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*O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth. Isaiah 25:1*

## God's Blessing

Three years ago, April met Shoko, her husband Kentaro, and their beautiful daughter Lisa at the grocery store. It was a quick encounter, but God had plans. Shoko started coming to church and started studying God's Word finding that she truly needed to have Jesus in her life. She had grown up in Taiwan and had been to church before but had put all that aside when she married and came to Japan. As she came to church the Lord worked in her life and Michael led her in accepting Christ as her Saviour and then she started studying God's Word all the more. We are excited to say she was baptized this last June. We are so thankful for Shoko and for her love for Jesus. Please pray with us for her husband, Kentaro's salvation.



## Exciting Summer Ahead

We are so excited about all God has in store for this summer! Even amidst Covid numbers spiking here in our city, God is bringing us much encouragement! We will have our first Church Camp this August. What gets us the most excited is that Dr. O'Malley from our mission, WWNTBM will be coming to speak at our camp! As our daughter Abi said the other day to us when we found out Dr. O'Malley had received his very hard to get visa to Japan, "We are over the moon excited!" :-). Please pray with us that God will bless this camp in a very special way, and that our church family will be able to attend and will be strengthened in the Lord through this camp. August is a usually very hard month for Japanese Christians as it is a time Japanese families worship the dead. We pray this camp will comfort and strengthen our church family.

Another exciting event this August/September will be that the White Family will be coming over for three weeks to sign contract for Mom's house and will be on a survey missions' trip! We cannot wait for them to come! :-). We look forward to when their deputation will be fully over and they will be with us here in Saku for their first term as missionaries in Japan, Lord willing, next year!

## A Hard Decision

We would appreciate your prayers for a lady in our church who has been attending our church for quite some time. Her name is Eiko. Eiko was led to the Lord by Pastor and Mom

Rich some time ago, but has had a hard time deciding to be baptized. She feels she has many hurdles to jump over before she can be baptized. Her husband is unsaved, and some of her family is from the communist political party here in Japan. Her being baptized could stir up quite a bit of trouble for her and her family. Please pray she will be able to give all to the Lord and choose to follow the Lord in baptism. Mom Rich has spent countless hours investing in God's Word with her, and we can see she is growing. Last Sunday she told April she knows one day she will probably get baptized.

## Abi's corner

Abi is so excited for this summer! She finished her first book, and now is in the editing process. She also started writing a sequel to the first book. Please pray we will know the steps to take to publish her book once all the editing is done. She also is excited to have started high school! It's hard for us to believe she is now in ninth grade! She loves her Bible classes so much! So thankful to our sending church, Grace Baptist Church, for letting her be a student through Grace Baptist Christian School and watch online streaming classes.

## Praises:

1. Shoko's Baptism
2. White's getting their Visas
3. Dr. O'Malley getting his visa
4. Eiko's growth in the Lord
5. Abi's book getting written.

We are so grateful  
for your prayers,  
"Thank You"  
-Michael, April, & Abi

## Prayer Requests:

1. Shoko's continued growth in the Lord, and her husband and daughter's salvation.
2. God's blessing our church camp, and that we will all grow in the Lord through this.
3. Dr. O'Malley's trip to Cambodia and here to Japan.
4. The White's trip to Japan to be a fruitful and blessed time, and their support to all come in quickly as they transition their life over here to Japan.
5. Eiko's growth and decision to be baptized.
6. Okada family- for their daughter Anna to be saved, and for Joshua (Father) to desire to come to church and come to camp.
7. Claire Okada as she prepares to teach the White and Derry families Japanese next year.
8. Health and strength for the Derry Family to finish deputation and to be able to come next year fully supported.
9. Abi's book editing to go well, and in the Lord's timing to be published. That her book will glorify God and that teen's will draw nigh to the Lord because of it.
10. Continued protection from illness and guidance from the Lord daily.