



Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. 1Thessalonians 5:24



Dear Pastors and Co-laborers,

June/July 2021

We pray this letter greets you with an excitement about what God is doing in missions and in your local churches. We were glad to see some restrictions lifting and some small sense of normalcy returning to our services. However, this new Delta variant has everyone back in full Covid restriction mode. Nevertheless, our God saw this variant before it was known to science and has already prepared a way for each of us as we traverse this virus. What a mighty God we serve! We wish to thank each of you for your prayers and for your financial support. God has used your thoughtfulness and generosity greatly over the past couple months as we have started down a new path for Yokosuka Baptist Church (YBC). We humbly ask that you continue to lift us up in prayer as we discover God's future plans for our church over the next few months.

As some of you may know, we have had an interesting last several weeks. We met with our realtor and landlord and learned out that our landlord is retiring. Additionally, he intends to sell the property/building where we have held services for the past 15 years. This caught us completely by surprise since just a couple weeks earlier he had stated he wanted to rent to us for many years to come. He offered to sell the building and property to us for ¥100,000,000 which equates to approximately \$905,000.00. As a church, we have been pursuing this matter and bathing it in prayer as we seek out God's direction.

In our pursuit, we learned some interesting information. According to Japanese law, we must be incorporated to purchase property or land here in Japan. Unfortunately, the process takes 6 to 8 months. We then found out that the new landlord is not willing to wait for the incorporation process and wishes to sell the property as soon as possible. We met with our Japanese lawyer and he is trying to expedite our incorporation. However, just as it is anywhere else, the wheels of bureaucracy tend to spin slowly here in Japan. To this end, we have been forced to look for a new place to hold our services. This is a trying endeavor as there are limited facilities available and the pricing is much higher than we are currently paying. In addition, any facility we rent will have to be renovated before we can utilize it as a church building. If anyone would be willing to assist with the upfront costs of renting and renovating a new facility (\$60-120k dollars) it would be greatly appreciated. All donations toward this effort can be sent to account 1428 at BIM.

We have seen God moving in amazing ways here at YBC. We have seen people baptized, join the church, and become more faithful. We see God using YBC in a mighty way to reach the military and the local community. Please be faithful to keep us in your prayers.

We also ask that you continue to bathe the U.S. Military in prayer as they face the worlds aggressors. Until we meet again, God bless....

Because of Calvary,
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