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Opportunities

When looking for a location to start a new church, there are certain conditions that are often sought in Japan – nearness to a train station or a bus stop, visible location, well-traveled street, etc. The Yoritas had these things in mind when they began Baptist Megumi Chapel; thus they were a bit baffled when the only place the Lord opened up for them to be able to get a home in which they would be starting the church was tucked away in a residential area with no visibility. They also found that there were some additional challenges because it is an older area and most of the families have long-established ties to the local temple and/or shrine. They have served here faithfully for seven years despite these challenges.



Already under construction



A few months ago

Right next to this residential area was a large factory. However, a couple of years ago the factory closed. The ground was cleared and sat vacant for some time. This area is now being developed as a new housing area, with one of the entrances directly across from the street the church is on. We are very excited about the new opportunities for outreach

Same area now



Sign pointing the way to Baptist Megumi Chapel



that these new homes represent. The plans include over 350 houses being built – that's over 350 families to potentially reach with the gospel of Christ. Building began recently, and several homes have already been completed. **Please pray for us as we seek to reach this new area with the message of the Savior.**



View from directly in front of the church



View from the end of our street

On November 24 there will be a special outreach that I have requested prayer for in previous letters. We will be having a Christmas concert at a large community center very near the church and this new housing area. The concert will feature music from members of sister churches nearby as well as Pastor and Mrs. Yorita. Pastor Asada from Gamagori Baptist Church will be the speaker. We are in the final stages of preparing a flyer to advertise this event and our other Christmas services. **Please pray that we will have the needed strength and health for passing out these flyers, and that many people will come with open hearts.**

Additional Prayer Requests

Here are some other things you can help me pray about:

1. New visitors, salvation of souls, and effective ministry at Baptist Megumi Chapel
2. Additional needed monthly support, especially as sales tax on many items increases from 8% to 10% starting in October
3. Guidance regarding the timing of, and financial provision for, my next trip home to check on my brother and visit some supporting churches
4. Guidance and details regarding a necessary change for my stateside "address of record"

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers.

In His Service,

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