

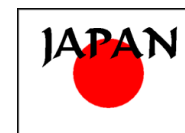


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Happenings @ Faith Baptist Church



We praise the Lord that two Japanese ladies, Miss **Mizuki Asai** (pictured below with Mrs. Rich) and Miss **Sayaka Yui** (18 years old), have recently accepted Christ as their Savior! Both started coming to church a little over a month ago. Please pray for them during this crucial time in their lives, as Satan will, no doubt, try to hinder their growing in the Lord.



Pray they will be faithful to the Lord and to church and boldly proclaim Christ to and friends. Also pray for Miss **Hikaru Kobayashi** (Pictured) to be saved.

We also praise the Lord for the opportunity the Riches have been given of working in a Japanese Kindergarten. They are having a special Sunday, and are inviting their students to come for a play that April is now in the process of writing (in Japanese) for the church in Japan to put on, using puppets. The man in charge of the school is inviting all 90 of his students to come for this special event. Please pray with us that the children will come to church, that the Gospel would be presented clearly, and that God would open their eyes to their need of a Savior.



Abigail's Corner



"Abi Chan" (Japanese say "Chan" after a girl's name) loves making lots of new friends as we travel, and we are so thankful for those who have befriended her. She gets so excited about every new church we visit and wants to find out if they have a class for her age. She is a great joy and blessing to us. Please keep her in your

prayers, as she has been struggling lately with not being able to go home or see her newfound friends again. ☺



Five Months and Counting

We praise the Lord for our very busy fall schedule. We have been having some great meetings lately in IL, IN, and TN (photo of recent mission's conf. and collating 2,000 Bibles) We are feeling the time fly by before we go to Japan in March. God has been working in preparing our way for our housing in Japan. We have thought for quite some time that we would only be able to rent a house, but through Mr. Ishii, the Rich's unsaved realtor and church landlord, we might be able to buy a house and land in Japan for about the same price we were going to rent! God is so good!



New Support Amount & Special Project

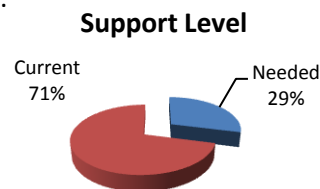


The Lord is always showing us He can and will meet our every need. We have finally had to revise our needed support amount because of the yen rate dropping so low, but because we have had more churches and individuals taking us on for support, we are basically at the same percentage as our last prayer letter. Praise the Lord!

Please pray with us about our needed Startup Costs. We still are in need of over \$16,000. Maybe your church could take up a Christmas offering or have a Sunday School project to help us get to Japan. If so, please send to our mission labeled "startup fund".

Also please pray for Michael as he has a routine Colonoscopy on Oct 25th for his Ulcerative Colitis.

Thank you all so much for your prayers and support.



Upcoming Schedule of Meetings

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| Oct 7-9 – Belmont, MA | Oct 30 – New Lexington, OH |
| Oct 10 – Elkhart, IN | Nov 6 – Franklin, TN |
| Oct 11-12 – Pleasant Prairie, WI | Nov 7-8 – Baltimore, OH |
| Oct 16-19 – South Range, MI | Nov 9 – Columbus, GA |
| Oct 16 (PM) – Ontonagon, MI | Nov 13 – Shipshewana, IN |
| Oct 23 – Winamac, IN | Nov 20 – Ripley, TN |

Serving the King of Kings,
 Michael, April, and Abigail Riffel

