

# The Wards . . . Church Planting in Japan



**Field address:**  
Henry & Celeste Ward  
Fukui Cho 324-1 Ono Shi, Hyogo Ken  
JAPAN 675-1352  
phone: +81-90-4493-4004  
E-mail Henry: hefowa@yahoo.com  
E-mail Celeste: japanquilter@yahoo.com  
**Church Plant:** Kato Baptist Church  
Yashiro 1075-1, Kato Shi, Hyogo Ken JAPAN 673-1431



November 29, 2024

May God bless you for your faithful monetary support and especially prayer support.

## Fifth Anniversary Service

On Sunday, September 15, we held our 5th anniversary service. We distributed 13,000 flyers inviting people to the event. Our special speaker was Pastor Sogoro Ogawa of Senri Newtown Baptist Church. He was raised in a village about ten minutes by car away from where our church is. Many of his relatives live in the area, and they are unsaved. He invited many of them and a lot of them attended. He preached a great evangelistic message, "What Manner of Man is This."

We had prayed for 25 in attendance but our total attendance was 35! Thank God for the blessings! One of Pastor Ogawa's relatives, who lives in Kato City, raised her hand indicating that she wanted to believe on Christ. Please pray for Pastor Ogawa's relatives to be saved even they are in a strong Buddhist area. (Most of the country people are stubborn Buddhists, holding on to their ancestor worship.)



Pastor Ogawa preaching

## Recent Newcomers

At the beginning of September, a Mr. Hiromu Fujii (Hee-roh-moo Foo-jee-ee) came to our church for the first time, and has come several times since then. I first met him while I was passing out gospel fliers in his neighborhood and was able to strike up a conversation with him because we both do vegetable gardening for a hobby. So at that time he gave me some spinach. I had tried to get him to come before, but he did not come then.



Pastor Ogawa preaching

Since the beginning of September, I have been able to share the gospel with him and his wife three times.

Please pray that he will get saved soon.

In October, a young couple, the Kamo (Kah-moh) family, started coming and they have attended every Sunday morning since then. They have given testimony of salvation, but their baptism was sprinkling. Pray for their spiritual growth and eventually becoming church members.

Sunday, November 24, a Mr. Hiroshi Tomisako (Hee-roh-she Toh-mee-sah-koh) attended for the first time. He lives in our city

but it is the first time he has attended. He has listened to some of our services online. Please pray for him also, that he would continue, and get fully into the church.

## Upcoming Events

Please pray for the following future events:

On December 15, Pastor Kazuki Wakimasu (Kah-zoo-key Wah-key-mah-sue) from Shirakawa Baptist Church in Fukushima Prefecture will be our special speaker.

He and his wife worked with us for a while at our previous church here while he was trying to stabilize heart problems he was having. We are passing out 10,000 invitations along with Christmas tracts from the US (in Japanese) "The Greatest Story." Please pray that many people would attend and that there would be salvation decisions.

Our church Christmas service on December 22.

Our Christmas Eve service on December 24 at 7 pm.

Our New Year's Day Service



Sara singing  
"Be Still and Know"

## Prayer requests for salvation

- Mr. Hiromu Fujii and his wife.
- Mr. Yoshikawa, who sold us our car.
- Mr. and Mrs. Kuramae, our church landlords: salvation and health
- Mr. and Mrs. Kageyama, our house landlords
- Mr. and Mrs. Tokimoto, our real estate agent
- Mrs. Tsunemine
- Mr. Morimoto
- Mrs. Tanaka and Mrs. Fujimoto and families
- Mr. Manabu Matsumoto, the cousin of Miss Hiroko Matsumoto, a Japanese missionary in Senegal.
- Mrs. Fujiwara, the grandmother of Mr. Komi
- Mr. Tokuhara, owner of the bike shop where I bought a scooter.
- Mr. Taro Kuramae, the man who did our plumbing
- Mrs. Taitano, the wife of Mr. Taitano, and his two sons
- Mrs. Yamada: to come to church again and be saved

## Other prayer requests

- The Kamo family and Mr. Tomisako
- Mr. Akita to come back to church
- Property and/or building for the future of Kato BC
- God's blessing on Mr. Yuki Fukumoto, our co-worker.
- Evangelism of Kato, Ono, Kasai, and Nishiwaki City.