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“O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.” Psalms 34:8, 19

## Angels Rejoicing Again

We are so excited that another student and her mother prayed to accept Christ as their Saviour in October. The girl, K., came to our class with lots of questions and wanted to talk to us afterward about Jesus.



After further witnessing she really wanted to pray and also was trying to get her mother and brother to receive the Lord as well. Her mother, M., works at the hospital and has known our family for many years. She had been listening well during our Bible times too. We really felt that we had explained it the best we could and that they had truly repented and believed. They both went home excited about the decision they had made.

However, the Japanese culture was obviously affecting them right away and perhaps the husband/father too. The next day we received a text from the mother saying that they desired to be “quiet” believers and could not go to church or be involved in it. We have seen this so often in the Japanese culture here as folks are afraid to be shunned by their community or go against their families wishes. This is such a burden on our hearts.

Please pray that God will break down these cultural walls and help those who have been saved to choose to come to church and live for the Lord. Our hearts are saddened by this, but we are thankful that we can still teach the Bible through our English class and pray that we can help them grow.



## God continues to work

We are so excited that Mia Okada also accepted Christ in October. Marissa led her to the Lord. We have been praying for her and are excited to see her growing in the Lord. Please pray for her.

Amidst all the blessings there also were some major battles that we have had to pray through in recent months as well. Some of our church folks really faced attacks in multiple ways. We praise the Lord that through it all God has helped to strengthen our church and God has been victorious in the decisions that were made. We were however sad to see Yuji, a young man in our church, move away in September. Please pray for him and continue to pray for Yuichi to come back to the Lord. Mom Rich faced a physical struggle with pneumonia in October but praise God she did not have to be hospitalized and has been able to fully recover. She is her usual busy and hardworking self again. We are so thankful for all she does.

## Church Events

We praise the Lord for very few cases of Covid in Japan now and that we can resume many of our church events. Our August BBQ outreach was delayed and instead we had an American fall festival in October (pictured left). But this turned out to be a great time and we were so excited to have 14 visitors attend. The girl who received Christ and her mother came too. We also had a fall trip as a church in October and God blessed so much as we were able to be refreshed as a church family and focus on our great Creator. God answered our prayers by taking away the forecasted rain that day and giving us beautiful weather.



We are so excited to be able to also have our Thanksgiving Turkey Banquet this year. We have invited all of our students. Please pray some will attend and not be shy into coming again to a church event.

Also please pray for God’s blessing on our Christmas Service on December 19<sup>th</sup>. We hope to have a special ladies Christmas on the 18<sup>th</sup> and English Christmas parties on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of December. We are hoping to make lots of Christmas cookies for us and our church folks to hand out with tracts to neighbors and any unsaved friends or co-workers. We have never had anyone refuse a tract when they were given with the cookies. Please pray God will truly show the people of Saku His Glory and that He came for their salvation this Christmas.

The Johns and Romans that we are passing out to every home in Saku had run out in August. A missionary in Hokkaido who we get them from had run out as his new shipment had major delays in getting to Japan because of Covid. But thankfully we were finally able to receive a shipment in October and start passing these out again on Saturdays.

## Abigail’s Corner

Abi is doing great. She just was in a Concert in October. She played a violin duet and trio and also played piano. She enjoyed that. Her eighth grade is challenging, but she is doing well. She is been taking a document processing class, and we even asked her to type this prayer letter as part of her homework. She is really enjoying her classes and also is looking forward to Christmas break. She is super busy, but loves her life.



Thank you so much for your prayers,  
Michael, April, & Abigail Riffel