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Dear praying friends, family, and churches,

Psalm 113:3 From the Rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised

Yesterday evening, while traveling home from a meeting, we enjoyed a beautiful sunset with a magnificent red tinted sun shining through a light haze of clouds. It reminded us again of our calling to the land of the rising sun where our hearts long to be telling the Japanese about Christ. As we approach our departure date in March, the Lord is continuing to increase our support up to 71%. It is so exciting to view our monthly support list and read through the list of all who have given to support our ministry. We surely could not do the work without you and are so grateful for all who have a part in our ministry and pray for us.

We have had many opportunities to minister in many good meetings this summer, as well as to help in our home church's VBS and Bus Route. We had over 100 children come, and 5 got saved. They surprised us by giving us the week's offering, which will go toward our shipping container. We also celebrated our church's 50th Anniversary and Abigail's 3rd birthday. We are excited for all that God has in store for the future of our church and for our little girl. Last Sunday, she sang a special with us for the first time, and really seemed to sing out and enjoy it. Please continue to pray for her salvation.

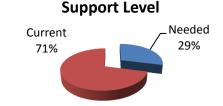


One of our projects this summer has been to accumulate and organize all the clothes we will need for Abigail for the four years that we will be in Japan, since it can be very expensive there. We also recently purchased some air conditioners that we will take with us for our house in Japan. We thank the Lord for providing for some of these start-up needs. We still have much to raise for getting a car in Japan, starting to rent a house, shipping a container, and for flights. Due to the yen rate, we will need even more for language school as well. If your church would like to help with these needs, please contact us or send directly to

our mission marked "Michael Riffel- Start up Fund". Please continue to pray for these needs and for us to be able to get everything organized for leaving for the field.

A highlight this month was when the Riches came back from Japan for a week and a half for the church's anniversary, Abigail's birthday, and to take supplies back for their project to the refugees. They are still working with the churches near the devastated areas in Japan and will be taking a basket to each of the 1,200 housing units that are still being built by the government to house the refugees. It will include a kitchen towel, dish soap, sugar, and other items, as well as a New Testament, special Gospel print, Bible study correspondence course, and literature from the nearest Independent Baptist church. Pray for God to bless this effort and for the Japanese to open their hearts to receive the Gospel message.

In His Service, Michael, April, and Abigail Riffel



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Prayer Requests

- 1. We are in the process of getting our Visas so please pray the paperwork will go smoothly.
- 2. We would like to ask prayer for Miss Adriana, a lady that April had a chance to meet twice and witness to in Wal-Mart. She said she wanted to pray to accept Christ on her own.
- 3. Pray also for Michael as he studies Japanese on the side and is preparing for his ordination.
- 4. Pray for our support and Start up costs.
- 5. Pray for our schedule and that we would be able to fill in the open dates
- 6. Pray for the Refugee project and the Japanese people to be saved
- 7. Pray for Abigail's Salvation and understanding
- 8. Pray for our health We all are battling colds right now especially April.

Itinerary

| Day | Date | Pastor | Church | City | ST |
|-----------|---------------------|----------------------|--|------------------|----|
| Sunday PM | July 30, 2011 | Bruce Fincham | Bible Baptist Church | Culpeper | VA |
| Sunday PM | August 7, 2011 | Tim Smart | Maranatha Baptist Church | Ripley | TN |
| Wednesday | August 10, 2011 | Bill Dean | Tekoa Baptist Church | Knoxville | TN |
| Sunday | August 21, 2011 | George Salley | Cherry Corner Baptist Church | Grampian | PA |
| Sunday PM | September 4, 2011 | Henry | Northside Baptist Church | Elkhart | IN |
| Monday | September 12,2011 | Allen Cassel | Baileyville Baptist Church | Baileyville | IL |
| Sun-Fri | September 18-23 | Randy Jackson | Faith Baptist Church | Estell Springs | TN |
| Sunday PM | September 25, 2011 | Bret Pallotta | Fellowship Baptist Church | Wartburg | TN |
| Sunday Pm | October 3, 2011 | Sam Haynes | New Grace Baptist Church | Bristol | TN |
| Wed-Sun | October 6-9, 2011 | Tobin | Tomah Baptist Church | Tomah | WI |
| Mon-Wed | October 10-12, 2011 | Dan Duncan | Victory Baptist Church | Pleasant Prairie | WI |
| Sunday | October 23, 2011 | Pilger | First Baptist Church | Winamac | IN |
| Sunday PM | October 30, 2011 | Larry Ruh | Cornerstone Baptist Church | New Lexington | ОН |
| Wed | November 9, 2011 | Jeff Amsbaugh | Grace Baptist Church | Columbus | GA |
| Sunday | January 8, 2012 | Ron Peterson | Heritage Baptist Church Ordination Service - Grace Baptist | Crown Point | IN |
| Saturday | January 14, 2012 | Matt Elliott | Church | Plymouth | IN |
| Wed-Sun | January 18-22 | Blakely | Berean Baptist Church | Greenwood | IN |
| Sunday | January 29, 2012 | Bill Hendricks | First Baptist Church | Grafton | IL |
| Sunday AM | February 19, 2012 | Jerry Siler | Cornerstone Baptist Church | Dayton | ОН |
| | Send Shippin | g Container to Japan | and Leave the United States by March 23r | rd | |
| Sunday | March 25, 2012 | Donald Reed | Lighthouse Baptist Church | Naalehu | HI |
| Sunday AM | April 1, 2012 | Kamikubo | Lanikila Baptist Church | Waipahu | HI |
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Fly to Japan April 2, 2012

^{***}Please let us know if you would be able to receive our email prayer update instead to help save on postage***