

The Wards . . . Church Planting in Japan



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We are always grateful for your faithful support and prayers. We thank God for you and pray for you all on a regular basis.

Tract and flyer distribution

We have been able to pass out tracts in several areas in neighboring Ono City and Kasai City to more than a thousand homes.

New Members

We baptized Mr. Sakyō Hirose on April 19. He had been brought to church by a girl friend named Nitopo who is a Christian from Myanmar (formerly Burma). She was saved in a Baptist church there. After Mr. Hirose's baptism, they both went to Thailand to meet her parents and get married there in



a Baptist church. After they returned she brought a letter of transfer of membership from her pastor in Myanmar. So they are members of the church as a couple. This is the first couple that has become members after the Brazilians left. We look forward to their growth and participation in the ministry. So now we have three church members besides our staff.

There are some people from Myanmar who work in a sheet factory in our neighborhood. Nitopo is going to contact her family in Myanmar and obtain some tracts in Burmese for us.

Kid's English Class

My assistant (and son-in-law) Yuki Fukumoto and Sara (his wife, our daughter) started a children's English class in April. Two children have been coming with their mother. Pray that more children would come, and that the class would bear fruit in people visiting church and getting saved.

Repeat Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Kamo have rarely attended church in May and June. Mrs. Murakami attended the church again a couple

times.

Mr. Katsuhito Fujiwara has now stopped attending church. He has also sent me insulting texts. Please pray for his salvation.

Events

We will have a church retreat along with five other Independent Baptist churches on August 14 and 15. Pray that more people from our church will participate. It is a great time of fellowship and Bible teaching.

Kato Baptist Church will have its seventh anniversary celebration service on Sunday, September 20, 2026. Please pray for that event.

The Church Landlord

Mr. Kuramae, our church landlord, started attending again after not being well for a while. However, now he is very weak and not attending. I asked him if he believes Jesus died on the cross for his sins and rose from the dead, and he said that he does. However, he has not made a clear decision for salvation. I am very concerned about him. His wife also is not saved.

Praises

- ☑ Mr. and Mrs. Hirose new church members.
- ☑ The two children who come to English class.

Prayer requests for salvation

- ☐ Mrs. Yagi
- ☐ Mr. Shuuzoh Fujiwara, Mr. Katsuhito Fujiwara
- ☐ Mr. Hiromu Fujii's wife and family.
- ☐ Mr. Yoshikawa, who sold us our car.
- ☐ Mr. and Mrs. Kuramae, our church landlords: and health
- ☐ Mrs. Kageyama, our house landlord
- ☐ 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

- ☐ For first-time visitors
- ☐ Church attendance and growth of Mrs. Yamahide.
- ☐ Regular attendance of the Kamo family.
- ☐ For 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 and Sara.
- ☐ Evangelism of Kato, Ono, Kasai, and Nishiwaki City.