



THE CALLAHANS TO JAPAN

CHUCK, SUSAN, KATHERINE, SETH, AND JONATHAN
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1 Thessalonians 4:17 "Then we which are alive and remain shall be up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."



Shu ni Eiko! "Glory to The Lord!" 2018 started out with a visit from Pastor Dickinson who is the Pastor of our sending church Hillcrest Baptist Church, Bro. Erwin Mitchell, Hillcrest's Missions Director and Bro. Chris Allison accompanied him. Susan and I and our church family were blessed to have them in Okinawa. It is so encouraging for us to know that our home church is there for us and that we have a Pastor that would travel all the way to Japan to be a blessing to us and to Lighthouse Baptist Church.

In March, our travels back to the States began. I am retired military so we can travel space available. That means if there is a military flight leaving Okinawa with empty seats, we are able to compete for those seats. I sign up 60 days before it's time to fly; then I start checking for flights going to where we want to go. Then the day of the flight, we go to immigration and sign-out of the country. Afterward, we go to the terminal, sign-in, and wait for "Roll Call". Everyone who desires a seat on the flight stands there waiting for their name to be called. If your name is called, you take your luggage to the counter and check in. If not, you go to immigration, sign back into the country, go home, and wait for the next available flight. Usually you repeat this process many times because flights change, number of seats change, or because you were not selected. The other factor is that there are 6 different categories of people wanting to fly. Retirees, which I fall into, are category 6. To make it simple, we are at the bottom of the list. But if you get on the flight, you may have a layover and get bumped off the flight by someone in a higher category at that base, and then you start looking for a hotel. The main two words you live by are patience and flexibility. So in March, we went to the terminal to start the process. With bags ready and passport in hand, we signed out through immigration and checked in at the Kadena Passenger Terminal. Then we waited... Now you may ask, why do we go through all the trouble? Our flight is free! The flight we were trying for was a flight into SeaTac (Seattle-Tacoma Airport) which was 90 minutes from where our son Matthew lives. The "Roll Call" begins. Long story short, our name is called on the first try and 10 hours later we land in Seattle, WA where Matthew and our daughter-in-law Jessica are waiting for us. And on that note we are very excited to announce Matthew and Jessica are expecting their first child in October! (Our 2nd grandchild.)

Now after hearing about all that, aren't you glad that one day when the Lord returns, there will be no signing out and "When the Roll is called up Yonder", if your name is written in the Lamb's Book of life, you're guaranteed a place in Heaven. You won't be bumped for someone with a higher category number because if you have put your trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, you're Category One, Romans 10:13

Ministry Praises: A special "Thank You" to all of you who blessed us with Christmas cards and special Christmas offerings.

Ministry Prayer requests: Pray will be able to purchase a church van. On Okinawa, you have to be a certain rank or married to be able to drive. We're now at a point where we need to start picking up singles on the bases.

Family Praises and Prayer requests: Katherine and Seth at Pensacola Christian College. Jessica's health during pregnancy. My Cataract surgery was a huge success. Both eyes are finished. Because of a strong stigmatism I will have to wear glasses, but my eyesight is much better. Please also help us pray, before we left Japan, our washer died and upon our return we will need to replace it.

Your missionary, *Chuck Callahan* Acts 26:18

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