

# The Johnsons

## Missionaries to Japan

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### Missions Statement

Evangelize the Lost  
Equip National Leaders  
Plant Local Churches

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## “She can’t wait for Sundays!”

Recently, I had the opportunity to speak with a grandmother who faithfully brings her five-year-old granddaughter to church every Sunday. She shared with me how much **her granddaughter looks forward to Sunday school and coming to church each week**. This testimony was such a great encouragement. At times, we may wonder whether we are making a difference—but we are truly thankful for the opportunity to impact young lives and to share the gospel with them.

We have had an incredibly busy but blessed spring. Since early January, we have welcomed a near-constant stream of visitors—some coming for fellowship, others to help with the building project, and many for both. In March, my home pastor and his wife, Pastor and Mrs. Carpenter, spent two weeks with us. We enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship. During the first week, they stayed with us in Aomori, and then we traveled together to Kobe for the second week. While there, we participated in the Kansai Independent Baptist Bible School’s **annual Bible conference and graduation**. Pastor Carpenter preached at the conference and was a tremendous encouragement and blessing to everyone.

Spring in Japan is camp season. At the end of March, our family had the privilege of attending a **youth camp in the Kobe area**. We were blessed to attend as a family this year and enjoyed sweet fellowship with other believers and missionaries. I had the opportunity to preach during one of the services, and during the invitation, **a young lady made a profession of faith in Christ**.

In May, we traveled to Fukushima Prefecture for the **annual family camp at Adatara Bible Camp**. This camp brings together churches from all over northeastern Japan and is a rare but valuable time of fellowship with fellow believers we usually see only once a year. It was a deeply encouraging time, and during the camp, two individuals made decisions to be baptized—a tremendous blessing.

We also had a wonderful Easter service this year. For our annual children’s **Easter celebration**, **we were blessed to have 19 children in attendance**. Our ministry partner, Kimiyo Canter, presented a very clear and powerful message on the Easter story and the gospel. For some of the children, this was their first time hearing the gospel. Please pray that the Lord will continue to work in their hearts.

Thank you for your prayers concerning the church building project. Progress continues steadily. This spring, we focused **on building the church kitchen and holding design meetings** with our architect for the new auditorium. As is often the case, this stage is taking longer than anticipated, but we are now close to finalizing the blueprints. We praise the Lord for His provision thus far and are excited to see how He will use this new facility for His glory. The kitchen is now functional and ready for immediate use.

Our goal was to complete the kitchen in time for our **annual church BBQ on June 1st**—and by God’s grace, we finished just in time. Please pray for this outreach event. We are praying that many new visitors will attend, and that the gospel presentation will be clear. In previous years, this has been a well-attended and fruitful event, and we are trusting the Lord for continued blessings.

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support. We could not serve here without your partnership in the gospel.

God bless,

Paul, Sarah, Timothy, Karen, Ethan, Joshua, and Charity Johnson



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“From the rising of the sun...the LORD’s name is to be praised.”

Psalm 113:3