



## 1st Baptism Service at Kobari Baptist Church

**"I only cared about making money, but then I came to this church and learned about Jesus... I realized that Christianity was not another religion, but a way of life,"** Mr Sato boldly proclaimed in his testimony before the church and the five non-believing friends he brought with him.

Sato is sometimes shy. He dreads talking in front of a large group in a formal setting, but you wouldn't know that by the way he talked about Jesus at his Baptism. Even though the ocean was very cold and most Japanese people would find this act very strange, Sato specifically asked to get baptized publicly. It was too cold to swim, but the beach was crowded with fishermen and families enjoying their Sunday afternoon. These people stared curiously as 20 folks from church walked down to the water's edge. I read Matthew 28:18-20 and asked Sato if he had accepted Christ as his Savior, to which he replied, "Yes!" Then we entered the cold water. Sato, shivering, chuckled "Hurry," which I was more than obliged to do! Next, our oldest son, Atlas, conquering his fear of sharks and drowning, waded in, and there at Kobari beach, **On May 30th, before dozens of strangers and friends, Mr. Sato and Atlas, boldly proclaimed to the world, through baptism, that they were followers of Christ and wanted to serve Jesus!**



## Meet Ocean Shiloh Hill

Our beautiful baby girl, Ocean Shiloh, was born at 8:50pm on May 17th. We chose the name Ocean to fit the theme we've chosen for our children, Atlas (map), Journey (the journey), and Orion (guiding star). As the church comes together as one body to serve Christ, we hope they too, together can go anywhere for Jesus! Shiloh, is a Hebrew name meaning peace or tranquil. In Gen. 49:10, the name Shiloh is used as a prophecy for the coming messiah. We pray that she will bring true peace by sharing the promise of the messiah to all those she meets.

Even though Covid restrictions were in place and I wasn't allowed to be there for the delivery, Jesus was! Rebel and the baby did great with no complications. Praise the Lord! Although we weren't allowed to see or hold Ocean in person until they were out of the hospital, we were thankful to see and talk to Rebel and Ocean through video calls.

## Pray for Kevin

Kevin has been going through many difficulties. I won't go into the details, but please pray for him. He told me he wasn't ready for baptism. However, in the first week of June, he seemed much better, and I was able to help him with some of the things he was struggling with. Please pray.

# Hill Family JAPAN



Bro. Sato, giving his testimony at the church before getting baptized



Reading Matthew 28:18-20 "...Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost..."



What a joy to get to baptize my son, Atlas



Walking to the water as a church to baptize Sato and Atlas

More  
photos and  
videos of Baptism  
and baby Ocean at  
[risingsonmission.com](http://risingsonmission.com)

## Prayer Requests

1. Rebel and Ocean's health and paperwork
2. Mr. Sato and Kevin's spiritual growth
3. Pray for Naoko's salvation, and for Tiago as he witnesses to her
4. Salvation: Yuki, Kamegai, Yuko, Hasegawa, Sakata, Watanabe (F), Yuen, Sean, Matsuki, Kawasaki, Koide, Chouko, Hisami, Emi, Naoko, Momo, Fumiko, Takahashi, Takeshi, Maho, Usuda, Nagayama, Sachi, Watanabe (M), Suzuki, Motoki, Koizumi, Kevin's wife and more

**Thank you for praying!**

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