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Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Psalms 37: 4

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ and friends around the world.

Greetings in the name of our wonderful Savior Lord Jesus Christ. As we live by faith we learn to trust in the promise from God as they are written in the Scriptures. Psalm 37:4 is one of the wonderful promises from God that is fixed in my heart. I believe; that in every Missionary's heart is that burning desire and long term vision to see true Churches established all to the glory to God all mighty. I share this with you all dear praying friends because this year has been very discouraging.

People we have worked with for a long time and hoped to be the first stones in the future Izena independent B C are not coming to worship service any more. Some are coming once in a while but seemingly showing no interest in Bible truth or to share the Gospel with others. Even some people think I push too much to learn scripture and share Christ with others. It hurts in the heart because this is from people who claim to be believers in Christ. I am very much aver of that Izena is a devils strong hold as I have shared with you all before, so I ask you please pray with me to be able to stand and hold the ground here on Izena keeping my heart fixed on Gods wonderful promises.

But I also fell impelled to reach out to the north part of Okinawa [Yanbaru] because most of the small villages in the north don't have any Churches and as far as I know nobody proclaiming the wonderful Gospel of our savior Lord Jesus Christ. I don't want you all think I am a hireling and run just because we facing trouble here on Izena but in my heart is also a burning desire to reach out to somebody who never heard the precious Gospel. It seems like God is opening up a door in this direction because Ireisan, a believer in Christ who has a rent a car and parking lot close to the ferry docking, is letting me keep the car there without charge. It also saves lots of money not have to bring the car back and forward on the ferry. So please pray with me as I planning to go to Okinawa once a week instead of to times a month as I was going.

The Lord also opens up one more door for me. I am now studying Japanese every Friday night 7:30-9:00 and Saturday morning 9:30-11:00 with nine Phillipinos, two Chinese and one from Korea. It is a free government program to help people from other countries that live in Japan to learn Japanese. It is a six month course, please pray for me as I better my Japanese I also be able to become friends with this people and share the Gospel with them.

In my last letters I ask you to pray for Judy who has been going through lots of trouble but is back in Church. Please keep praying for her because not too long ago Judy's Father was murdered, stabbed to death by the neighbor. I am happy to report that Masakatsu san our bout man is released after one year in hospital he stay with his mother in south Okinawa but we hope he might come back to Izena.

This year we also find out that our old house was infested with termites. Our house is an old type Okinawa building with a foundation of wood stilts. We thank the Lord to be able to take care of it right away having a pest company coming and spraying the whole building a 5 hours project they also installed some fans under the building that suppose to prevent from moisture and mold. With a cost of 3000 dollars we now have a warranty to be termite free for at least 5 years.

I also had a check up this year and they found some blood in my stomach. As we don't have any hospital on Izena they sent me to Nago on Okinawa. They put a camera in the stomach telling me they were locking for polyps that might cost the bleeding. They could not find anything wrong and as I fell good as ever I just thank the Lord for the health I have and keep on going.

In the end of July we are going to Okinawa and locking for schools there Joshua might go next year because on Izena is no High school. Please pray with us in this matter also. Before I close this prayer letter I like to thank the Lord for sending Brother Chris Drews visiting us on Izena with his family in June. Brother Chris is a young ex marine soldier who was saved on Okinawa for about 7 years ago His wife Mikosan was also saved back then. Brother Chris is now working as a police in New York but also a faithful servant to the Lord and member of a Baptist Church in Bronx. It was truly a blessing to us and a nice time of fellowship.

Fellowship with Brothers and Sisters in Christ is truly a blessing from the Lord so with this word I just like to thank you all so much for the many blessings of fellowship through the years and thank you all so much for your faithful support as we serve our wonderful Savior Lord Jesus Christ. And please let's pray for each other that our heart stay fixed on the promises of God.

With love, Brother Karl and Family. Because Christ loved us first.