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Many in Need of a Savior

As we saw pictures and heard news of the recent earthquakes and tsunami in Japan, our hearts broke once again for the Japanese people. Many swept into eternity without even hearing the name of Jesus. We know God makes no



mistakes. He has a plan, and it includes Japan. Many Japanese are living in fear today, and are in dire need of the Savior who can give them peace in the uprooted and catastrophic world they live in. Please pray that this will open the Japanese hearts to the Gospel, and that we will see Revival sweep Japan before our Lord returns. But, how can they hear without a preacher? Japan needs missionaries! Would you be willing to go to this needy country? We need to get to Japan! Would you consider helping us get to the field by supporting our ministry, or by increasing your support?





Praising God for His Protection

We praise the Lord that April's parents, Richard and Catherine Rich, were in Saku, Japan and not near the coastline where the earthquake and Tsunami hit. They felt the earthquake and many aftershocks but are fine, and did not have any damage to their house, nor are they near any nuclear plants.

We also praise the Lord for God's protection on our family as we collided with a deer while traveling in Michigan. We were all fine, but our van was totaled. The Lord turned it into a huge blessing however, because we received more back from insurance than what we had purchased it for over 80,000 miles ago.

Ready, Set, Go! -March 2012

Our deputation ministry has surely been quite the adventure to say the least, not only on a physical level, but also on a spiritual level. God has taught us much, and we praise Him for His guidance and evident working in hearts and lives across America. Up to this point, we have not had clear direction from the Lord on when to leave for the field, although we have had goals. Now, God has given us peace about leaving at least by the end of March 2012. Knowing this has surely encouraged our hearts, and we ask that you would pray earnestly with us that God would catapult our deputation to get us to the field. Pray that everything would fall in place for us to leave, including all our support and start up costs, visas, Michael's ordination (planned for January 14-15), and organizing and packing our belongings to leave for the field.

Thank You

We have been flooded with calls, emails, and messages asking about us and about the Riches in Japan, and informing us that they are praying. We want to thank you all so very much for your thoughtfulness and prayers for us and for the Japanese people during these days. We also want to thank all our supporters, including our newest supporters: Faith Baptist Church (Kilgore, TX), Temple Baptist Church (New Castle, IN), Mr. and Mrs. Ruhstorfer (Hesperia, MI), and several others who have increased their support level. This brings us to 63% of our support.

Upcoming Schedule of Meetings

March 20 – Curwensville, PA
March 23-27 – Terra Haute, IN
March 29 - April 3 – Trafalgar, IN
April 6 – Greenfield, IN
April 10 – Vinton, IA
Currel
April 17 – Beecher City, IL
63%

Support Level
Needed
37%

Praying for the Harvest, Michael, April, and Abigail Riffel