January - February 2023

## **Dear Pastor and Praying Friends**

Jeremiah 33:3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. A wonderful New Year to you! 2023 is a new beginning in Missions. We are reflecting on lessons learned from the past, and realizing the blessings of true and lasting friendships. Every day we are grateful for GOD'S mercies and grace upon undeserving creatures like us.

Our furlough began with boxing and storing our essential belongings in a storage facility. Other boxes were stored in a Sunday School classroom inside the Maranatha Baptist Church building. Thank you Maranatha! May GOD return to you "double," the way you treated us, in the past 5+ years as your missionary pastor. We are praying for you.

What a joy to hear that our former members, the Ramirez and Gan families, and Miku continue to go to church, now in Koolau Baptist Church in Hawaii. Our former disciples Roloyd and Imarie are soul winners. What a blessing to know that an Independent Baptist Pastor Cuarez will continue to reach out to our relatives and friends in the Philippines. Pray that churches will be started.

We flew to Misawa to spend the Thanksgiving with our children and grandchildren and saw our new granddaughter, Zoe Elizabeth. Then we flew to the Philippines to spend Christmas and the New Year's Eve with relatives. We were also blessed to visit Baptist churches in the area.

Please pray for provisions while on furlough, the rest, recovery, and renewal. Pray for good health, safe travels, a vehicle we can use for traveling, provisions for hotels, and other needs while reporting to churches. Email me at nav2japan@gmail.com if you want us to visit you.

Pray for GOD'S "open door" in the US Military Mission Field. Our Japan missionary visas are good till 2027! The Japanese Immigration Officer instructed us to be back in Japan after a few months to keep our "5-year Missionary Visa" status. Wherever the LORD JESUS CHRIST sends us, we will go. Pray that we can minister and encourage souls and win the lost for the LORD JESUS CHRIST. Elvie won one more soul, Gon-san in Japan, before we left. And while in the Philippines, I was able to win Emil to CHRIST. Glory to GOD!

Thank you for the greetings and love-gifts! If you do not currently support us financially, but would like to do so, send donations to Ed & Elvie Navato, BIMI account 1248, P.O. BOX 9, Harrison, TN 37341. We continue by the grace of GOD, your prayers, and financial support.

Your missionaries to the US Military in Japan,

Ed and Elvie Navato





















And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, And the things that thou hast heard of the among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. If Timothy 2:2