

The Johnsons

Missionaries to Japan

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Missions Statement

Evangelize the Lost
Equip National Leaders
Plant Local Churches

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Go Forward

The missionary Hudson Taylor once said, "God's work is always advancing." It is an exciting work to be involved in when we can look back over the years at where we once were and see the steady, albeit sometimes slow, progress forward. There are certain times when we are inching forward, and other times when God flings a door wide open, and we must simply walk through it. It seems like **we may be at one of those "open door" opportunities** in our ministry here in Aomori.

We may have the opportunity to purchase the building we are renting for the church. We are currently renting a former café space, but that café is attached to an apartment complex with 12 units. We have been presented with the opportunity to **purchase the entire building**, apartments included. This would increase the size of the church building by over 3 times what we are currently renting. There are still several decisions left to be made, but for the time being, we are asking for your prayers for wisdom **that God would make His will known** to us. We will keep you updated as this exciting opportunity develops.

In Japan, the first week of May is "Golden week." Three national holidays are back-to-back during the week, so many use the opportunity to go on vacation. This year, we were privileged to take part in a **Golden Week camp in Fukushima** prefecture, six hours south of Aomori. 13 churches from Northeast Japan gathered and we thoroughly enjoyed the Christian fellowship and preaching.

We held our annual **spring barbecue** on the last weekend in May. We were blessed to have **32 people come and participate**, including one first-time visitor, as well as several returning visitors. We invited Pastor Augu Mawatari from the Kobe area to preach for us, and he preached a very clear salvation message. Please pray for those who heard the gospel that the Holy Spirit would work on their hearts.

For the entire month of June, we have **four young ladies and a teacher from The Crown College in Tennessee with us for a mission's trip**. They are teaching multiple English classes during the week, passing out thousands of flyers, helping us with manual labor around the church, getting involved in our music ministry, and giving testimonies. They have already been a blessing to us, and we are looking forward to seeing what God will do for the remainder of the month.

We have scheduled a **violin concert for July 1st** this year. We are planning on passing out 10,000 flyers for the concert and are praying for many people to come participate. The violinist, Mr. Tsujii will be giving his testimony, and I will be giving a gospel presentation. Please pray that God will work on hearts through this outreach event. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support of our ministry

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