

# AUGUST NEWSLETTER



**August started off with Vacation Bible School. This was our first time doing VBS at Sound of Praise. We had a good turnout and I think most of the kids enjoyed themselves.**

**Of course had our monthly potluck and youth service. After potluck, a lot of us stayed for fellowship playing different board games and card games together.**

**We've also had two baptisms this month. One Japanese lady, and one military member that has been attending Bro. Shawn's small group recently.**

**Our youth service was themed "Refresh". Nearly all of our youth were coming back from NAYC or Japan General Conference.**

**We had some special speakers come in to share information on GATS with those of us in Okinawa. We're planning on starting on the material in January, and we're hoping to have enough of it translated into Japanese that we can start on that as well, if not by January, then soon thereafter.**

**We also did a lot of games and icebreakers of the Youth versus the Adults. Everyone had a lot of fun, and for the service itself, two of our youth were the speakers.**

**We also had a mini reunion of my AYC trip, as Donna is AIMing here, and Elijah Doan was here as well. (+ Shawn, Cole, & Bro. Hosmer)**

**Especially as most of our youth are now in the age bracket where they're soon going to need to make major decisions in their life in regards to their future schooling, jobs, relationships, etc; keep them in your prayers.**

**Also pray for my ongoing immigrations process. It's always an adventure.**



**During VBS we ended one of the days with a water fight. Us "big kids" hid a few extra buckets of water balloons for ourselves.**



**This is the Japanese lady that got baptized. Praying for a revival among the Japanese people.**



**And this is the military member that got baptized. She also received the holy ghost the previous month.**