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“God is my strength and power: and he maketh my way perfect.” 2 Samuel 22:33b

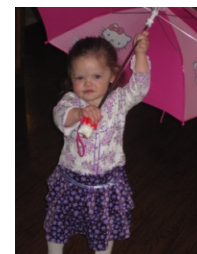
“When are they coming?” That is what the people of the church in Japan often ask Pastor Rich about us. They can hardly wait for us to get to Japan and neither can we. We are so excited about what God is doing there. The church is growing, and they just had their first service in the new church building on Mother’s Day (pictured right). God has been working so that they could rent this for \$1,800 less than those who previously rented it. Please pray for the transition and the remainder of the funds needed to finish the building with a heating/air unit. We thank the Lord for your part in getting us closer to the field God has called us to through your prayers and support. Pray our support in quickly so we can say to them soon, “we are on our way!”



God is making our way perfect and giving us strength as we have been busy with meetings in MN, WI, NJ, MI, IN, PA, and OH. One of the conferences was a round robin conference in which we presented in five churches over four days immediately followed by two other mission’s conferences in a row. Abigail adjusted pretty well as she met new people every day. She did get a little shy after a while and did go through a little spell of not wanting to see any more new people, but she got over it quickly and is doing fine. Here is a picture of Abigail posing with Pastor Preston.



All these meetings have given us many opportunities to meet many new people and see God work in lives. We are excited about several who dedicated their lives fully to Christ and two young people who came up to me after a service. One said that she now knew God was calling her to be a teacher, and the other confirmed that God was calling her to be a missionary. The Missions conferences were a great blessing with great preaching, fellowship, and opportunities to see so many people show interest in our ministry to Japan with lots of questions.



Over the Hill! We want to thank Faith Baptist Church, Pensacola, FL; Harvest Field Baptist Church, Fayette, NY; Dave & Bonnie Winrotte, and Grace Baptist Church, Lenoir City, TN for taking us on for support. Two of our supporting churches also raised their support level bringing us up to **52%** of our support. The Lord is working and His way is perfect. We currently are waiting on 4 or 5 churches to let us know if they can take us on for support. Please pray these churches can take us on for support.

We truly would appreciate your prayers for continued strength and health, Abigail’s daily training and salvation, future meetings (summer months are slim) and preparation for us as we get our things packed up to be ready to go to Japan. Would you be willing to pray for us daily, so we can get to the field by next year? Just a few seconds every day is all we ask. We know that prayer avaieth much. So we ask of you to pray our support in. If you feel led to take up this challenge, would you send us a quick email to maariffel@gmail.com to let us know you are praying? We would love to hear from you. Thanks again for your prayers and support.

In Christ’s Love,
 The Riffel Family

