



# John & Debbie Martin

## MISIONARIES TO THE US MILITARY

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.  
Romans 5:8

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Dear Pastor:

Our time is running short now, as we are in our last week of ministry here in Okinawa. We are praying for seats on this Saturdays flight from here to Seattle; please pray for four seats available for us. Flying space available is cheap, but can make planning difficult if no seats are available. Looking back over the past two and a half months, which have gone by fast, we have had many opportunities to share the Gospel and invite folks to the services. The Lord is doing a wonderful work here at North Shore Baptist Church and is using the Jellison family in a wonderful way to reach the Marines stationed at Camp Hansen. An extra blessing is that it's not just Marines they are ministering to. Debbie and I met a young Army couple with two young children, who are now coming regularly, and the Jellison's have been mentoring a young Air Force couple who have been attending now for two weeks. Please pray for these young families and their spiritual growth.

As I think on the Marines who either brother Jellison or I have had positive interaction with, pray for these young men and women with whom the responsibility of the Gospel has been shared: Chris, Isaiah, Ishmael, Chase, Nakita, Doug, Mac, Ray, Jeremiah, Thomas, Joe, Zack, Domonique, Matthew, Brian, Ford, Aidan, Miguel, Tiffany, John, K-Star, Shelby, and Christian. This is not a complete list, just the names I kept track of. One Marine in particular, Joe, claims to be Buddhist, has heard with his ears but not yet with his heart, the wonderful, precious, saving grace of God. He has come to a service and participated in a couple of events, he even sent an offering to the church with a friend. Pray he would heed the leading of the Holy Spirit toward salvation. Additionally, the Jellison's have the start of their first Japanese ministry. My son David met a young Japanese man while fishing, and since then we have had several contacts with him. Two weeks ago he came for the first time to the mid-week service, and then has come the past two Sundays. The Picture shows Howard quickly helping to make the Japanese visitors welcome. We have a retired Marine and his Okinawan wife attending, so she has taken over translation duties. This is an answer to prayer, in a very unexpected way, as the Jellison's were praying for an opportunity to reach the Okinawan population here in the town of Kin.



Early this month we were asked by BIMI Missionaries Matt and Diane Olsen of Bible Baptist Church in Naples Italy to come and fill the pulpit for them from July to mid-September, as they have to be in the states during that period. After consulting with Pastor Humber, we have accepted that invitation and will be preparing for that trip soon after returning from Okinawa. During our short furlough home, we have our first grandchild due at the end of April, and our oldest daughter's wedding in early June. We are excited for both events, and Debbie in particular is looking forward to her first grandson.

"The Lord God, merciful and gracious ... and abundant in goodness" Ex 34:6.  
Semper Fidelis, John and Debbie Martin

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