

The Wards . . . Church Planting in Japan



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We thank God for your faithful service for Him in your area and in providing for us so we can spread the gospel in Japan.

Easter service results

Unfortunately, not even one child came to the kid's Easter activity. However, we had a pretty good attendance in the main service with a total of twelve people. There were no new visitors, but one repeat visitor, a Mr. Fujiwara Shouzou. I asked him if he was interested in



believing in Christ, but he gave an indefinite response. Thank God that the Kamo family attended after a long absence.

Visitors

After her first visit, Mrs. Yagi, a visitor who came in March, got a cold and had some other things going on so she skipped two or three Sundays, but since then she has come every Sunday. Please pray for her salvation.

The young people I wrote about, Mr. Hirose Sakyou and his friend, Nitopo (a Burmese lady), have not been back to church for about four weeks, but I am still in contact with Mr. Hirose. He has been in the process of moving, and things at work. Just last week his father passed away on Saturday. Please pray for their continued attendance.

Renovation Project at our First Church

On Friday, April 11, Mr. Fukumoto, my helper, and I, along with Pastor Saeki of Sannomiya BBC and some members of the church, Inochi no Pan BC, helped Pastor Mawatari change the carpet in the



church auditorium and Pastor's study.

Tract and flyer distribution

We have finished distributing the 10,000 tracts titled "Are You Ready?" We will begin distributing another tract titled "Is the God You Trust in Really on Your Side?" We have 15,000 tracts, enough to cover every home in Kato City.

Special events coming up

Pray for special services coming up on Mother's Day and Father's Day. Pray that we will be able to get some children's programs started.

Our oldest daughter, Teresa, is coming to help us this summer starting July 1. She does chalk art, and will be doing some at some churches here in Japan as well as at our church.

Wedding

On July 21, our younger daughter, Sara, will marry Yuki Fukumoto, the Bible School graduate who has been helping me start Kato Baptist Church from the beginning. Three of my sons and our oldest daughter are coming from America to attend the wedding. Pray for this step in our daughter Sara's life.

Property and Building for the Church

In my last letter, I mentioned that we were looking at property for the church. Please pray that we would know and follow God's leading, and that we would be able to obtain it..

Praises

- Mr. Fujiwara Shouzou attending for the second time.
- Kamo family attendance.
- Mrs. Yagi's continued attendance.

Prayer requests for salvation

- Mrs. Yagi
- Mr. Shouzoh Fujiwara (visited twice)
- Mr. Hiromu Fujii's wife and family.
- Mr. Yoshikawa, who sold us our car.
- Mr. and Mrs. Kuramae, our church landlords: and health
- Mr. and Mrs. Kageyama, our house landlords
- Mr. and Mrs. Tokimoto, our real estate agent
- Mrs. Tsunemine and Mr. Morimoto
- Mrs. Tanaka and Mrs. Fujimoto and families
- Mr. Manabu Matsumoto
- 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
- Mr. Taitano's wife and his sons, Owen and Eric.
- Mrs. Yamada to come to church again and be saved

Other prayer requests

- Baptism and spiritual growth of Mr. Hirose. (Hee-ro-seh)
- Spiritual growth of Mr. Hiromu Fujii. (Foo-jee-ee)
- Mr. Tomisako to attend church here
- Mr. Akita and Mr. Kasahara 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.