

The Wards . . . Church Planting in Japan



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We appreciate your continued prayer and financial support. May the Lord bless you all.

Evangelism Efforts

We passed out 3,000 flyers for our Mother's Day service. Unfortunately, we did not have any newcomers. However, we had a blessed service.

We have been knocking on doors in various neighborhoods. We finished doing over 300 homes in the neighborhood called Kita. We also completed section two and three of Kaminaka, where we visited about 300 homes. We finished a country area called Kume, which had about 80 homes. And we also visited about 120 homes in Kajiwara.

Upcoming Events

We will be having special Father's Day services on June 16, so please pray for those services. We will have special Friend Day services on the last Sunday of July, with a special guest speaker, Pastor Murakami.

We will be celebrating the fifth anniversary of our church opening on September 15. Sogoro Ogawa, Pastor Emeritus of Senri Newtown Baptist Church will be our guest speaker. Please pray for these events.

Construction Projects

I went to Aomori in northern Japan May 13-18, and helped Missionary Paul Johnson, Pastor of Aomori Grace Baptist Church, with renovations in the building that his church just purchased. I am going there again June 2-8.

This week I have been helping do renovations at our local Bible College, Kansai Independent Baptist Bible College. We are renovating part of the ladies' dorm and the stairway up to the men's dorm. Pray for the safety and success of these projects.

Sara, Our Daughter is Helping Us

Sara came to Japan on April 30, and has been a great help in the church work. She has helped in the music, playing the piano and singing specials. She has also been a great help in visitation, as we can now have two teams that go out on evangelism.

She and Mr. Fukumoto have gone on several dates, and they seem to be advancing in their relationship. Pray for God's will in the matter.

Prayer for Projects in the US

Our home church, Independent Baptist Church in Clinton, Maryland, is going to send a mission team to help do VBS on a Hopi Indian reservation in Arizona in July. Our son, Matthew, who attends there, is going to help, and our oldest daughter, Teresa, who actually is a member of Westside Baptist Church and teaches in the school there, will also go. She has a talent to do chalk art, as well as piano and cello. Pray that the team will be greatly used there, and for the needs of that project to be supplied.

Blessings in the Ministry

Mrs. Yamamoto of Kasai City, the neighboring city, has started coming to church again. Please pray for her continued attendance.

Mr. Kitagawa had to move back to Osaka because the company he was working for had no more work for him. He has returned to his home church.

Prayer requests for salvation

- Mr. Yoshikawa, who sold us our car.
- Mr. and Mrs. Kuramae, our church landlords: salvation and health
- Mr. and Mrs. Kageyama, our house landlords
- Mr. and Mrs. Tokimoto, our real estate agent
- Mrs. Tsunemine
- Mr. Morimoto
- Mrs. Tanaka and Mrs. Fujimoto and families
- Mr. Manabu Matsumoto, the cousin of Miss Hiroko Matsumoto, a Japanese missionary in Senegal.
- Mrs. Fujiwara, the grandmother of Mr. Komi
- Mr. Tokuhara, owner of the bike shop where I bought a scooter.
- Mr. Taro Kuramae, the man who did our plumbing
- Mrs. Taitano, the wife of Mr. Taitano, and his two sons
- Mrs. Yamada: to come to church again and be saved

Other prayer requests

- Mr. Fujiwara and Mr. Akita to come back to church
- Property and/or building for the future of Kato BC
- God's blessing on Mr. Yuki Fukumoto, our Japanese co-worker. Pray that he gets a wife.
- Evangelism of the cities of Kato, Ono, Kasai, and Nishiwaki.