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Missionaries to
Japan

Carrying the Cross to
the Land of the Rising Sun



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Each month of the first Saturday we have a time of church-wide outreach. We had great turnouts to pass out new tracts that we were able to tweak a little to add new information about the ministries of the church. For the past three months on those Saturdays, the Lord gave us beautiful weather.

Our English as well as our Japanese ministries have seen new people coming as well as additional ministries for training God's people. Our International Sunday School Class, Children's class, and Japanese Adult Sunday School classes are growing and are such a blessing to see God's people being faithful even in the midst of still having COVID around. We have a series of booklets that we are using to help us all grow in our faith and walk for Him. We are thankful for the Source of Light Ministry at our church office here. Everyday, truly, there is something to be done in this ministry, whether it is grading papers, sending out the next course to be completed, and so much more. This ministry is truly reaching many for Christ.

I am thankful that Amy has been able to be such a help in our Children's Sunday School Hour, Morning and Afternoon Children's Services. She definitely has been staying busy with this.

Pray that more children will come and be a part.

Our children have had a hard time adjusting to the Japanese school system. After one year we made the decision to pull them out. They were really struggling mentally and in every way with this. Therefore we started the Abeka Homeschooling program with them. However they are like me and my wife in many ways, meaning they have no desire to learn by having to sit in front of a computer trying to do schooling. They really need to be in a classroom. Pray for the wisdom in how to go about making sure our children get the best education that they need.

We praise the Lord for three professions of faith from these past three months. Two Japanese were saved in our Sunday morning services during the invitation time. Also another Japanese was saved as a result of the Source of Light Ministry courses. Pray for these three dear saints now in the Lord to grow and be faithful to whatever the Lord has for their lives.

Pray as we will be coming on a furlough in a couple of weeks. We will be leaving Japan and arriving in America on the same day, Sunday, October 24. We are presently praying about the Lord's will concerning our next step in ministry. Once we return Stateside and know more details we will be sure to let you know. Please pray for a negative PCR test for all six of us as that is a requirement for getting on the airplane. Our tickets have been purchased but were much higher than expected as well as the PCR tests that we will be taking on Friday, October 22. Please pray that the Lord provides for these finances.

We are looking forward to our meeting that we will have at BIMI sometime the first or second week in November, Lord willing. Continue to pray as we seek the Lord in all things as we continue to represent you all in serving our Lord. We thank you, Pastor, Church Member, Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, whatever your title may be, THANK YOU that you pray and support us. That continues to make it possible for us to be able to do what we do. We love you and will be staying in touch again once we know more in November. Until next time, may the Lord richly bless you!

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Pray for the lost souls of Japan to come to know Christ as their personal Savior

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