



Newsletter from the Navatos

Your Church Planters to the US Military

January–February 2026

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

Luke 15:10 — “Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.”

The Lord Jesus Christ continues to bless Freedom Baptist Church in Atsugi-Zama. By His grace, we continue to hold regular services: Sunday School at 10:00 AM, Sunday Morning Service at 11:00 AM, Sunday Evening Service at 5:00 PM, and Wednesday Evening Prayer and Bible Study at 7:00 PM. God continues to send visitors, many of whom attend our Sunday morning services. In November 2025, we also had the privilege of observing the Lord’s Supper for the first time.

Throughout the week—especially on Fridays at 4:30 PM—we share the Gospel and distribute tracts, particularly near the main gate of the U.S. Naval Air Facility Atsugi. We also operate a van ministry that provides transportation from the base on Sunday mornings. Recently, a U.S. Navy pilot Noah and his wife Corinne, along with another U.S. Navy officer Ervin, rode in our van ministry.

In November, we were blessed to receive visitors from the States. We had the privilege of hosting Brother and Mrs. Bryan Baggett, Military Director of Baptist International Missions, Inc. It was also a joy to reconnect with Brother David and his wife, Joanna, former members of ours when I was the Senior Pastor of Maranatha Baptist Church in Okinawa.

During December Sunday evening services, several men volunteered to train for preaching. Each man preaches for 15 minutes, and it has been a blessing to watch them grow in both their abilities and their faith.

In 2025, God graciously blessed our one-year-old Freedom Baptist Church plant with 24 souls who made professions of faith, and eight individuals surrendered to Scriptural baptism. Please pray that these new believers will remain faithful in attendance, take the next step of baptism, and continue to grow in their walk with the Lord.

We praise the Lord and deeply appreciate your faithful prayers and support. Because of you, we are able to continue church planting among the U.S. Military in Japan. May God bless you abundantly in 2026 for your partnership in this ministry. Your church-planting missionaries to the U.S. Military in Japan,

Ed and Elvie Navato

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Sunday AM Service - Nov. 2



BIMI Military Missions Director Bro. & Mrs. Baggett visited Freedom Baptist Church



USMC & Veterans Sunday



FBC Christmas Sunday 2025



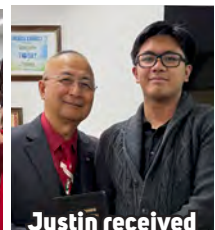
FBC First Lord's Supper Nov. 2025



Dave & Joanna from the U.S. visited us



Harumi received Christ Dec. 23!



Justin received Christ Dec. 23!



Sister Semira



Sister Saron



Anthony & Anna received Christ Dec. 30!

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

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