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The Work Continues!

We have been in America on furlough since July and will continue traveling to some of our supporting churches until December 1st. One of our greatest joys during this time has been hearing how **the work in Aomori continues to move forward**. Our partners in ministry, Steve and Kimiyo Canter, have been faithfully continuing the work in our absence, along with several Japanese pastors who have come to preach while we are away. From the reports we have received, our church members have been growing spiritually, and **outreach activities have continued to take place**. We are thankful for the team of workers God has placed in our lives.

Thank you for praying for the final stages of the church auditorium. I am pleased to report that **the auditorium passed its final inspection**! We have seen God do some amazing things, even in these final stages of the project. We had run out of funds toward the end of construction and decided not to install air conditioners in order to save money. On the day of our opening service, one of Steve Canter's supporting churches sent him a message letting him know they would be sending **$15,000 to install air conditioners in the auditorium**! The new auditorium is now fully functional and ready to be used for God's glory.

Even though we were not present, the church in Aomori still held our annual "**Summer Festa**" for kids. Several children attended and heard a clear presentation of the gospel. More recently, the church also held an **Apple Party** in October. **Our next-door neighbors came for the first time, along with a few other visitors**. They all heard a presentation of the gospel as well. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will work in their hearts.

We have had a very busy few months of furlough travels. We have traveled **from Florida to Maine**, stopping at many of our supporting churches along the Atlantic Coast. We then flew to Arizona, where we visited supporting churches in Tucson, Phoenix, and Flagstaff. From there, we drove to California and visited most of **our supporting churches on the West Coast**. We have loved getting to fellowship with our churches and share the blessings of what God is doing in Japan.

As we finish our furlough, we are looking forward to returning to Japan. We are scheduled to **fly out on December 1st**. Please pray with us for a smooth transition back to the field.



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

We will hit the ground running upon our return! We have a Christmas wreath-making activity planned for December 5th, a cookie party on December 12th, and our Christmas service on December 20th. Please pray for each of these outreach opportunities.

Shortly after Christmas, we will be hosting our annual "**PK Snow Camp**" for Japanese pastors' children. We provide this opportunity free of charge so they can get away and enjoy some winter sports. It has been a tremendous encouragement to everyone in the past, and we are praying that God will continue to use this camp to encourage pastors and their families throughout Japan.

We are thankful for your continued prayers and faithful support. It is a privilege to partner with you in reaching the people of Japan with the gospel!

God bless,

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

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

Psalm 113:3