



Tom & Ruth Denlinger Prayer Requests - March 2025

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Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I was very thankful for the opportunity to lead this team and serve so many new brothers and sisters in Christ in Okinawa, Japan. What an incredible local church is there - doing the work of Jesus. **I am firmly convinced that connecting with people that have a clear plan to make disciples of Jesus Christ and *INVESTING* in them is what God has called us to do.** "Thank you" for helping me do that. The ministry is not just to those who live in the places we go to serve. But, we are called to disciple those people who go with us.

Not every church teaches what Jesus taught in Matthew 28:19-20. He didn't tell us to simply build things and hope that people learn about Him in the process. **He told us to disciple people!**

Over the last 30 years building this ministry, I have observed that many people think that influencing others happens by default without them intentionally and "strategically" engaging people in conversation and Bible study for the purpose of building and sending them out. THAT is what LightShine does and that is the true definition of "ministry".



Take time to review our photo report on our website: www.lightshineministries.org/okinawa-japan-2025. On that page you will see that we didn't **just** help build a new floor in the pastor's home. But we also were involved in several different ministries in the evenings - interacting with people. **Thank you for praying for us.**

My job as Ministry Director is to do the work behind the scenes - helping people connect all the dots by planning ahead, vision casting, overseeing volunteers and helping them see the hand of the Lord working in their lives. **Thank you for helping me do this.** Sometimes it's simply listening to the voice of God as I spend time with Him and seek the Father for wisdom as He did. But I also still lead teams like this one. Daily I am faced with new challenges and problems to solve. This is my job and I am grateful for your understanding of what I do. **But most of all, thank you for praying for me.**

We send you this newsletter to help you understand what I do and our financial needs in ministry. **As a missionary, I need to raise \$5,250 per month to cover my salary.** The money that comes in from our supporters goes into a column in our ministry's books that I draw from when I report my hours each week. We ask for financial support since our ministry is not a money making business. **Thank you so much!**

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