Kobe Bible Fellowship Okinawa (KBF Okinawa) member

I began praying long before I arrived in Okinawa. I prayed that God would allow me to meet the people I was supposed to meet and share with. I also prayed that He would bless my time and the places I would visit, and that He would prepare my mission. I witnessed to three people who accepted Christ and saw two be baptized. This reminded me that these people were in our prayers when I was in Georgia and God heard our prayers for their salvation. Our God is awesome.



Mr. Nagashima's Water Baptism  
God heard his wife's prayer of 20 years and now he joined God's family. It is 6:30 early in the morning at Beachside Family Camp.



On my left, my best friend Natsumi who lives in Tokyo, but she flew over to visit me. She only stayed 2 nights and flew back to Tokyo. (Since Okinawa is an island, you have to use an airplane to get there, and the cost from Tokyo is at least \$ 500 round trip. It takes two and half hours.) Another friend, Kaori did the same to visit me from Tokyo.

Thank you for your financial support and prayers. God used you to accomplish His will with this mission trip. Everything that I saw and experienced during my time in Okinawa would not have been possible without you. You were a part of this mission trip to Okinawa and one day, if God calls you to minister in another country, please let me be your partner and support you, just like you did me. As much as I want to go back to my home in Okinawa, I want God's will to be done in my life and pray that God will use me wherever I am.

**"When God goes I go, when God stays I stay, when God moves I move. I will follow my almighty God."**