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Dear friends and family,

How are you all today? It has been a very busy summer over here in Japan with some wonderful news and some very sad news.

Arrival of Kayla

At the end of May we were so happy to have Kayla arrive for an eight-week internship here. We had a wonderful time with her and are very thankful for all she

did. One of the most exciting things that happened while she was here was that she recognized God's call for her to be a missionary to Japan! We desperately need missionaries in Japan, and are very excited to know that she will be back one day to serve our Lord here in Saku with us. We are praying that through her God may help us start a Christian School ministry. Please pray for her as she has one more year of college and then she will be starting deputation to come to Japan.

Ladies Tea and Father's Day

In June we were able to have a special Ladies tea. Sister White and Sister Kayla shared their testimonies as we sipped on tea and had a nice luncheon. We were so excited that two unsaved ladies came. Both said they had a wonderful time. Please pray they will come to church and be saved.

We praise the Lord for a wonderful Father's Day Sunday and for Mr. Maeda visiting. He actually listened to part of the Bible message this time. We have witnessed

to him before, but this time he seemed to actually listen when we talked later. Please keep praying that God would work in his heart to receive Him.



Church land and Camp

We were so excited about an opportunity that opened up to start renting some land next to our property. Our landlord purchased it and offered to rent it or sell it to the church. The rent is very cheap and we were happy to begin renting it to use



for camp and other church activities. We also are thinking about possibly building a church building there one day if God leads.

Our 2nd annual church camp went very well. The theme was the Light of the World We were so thankful for the quality fellowship time and that almost all the church could come Testimonies were shared of how the messages were a help. Praise the Lord.

Junior Church Begins

We praise God for being able to start Junior church now that we have renovated the church to have a room for the children to meet. Please pray for April as she teaches and for the salvation of

Lisa, Yuna, and Yumi and the growth of Mia and Anna. And pray that God will bring more children too.



A Sudden Change

In the beginning of July, the Whites were faced with a very sad situation.

Mrs. White's father's health was deteriorating and after talking to the hospice nurse, they decided to go back to be with her father before he passed away. Upon returning to the States, they realized brother White's Mother was also not well. This put them in a hard situation as both their parents were in need of constant care and they didn't have any other family to care for them. After much prayer they decided to resign as missionaries to take care of their parents. Our hearts are broken for them and the ministry they could have done here in Japan. Please pray for them and all the work to help them move back. It has been hard to understand all the Lord is doing, but the Lord has been reminding us to trust Him and know that His ways are best. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD." Isaiah 55:8

Abigail's Corner

Abi has had a very busy summer and is starting 10th grade. She will have 7 classes this semester including Algebra 2 which can be very challenging for her and her parents! We will be glad when that is done! Lol! Abi enjoyed spending time with Kayla and Claire this summer. We are so thankful for them both. The Lord knit their hearts in a special way this summer! She looks forward to seeing Kayla next spring on our furlough.

Prayer Requests- Thank you so much for your prayers.

- 1. Praise- Michael's back is doing better.
- 2. Our church renovation Please pray God will provide some help for Michael as he is now doing this project alone.
- 3. Preparation and work to help the Whites move back.
- 4. Fall festival October 21- that our English students will attend
- 5. English classes for the mothers to be open to Christ
- 6. Sister Eiko's growth and decision to get baptized
- 7. Salvation of Eiko's family, Lisa, Lisa's Dad, Yuna, Yumi, Mr. Okada, Kazuhiro, Mr Ishii, Mr. Ishii's son, Mr. Arai
- 8. Our preparations for furlough next spring, 2024
- 9. Kayla Schenk's year at college and preparation for deputation
- 10. Abi's 10th grade classes and God's guidance for the future.
- 11. Claire to find a good job.
- 12. April as she started having Junior church with the children.