

The Johnsons

Missionaries to Japan

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"I Believe in Jesus"

The greatest joy we have in our ministry in Japan is when God gives us opportunities to share the gospel with others. We do this through many avenues, but it is rare to sit one-on-one with someone and share the gospel in detail. I recently had one such opportunity. A lady who attends our church has a friend, **Mr. "S," who is terminally ill**. As a young person he had read the Bible and had some biblical knowledge, but he wanted to understand more. I was able to sit with him for over an hour and share the gospel clearly. At the end of our conversation, **he professed his faith in Christ!** Please pray not only for his health, but also for his spiritual growth.

As we enter the Christmas season, we have so much to be thankful for. In November, we held our annual Apple Party. Aomori is famous throughout Asia for its delicious apples, and we combine American baking with local produce in an event where everyone makes apple pies using Aomori apples. It is always a wonderful time, and this year was no exception. Many people attended, most of them **returning visitors, though we also had one first-time visitor**. I shared the story of the fruit in the Garden of Eden and tied it to the gospel. Please pray that God will work in the hearts of those who heard.

Thank you for praying for our church building project. Things are progressing well. We have finally **received the building permit for the new auditorium!** Because of Aomori's severe winters, exterior construction is difficult during the colder months, so we decided to wait until spring. We are now lining up contractors and preparing to **break ground as soon as the snow melts**. Please pray for wisdom as we seek to use the resources God has given us for His glory.

Christmas is always the busiest season of our year, and we have several outreaches planned between now and Christmas. The first is a **ladies' Christmas wreath-making** that took place this past weekend. Over **20 ladies attended**, and we had several first-time visitors. I was able to share the gospel, and everyone listened attentively. We also have a **Kids' Christmas Party on the 13th** and our **Christmas service and meal on the 21st**. As we prepare for these events, please pray for God's blessing on every aspect of them.

One of our greatest desires is to be an **encouragement to Japanese pastors**. We felt that one way to do this was by encouraging their children. Pastors' kids often face tremendous pressure here, and we wanted to give them a place to relax and simply enjoy themselves. A few years ago, we invited several pastors' kids to Aomori for a couple of days, taught them how to snowboard, and had a wonderful time together. We wanted this to be a blessing, not a burden, so we used funds we had set aside to cover all their travel and expenses. Their entire trip was free to them.

This year, our home church gave us a generous love offering to do the same again. At the end of December, we will be hosting 14 pastors' kids and 6 pastors. Please **pray for this PK snow camp**, that we can be a blessing and encouragement to each one.

God bless,

Paul, Sarah, Timothy, Karen, Ethan, Joshua, and Charity Johnson



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"From the rising of the sun...the LORD's name is to be praised."

Psalm 113:3