



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Wishing you a very merry Christmas from Okinawa, Japan!!



“See! I am doing a new thing!” (Isa 43:19)

This is a scripture we had received for the year 2025 for us and for our church, Moriah Chapel. The theme of this year was “to get help from the Holy Spirit.” You can easily imagine our 2025 had started with great anticipation!!

Our ministry’s “NEW things”

- 1) We have started “Yunta-worship” on every 4th Sunday, since February. We are believing and preaching that God can speak to everyone. He can use each one of us, so we created a space to hear what God is doing and speaking through individuals in our church. We don’t have a preacher on that day, but everyone takes part in it. The uncomfortableness we felt in the very beginning quickly faded away as we started the new setting of worship. Each time, Holy Spirit was encouraging and speaking into all of our lives.
- 2) We started a Training session called “School of Jesus” this past fall. This series of seminars is to understand the work of the Holy Spirit, and experience that in very practical ways,

so that we all can walk with the Holy Spirit in our everyday, at work, at homes and with our friends and neighbors. It’s been going really well and participants hunger has been just increasing!

3) In May, we held a one day event called “Chapel Marché.” It was a festival type of event, but for the outreach. We wanted people to know about our church, and experience “the presence” that believers carry within. We created at our church a people’s testimonial booklet called “The story of how we met Jesus” and handed out more than 200 copies! We had a flea market, sold cookies, handmade items, games, and kids craft workshops. Some non-christian businesses took part in





the events, and they were telling us that they felt something different and want to come back again. We are thinking this is going to be a once a year event for our church, and I hope this will continually draw people!

Our personal “New thing”: Junko started again to serve as an interpreter. We came back to Okinawa 14 years ago, and she was more focused on supporting function, and also being a stay at home mom. It was more Sasagu who was asked to interpret for seminars outside of our Sundays. In April, Junko was asked to help the seminar for YWAM Okinawa, for Discipleship Bible School, she felt that was her “new thing” that God is encouraging her to step into. After all, it went really well and she was so refreshed spiritually as she served. She was asked again to be a part of another School of Worship and Prayer sessions at YWAM in the Fall. Not only her, but our church was blessed through that.



As parents, we are embracing the change of the season as our children are growing up. Our oldest **Shion** is now a teenager!! She's in 7th grade, she has grown so tall (160cm) that she will reach her mom's height pretty soon! She is learning to play guitar for the church worship team. She LOVES the Lord and her family. Shion is fun, and active; loves to talk, and to dance. **Selah** is going to be 12 soon, and in 6th grade. She's more quiet, an observer, loves small cute things and always is a great helper. We are blessed to see these girls growing and glowing, physically and spiritually! We are so proud of them! At the parents conference, a couple of teachers had said “You should tell me how to raise children like Shion and Selah!” All we can say, is that it was all by Grace!!!

We thank you for all your prayers and support towards us and for the ministry to reach Japanese people!

Love..., Sasagu, Junko, Shion and Selah Yoda

