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God's Missionaries to

Dear Family and Friends,

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"A faithful man shall abound with blessings..." Prov 28:20a We want to thank all of you who have prayed for us and have helped support us this fall; the Lord has truly blessed. Let us share with you the blessings God has given.

God has given us a great start to our deputation ministry. It has been a step of faith but also a great opportunity to see the Lord provide all our needs. The churches we have ministered in have been very good to us. We praise the Lord that on our 6 week trip from Indiana to Florida, Connecticut, and New Jersey, we only had to get a hotel for three nights. We now have three churches and several individuals who have agreed to support us on a monthly basis and several more who will be voting on it in January. We want to thank you for your giving to the Lord's work. The Lord also has been working in people's lives not only to give financially but to give themselves to the Lord. We have been encouraged to see both children and adults come to make decisions for the Lord.

God gave us another blessing in October with the news of April expecting a baby! Praise the Lord! The baby is very healthy and is due July 4<sup>th</sup>. April, however, has been feeling very sick herself and has not been able to do much. Please pray that she will get feeling better and the baby will remain healthy. Lord willing, our baby will be able to go to Japan at about the same age that April was when she first went with her parents.

God also enabled us to join with World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions in November, and we are excited about being their first missionaries to Japan. The Lord has also blessed us with many meetings scheduled for next year, but we still have many dates open. Please pray for us to get more meetings and for God to work through us in each church we minister. We still have much to raise in support and financial needs, but we know God will provide in His time as He continues to bless. Have a blessed Christmas and New Year, and may you also "abound with blessings" as you faithfully serve Him.

In His Service, Michael and April Riffel

## P.S. Prayer Requests on Back

Trust in the Lord, and do good: so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. - Psalm 37:3

# **Prayer Requests**

#### Personal

- 1. Daily walk with God.
- 2. Wisdom
- 3. Safety traveling
- 4. The health of April and the Baby

#### Ministry

- 1. Help booking more meetings in churches next year
- 2. The salvation of Jeremy our neighbor
- 3. For God to work through us as we minister in churches
- 4. The ministry of the Riches in Japan

#### For the Salvation of:

- \*Mr. Ishi -the Rich's realtor
- \*Mr. & Mrs. Aiba- their neighbor
- \*Mr. & Mrs. Arai- Rich's landlord
- \*Mr. and Mrs. Kikuhara -gas man
- \*The Rich's milk man- having Bible studies regularly

#### Financial

- 1. monthly support
- 2. Outfit and Passage
  Shipping our Container- \$3,800
  Travel to Nagano- \$3,000
  Needed appliances- Refrigerator,
  - Freezer, Washer, Dryer, Stove

## 3. Set Up Cost

Van- \$8,000 (w/ Gov. tax/inspect) Renting- \$5,000 (5 months to get in)

Heaters- \$3,000

Housing start up- \$1,300

- -telephone and line
- -gas hook up, amps boosted
- -joining the community, etc.
- 4. Japanese Language School about \$10,000 (using ministry funds)