

# *Serving U.S. Military Families in Japan*

## THE MCKITTRICK FAMILY

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Dear Pastor, church and praying friend,

Hello again from the land of the rising sun! Today, the Japanese emperor will step down as emperor (he feels he is too old) and relinquish the title to his son... an action not performed for over 200 years! The ceremony will be broadcast live lasting only 15 minutes. The emperor will address the "main god" of Japan during this transition. Please pray for the people of Japan... they believe in "God" but they are blind with regards to believing in the True God: "... that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life." (1 John 5:20)

In March, Yokota Baptist Church hosted a three-day Ladies' Retreat. Many ladies from the surrounding area's military bases were able to attend. The conference theme was "Singing in the Rain" with an emphasis upon staying encouraged while battling discouragement. Our military spouses often carry heavy burdens. Please continue to pray for the wives and mothers of service members as they deal with all the obstacles that come with military life while living in a foreign land.

In April, Dr. Roger Baker preached a three-day meeting for our folks. We titled it "Help for the Home" and tried to strengthen military families through the preaching and teaching of God's Word. There seems to be an all out assault on our families from the 'old serpent' and it is so good to be reminded and challenged about the importance of the home.

Our Easter service was packed! About every seat was taken and we had several first time visitors. I preached on the New Life in Christ and two men made professions of faith. They both raised their hands during the invitation that they were lost. One man, Kevin, walked the aisle and trusted Christ as Savior. The other man hung around after the service and I had a good chance to talk with him. He was a Navy officer and was stationed in California. He was just TDY to Yokota but wanted to attend an independent Baptist Church. I was privileged to open the Bible and share with him the good news of salvation by grace through faith. Mark and I got down on our knees there in the church auditorium and Mark called on Jesus Christ to save his soul. Praise the Lord! It was a GREAT Resurrection Sunday!

In closing, I wanted to let you know that we will be taking a six-month furlough beginning this July. We desire to accomplish three goals:

1. Visit our supporting churches
2. Spend time with family
3. Raise some extra support as we now have four children :-)

If you would like us to visit your church, please contact me at:  
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and we will work out a good time to come.

Again, thank you for all you do and we are so grateful to be on the field as your missionaries.

Please pray for us. We love you all.



Happy Easter!



Family Conference with Dr. Roger Baker



Mrs. Holmes & Mrs. Pinson



Ladies' Retreat 'Singing in the Rain'

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