

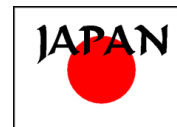


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Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Isaiah 55:6

Abigail's Corner:

You may be wondering why we are starting this letter off with Abigail's corner that's because we have some very exciting news to share! Abigail has been praying for some time about her future in what the Lord would have her to do. Back in September of 2023, when she was 14, God had guided her about being involved in some type of full-time Christian service. Since then, the Lord has been slowly preparing her heart to understand His will. Last year, while we were on furlough, the Lord spoke to her heart for her devotions in 3 passages: Acts 17 (Paul preaching to the Thessalonians about the Unknown God), Acts 26 (his testimony to King Agrippa), and Romans 10:17 (speaking of how beautiful are the feet of them which preach the gospel of peace). These reminded her of how we take our shoes off in Japan and preach to the Japanese about the true God who they do not know. Another weekend, she asked specifically for God to speak to her heart about God's will through the services. The Lord touched her heart about a verse written over the entry way into the auditorium from Psalms 121, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help." This reminded her of the hills that surround us in Japan. Fast forward to the beginning of May, Abigail was listening to a testimonial from the Thee Generation Podcast. In that, the preacher shared his testimony of God leading him through Isaiah 52:7 which says, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings...that publisheth salvation;" God reminded her of the verses God had spoken to her about and tied it all together to make it clear that she should be a missionary to Japan and come back to finish the work here. That night she surrendered and came to us with tears of joy. We are so thankful for God's clear leading in her life.



English Ladies Class

The Lord has opened some special opportunities these last couple of months with several ladies. Please pray for Mrs. H., Mrs. S. and her son, Mrs. A. and Mrs. E. April along with her mom, sister Eiko, and sister Sarah have been able to witness at length on different occasions during the English classes. April challenged several of them to ask Jesus if He is the One and only true God. Most of the ladies

find it very difficult to believe that there is only one true God due to them growing up in Buddhism. However, they have agreed to pray and ask God. We believe the Lord is working in their hearts, and we are praying that they will see and know in their heart that Jesus is Lord. Mrs. H will be moving to Tokyo, but we praise the Lord that He brought our paths together "accidentally" at a restaurant. She said she has been praying and could see that God must have helped her get the job in Tokyo that she had applied for but thought would not get. God also arranged for us due to sickness and busy schedules to be able to talk one on one with Mrs. S. and her children about the Lord in our children's English class. The Bible story was about Joseph and his dreams, and as we were leaving Mrs. S told us that God could even show her that He is real in a dream like Joseph. Please pray with us for God to make Himself known to these souls and that they would chose to believe.

Events

Thank you for all the prayers for our church' Missions Sunday, Easter Sunday and Mother's



Day outreach. Our missions Sunday went very well with our highest ever recorded Faith promise for Missions. Because of this, we have hoping to take on a new missionary, the Okados, who will be finishing there deputation and coming to Japan in July. They will be speaking at our church on the 13th. Then go on to pastor a church in Fukushima prefecture this summer in place of another long time missionary who passed away several years ago. We are thrilled to see our church's involvement in missions and these new missionaries to Japan. Please continue to pray with us that God would call more Japanese men to the pastorate and more missionaries to Japan not only to take the place of so many churches without pastors, but also to be able to start new churches in areas that need a gospel witness.

Please pray for our Father's Day outreach, brother Shoma and sister Eiko's baptism on July 20th, and our Bible camp August 14-17. We are also excited that Hokkaido missionaries, Pastor Randall Smith and his wife, will be speaking at our camp this year. We are really looking forward to seeing God work and to fellowship together. Please pray for a special moving of the Holy Spirit. Thank you so much for your prayers and support of the ministry here in Japan.

-Michael, April and Abigail