THE RIFFEL FAMILY UPDATE



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Psalms 145:5 "I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works." We are excited to share what the Lord is doing through your prayers and support here in Japan.

August Outreach

The Lord truly blessed as we had close to 30 come to the American BBQ and fireworks outreach with half of them unsaved. We



were excited that many of our English students came for the first time, including the Mizuma family. Please keep the father, **Mr. Nori** in your prayers as he has yet to follow the rest of his family in accepting Christ. Pray that God would change

their priorities and schedule so they can all

come to church.

Mission Trip

In August, we so enjoyed having Nelly Cubacub for a missions trip. She



was such a blessing and helped us prepare a lot for our



Saturday evangelism by getting materials ready. Not having a good church to call home, while here she made a decision to follow the Lord in baptism and become a part of our church. So we were privileged to baptize her in our backyard inflatable pool and we look forward to having her

come back to Japan soon.

Holding the Fort

Later in August, we said goodbye to **Nelly** and **Hikaru** as they went back to college and **Pastor** and **Mrs. Rich** as they started a 3¹/₂ month furlough. Please keep them in your prayers during this busy time and for us as well as we hold down the fort here and handle all their responsibilities. Even though it is a lot of work for Michael, it has been so exciting seeing him preach in Japanese. He has been doing a powerful series on our spiritual warfare and God is using him. Please continue to pray for him to have even more understanding and comfortableness in this very difficult Japanese language.

New Doors

The Lord opened up a door to witness to our milk farmer **Mrs. Kobayashi** and her daughter **Yuha** through teaching English and Bible. They both listen to the Bible time, and come to find out, the mother came from a Christian home but married an unsaved man and has been out of church for a long time. Please pray that God will work through us to get her back in church and that this family will receive the Lord.

Another door that Michael has been working on is our church website. He was in the midst of putting it together first in English when a young lady, **Miss Mayo**, saw it and started coming to church. She was saved while in New Zealand for a trip, but had not been going to church. Pray for her to grow in the Lord and for us to get the website finished so God can use it to draw others to Him.

Preparing for Outreach

Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner and we are busy preparing for our annual outreaches. Some have already told us they're coming. Please pray that God will work mightily through us, that people will be saved, and that they will grow and join the church.

Mini Bible Camp

This year our church met together with another Baptist Church two hours from here to hold a mini-Bible camp for two days.



This was a new experience for our church, and we really enjoyed the fellowship and the preaching of God's Word.



Abigail's Corner

Abi has started third grade, and it is such a joy to hear her enjoy her classes and a new baby kitten given to us by our friends from the

milk farm. Another special blessing was to have Abi's Grandpa and Grandma Riffel come for a 2 week visit from America. We really enjoyed their fellowship and ministry in our church and camp as well, and their helping around the house during this busy time. Our time together went so quickly and we miss them already.

In His service, Michael, April, and Abigail Riffel