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“He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.” John 15:5b

(Yā Tō, やつと Finally) Back In Japan

The time has gone by so quickly since we arrived back in Japan. The final weeks on furlough went well, and we are so thankful for all the churches and people who treated us so well. Thank you for all the hospitality, kind words, and love offerings that encouraged us along the way. We praise the Lord for all the blessings we had including seeing the Lord provided for our plane tickets back to Japan through a large gift from a church. The Lord is so good. We really enjoyed our time of furlough but were happy to finally be in our own bed and in the place God has called us. We were very happy to see our church family and could tell that it was not easy for them to have us gone so long. Although some were struggling Spiritually when we arrived, God has been reviving hearts once again. Thank you for praying for us as we returned and for the church family while we were gone.

A New Soul Saved!

The week before camp we had the wonderful privilege of leading Shōma Ogihara to Christ. We were really surprised to find out that Claire, a young lady in our church, had a young man from work very interested in her. Claire had been witnessing to him over the summer and he came to church the week after we arrived wanting to find out more about Christianity. By God’s providence, Michael had prepared a strong gospel message for that Sunday, and Shoma was really listening. That week we met to talk more about the Lord. We were really, really concerned that he may have been only showing interest in Christianity because of his interest in Claire. But as we began talking, we could see the Lord working in his heart. That day he heard about the penalty of sin being death and hell and said that everything he had heard all of a sudden clicked. He was very concerned that his family would go to hell and realized his need to receive Christ. Praise the Lord, he prayed to receive the Lord and we have seen evidence of it in his life. He has been growing very quickly in the Lord being faithful to church and reading his Bible and is not shy about praying or helping out. He is taking the new convert/ baptism classes along with Mrs. Eiko right now. Actually, Michael is teaching this now in the adult Sunday School for a refresher of Bible doctrine for everyone. Please pray for continued growth for Shoma and for the Lord to use him greatly.



Family Bible Camp 2024

Although we were quite tired from all our travels, we didn’t have much time to rest with camp quickly approaching. Our camp theme this year was the Fruit of the Spirit. Although not everyone could attend at the same time, we were very happy to have 24 people attend the camp altogether. The Lord really blessed despite not having much time to prepare this year. Mom and Abigail pitched in helping organize some games and April headed up the meals and children’s Bible study. Michael preached twice each day focusing on walking in the Spirit so God can produce fruit in our lives. It was a time of seeing God start to stir some hearts that had grown out of step with God. Thank you for praying.

Please be in prayer for our Saturday Door to door outreach and the rest of the church events this year:

- Grand/Senior’s Day (9/22)
- Evangelism Sunday- (passing out tracks- 9/29 & 11/10)
- Fall Festival (10/19) Leaf Viewing Trip(11/3)
- Thanksgiving Banquet (11/17)
- Christmas Cooking Bake (12/14)
- Christmas Sunday and Candlelight Service (12/22)

We have started our English classes up again on Fridays and were thankful to not lose any students. Many of them are getting older so we may lose some as they start going into Junior High. Please pray for them to listen and respond to God’s working in their hearts while we still have opportunity to reach them.

Also, pray that they will come to our church outreach events.



Abigail’s Corner

Abigail has been very flexible as we interrupted her homeschooling many times during our furlough travels. She has been working really hard to finish up her 10th grade and will be starting 11th grade this week. She also has started teaching the 2-4 year old Sunday School class so that Mrs. Rich can have a more focused time with the older students. They are doing a great job with these children despite the ever-constant pull of the world in the public school and



daycare. Please continue to pray for the children in our church and these classes each week.

Thank you so much for your part in the ministry here in Japan. Michael, April, & Abigail