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After several trips back and forth, praying, and seeking the best decision, the Lord blessed in providing us with a home in Oamishirasato City. We are excited that on September 5th, we will leave from Gamagori and begin making the journey to Chiba. Google Maps puts the distance at 372km (231 miles) ENE directional. Several other missionaries and pastors are helping with the move which will be a tremendous blessing. Lord willing, we will be in our new home on September 6th. Thank you to all who have already given towards the expenses of this trip. Any additional funds received will be put toward additional expenses that arise after move-in.

I am so thankful for the opportunities I have been afforded in being able to serve, teach, and preach on various occasions at Gamagori Baptist Church. In August, we enjoyed our Sunday School Camp that incorporated other churches from our state. The Lord moved in a mighty way. Many decisions were made in service to the Lord. One young man who came the first night and had never been to church before was gloriously saved as he trusted in Christ. Glory!

Miss Sydney Chambers, who was our summer intern, went back on August 8th where she will continue in her last year at Ambassador Baptist College. We are so thankful for the time we were able to fellowship and to see this young lady do such wonderful work here in Japan. Continue to pray for the Lord's WILL to be done in Sydney's life.

Many have asked about my wife's hearing. Unfortunately, her hearing never fully returned. However, she did have a wonderful birthday, and we thank you for the cards sent her way. What a blessing and thank you to all.

On September 1st, Gamagori Baptist Church will have a farewell service in our honor. I will be teaching Sunday School and preaching in the morning service. Our children will be singing. Pray for the Lord to be pleased in all that is said and done for him. On September 4th, I will teach the Wednesday night Bible Study. This will be our last service at Gamagori.

As we begin a new chapter in Oamishirasato City, we covet your prayers on our behalf. We want to pick up right where Pastor Takagi left off before his home-going. We believe the greatest days for the church are still yet to come. What an opportunity to see the church grow, souls saved, and just keep on keeping on for Jesus. I look forward to leading the church under the Lord's direction.

Thank you for your prayers for Amy and the kids. Amy is busy packing, homeschooling, and everything else. Abigail is enjoying 2nd grade, Joel - 1st grade, Jason - kindergarten.



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We love you all and are excited for the fall season upon us here. Thank you, we love you all, and until next time, may the Lord richly bless you!

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Luke 4:18-19

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