

The Johnsons

Missionaries to Japan

July 2026



It is (Almost) Finished!

After three years of planning, meetings, paperwork, and construction, I am happy to report that our **new church auditorium is finished!** Construction began in mid-March and was completed in just under four months. We held our opening service on July 12, and the following day, our family boarded a plane and traveled back to America for furlough. We are so thankful that God allowed the building to be completed before our departure.

Although we encountered the normal issues and challenges that come with a construction project, we are thankful that each one was resolved and that the building was completed in such a timely manner. Several people have told us that it is the most beautiful church building in Aomori—and we agree! We are overwhelmed with gratitude to God for the way He provided and led throughout this building program.

We still need to install the air-conditioning units and boiler, but that work must wait until after the final inspection, which should take place in August. Please pray that the building will **pass inspection** without any problems so that we can complete these final projects.

Although construction has been our main focus over the past few months, we have continued our outreach efforts as well. Near the end of June, we held our **annual church barbecue**. We invited all the carpenters and construction workers, along with many friends and contacts, and we were thankful to have more than **40 people attend**.

Pastor Masuda from Grace Kobe Baptist Church was our guest speaker and gave a very clear presentation of the gospel. After the barbecue, we invited everyone into the new auditorium for a first look and held a short service to honor the workers. During that service, Pastor Masuda once again shared the gospel with everyone present. Please pray that the seeds of the gospel planted that day will take root and grow in the hearts of those who heard.

Following the barbecue, Pastor Masuda and I had the opportunity to speak with a lady who has been faithfully attending the church for the past six months but has not yet made a profession of faith. She has many questions and is thinking deeply about the gospel, but she is not yet ready to place her faith in Christ. **Please pray for Mrs. "K"** and ask the Holy Spirit to continue working in her heart.

We are currently in America for **furlough and will remain here until December 1**. Please pray for us as we travel and report to our supporting churches about what God is doing in Japan.

God bless,

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



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“From the rising of the sun...the LORD’s name is to be praised.”

Psalms 113:3