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Dear Friends and Family,

“Pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you.” 2 Thess. 3:1b

The Salvation of Anna

It is always so exciting when someone enters the family of God. Thank you for praying for little Anna. Mom Rich had the great privilege of leading her to the Lord during her Sunday School class on April 2nd. Praise the Lord! Afterward, Anna’s face was grinning ear to ear. Please pray for Anna’s faith to grow and for the salvation of the other young ones in our church: Lisa, Yuna, and Yumi.

Church Events

God blessed us with a good Easter Sunday with an after-sunrise breakfast, easter service, and a gorgeous day to go to the park as a church family and view the cherry blossoms. It is always so wonderful to celebrate our risen Lord. For the “Golden week” holiday here in Japan our church held its first ever Bible Conference. Brother White and Michael preached on the theme of Running the Christian Race from Hebrews 12. It has really been nice to have another man that can help with the preaching (even through an interpreter). Michael threw his back out last week so brother White preached for him. It was Michael’s first time in 6 years to have a Sunday rest from preaching (besides having Covid). Praise the Lord, God had him here. Our Mother’s Day Sunday went well as we honored our mothers and pastor gave a challenge of being “keepers at home” from Titus 2:5.



They Arrived!

The White family is finally here. We have been busy helping them get settled into their new life as missionaries in Japan. After a few weeks of running around, things are starting to settle down. It was pretty obvious to us all that the devil does not want them here as they all got sick and faced several difficulties after first arriving. Please pray for God’s protection and grace as they continue to adjust to living in Japan.

Language School

We are happy to announce that our church has started a language school to teach Japanese to missionaries (i.e. the White family right now). Claire will be teaching the classes starting in June at the church. She is nervous but excited that she can serve the Lord. Please pray for her as she will be very busy teaching and working another job. Also, pray for the White family’s ability to learn this very difficult language.

Church Renovation Progress

The church renovation project is really coming along well. A faithful man in our church, Brother Takagi and Michael were able to finish building the classroom. He had been out of work for a while and instead of continuing to look for a new job, he decided to work with Michael on the church renovation. God really blessed him for his decision and brought another job to him that was much better than his previous one and would start soon after missionary White would arrive so that the renovation could continue. God really does bless those who are faithful to Him.



The classroom is being used a lot already in various ways. It is so nice that the classes are not interrupting each other anymore. The other day Shoko’s husband, Mr. Maeda, wanted to talk with Michael about the stress he was having at work and ask about the Bible. Because of the room, the church could pray while the two of them met undisturbed. Please keep praying for God to open Mr. Maeda’s heart to salvation. The second part of the project is to build the nursery. Please pray for brother White and Michael as they work on that.

Abi’s corner

Abigail has been enjoying having the fellowship that comes with having some more American’s around and is really looking forward to Sister Kayla’s visit for her internship from May 30th to the end of July. Her parents have been pretty busy this year so I’m afraid her schooling has gotten behind some. Please pray that she can get through the rest of her classes for 9th grade.

Prayer Requests:

1. Michael strained his back last week and is going to the Chiropractor. Please pray for a quick recovery.
2. Our Church renovation project.
3. Ladies Tea and Father’s Day Outreaches, Church Bible Camp preparation for August.
4. English Classes- especially Mr. H.’s salvation
5. Sister Eiko’s growth and decision to be baptized.
6. Salvation of Eiko’s Family, Lisa, Yuna, Yumi, Mr. Maeda, Mr. Okada
7. Abi’s schooling and book editing process.
8. The Language school and the White’s Japanese studies.
9. Sister Kayla’s 8-week internship and for April as she helps her and juggles many responsibilities.

Thank you so very much,
Michael, April and Abigail and Cathy Rich