

July, August, September, 2007

Greetings Pastors, Family, Praying Friends,
From beautiful Iwakuni, Japan.

Again, I must say, from the bottom of my heart, "Military Missions is the greatest ministry in the world!" Burma and I have been serving our Lord through BEMI, since 1978, and each and every year, we are amazed at God's blessings that He pours out upon this ministry! To God be the Glory!

I have been blessed by studying The Parable of the Sower, where you have the Sower, the Seed and the Soil. The Sower is Christ or other Christians, the Seed is the Word of God, so the object of the parable is the four different soils. The first two soils, we all understand. But that third soil can mislead some new missionaries /Christians into thinking that every person they talk to and make some kind of decision, is a new convert to Christ. Well, when you don't see them ever again, one would think of the "shallow ground" that our Lord teaches about being choked out.

Let me share with you some "good soil" of Faith Baptist, Iwakuni, Japan. There was the Phil Williams family in our congregation some time ago. That young man gave his heart to Christ and is now a pastor of a Baptist church in Michigan. There was Chris Smith, who wasn't sure just what he believed, now pastoring in Smith Mountain Lake, VA., and is teaching at a Christian University!! The Joe Serrano Family, Joe accepted Christ as his Saviour, now is a missionary pastor in El Paso, Texas. There is the Kent Johannes family, Kent got saved here at Faith and is serving our Lord in full time missions in Wisconsin. Gary Smith left here and is now pastoring in North Carolina. Floyd Dorsey is now pastoring in California. Big Herb Gray, gloriously saved here in Iwakuni, now leading the singles ministry in a military church in Japan. Many others are good examples of "good soil", good fruit for the Glory of God as they actively serve Christ in churches around the world. It takes time, Godly love and Christian patience, to cultivate, plant the Seed, pray, water, and reap the harvest. But there is nothing like it! Ain't God Good!!

I ask you to remember to pray for our ability to meet the spiritual needs of our military personal, to win them to Christ, to spiritually feed, and disciple them. It is your faithful prayer and financial support that makes a real impact on the lives that we reach. We count it an honor and a privilege to be used by Him, to bring glory to His name in all that we do.

Thank you, sending churches, for letting us represent you and our Saviour,

Zane & Burma Abbott