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Missionaries to



If we have not told you all lately, please know that we are so very thankful for all of you who are praying for us and backing the ministry God has given us. We surely have a lot to be thankful for as we write this letter.

Spiritual Growth



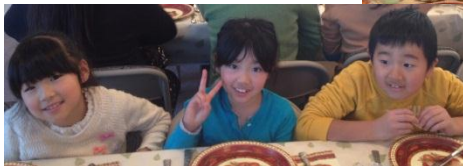
(Mika, Kazuki, Ayaka)

We wrote you last of how Mika Ugai had just started coming to church and having discipleship classes. Although she is still a new Christian, she has grown a lot since and has been coming faithfully to church. She made decisions to follow the Bible no matter what and to burn the god shelf in her home. She

also has been witnessing to her ex-husband, Kazuki, and her parents. Praise the Lord, she recently was able to **lead her mother to the Lord!** Please pray for her to see the need to go to church and grow in the Lord. She has not been to church yet since she lives further away and runs a restaurant with her husband. **Kazuki** has come to church several times and is very close to receiving The Lord. **Please pray for him to be saved** and that they can one day get back together again. The "other" Mika, **Mika Toujou** who got saved in August, is still very much in need of prayer for her to grow in the Lord.

Thanksgiving Outreach

We just finished our Thanksgiving outreach and were really blessed to have 32 people there including **19 unsaved Japanese!** It was neat as we saw God open doors for more to come. The **Deura family** came after Dad had met them at the park. They also brought a friend and her daughter and really enjoyed the Banquet. They are planning to come back for Christmas as well. Mika's ex-husband, another friend, and 5 students that she teaches private English lessons to and their moms and grandmother also came. Pastor Tanii came and preached a very clear salvation message. Please pray



that God would continue to work in all their lives.

Another special Visit

We have been blessed by having a young lady from the States, Leah Miller, staying with us these past few weeks. She is here for a month to find out what God would have for her future. She has been a great help to us during this busy season. We pray God will lead her back to Japan and serve our Lord here with us.

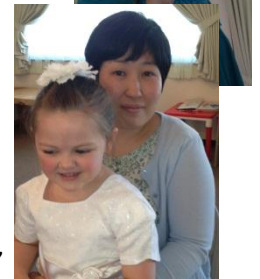


(Mr. & Mrs. Tanii, Leah)

Prayer for People



We have several people who come to church here and there in need of prayer. Miss **Minori** is a young Christian who started coming to our church because it was much closer and her parents were out of the country for an extended period. Her unsaved grandmother has been bringing her. Please pray for her to grow in the Lord and for **her grandmother to be saved.** Also we would appreciate prayer for two ladies: **Mizuki** and **Emi** who are struggling with depression. They are both saved but still need to grow in the Lord. Their husbands and family are not saved. Mrs Mizuki is having Bible study with Pastor Rich every week but her husband does not like her coming to church on Sunday.



Abigail's Corner

We have been so excited to see Abigail serving God right along with us. She has started taking piano lessons and she was able to play "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" on her violin at the Thanksgiving Banquet. She also made a new friend there, named IO[©], who may be joining us for our Japanese /English Kindergarten on Saturdays. We are also thankful that Konomi has been coming back to church lately.

Christmas Outreach

We are excited about our tract distribution. We have been able to give out many tracts and the book of John on Saturday afternoons. We have 3,000 invitations for Christmas and hope to get out 1,000 this week. Please pray the Lord will work through this, and we will see someone saved and become part of the church.

Thank you all again for your continued prayers and support.
In Christ,
Michael, April, and Abigail Riffel