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I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done it: and I will wait on thy name; for it is good before thy saints.

Psalms 52:9

### BBQ Outreach

God has been working in a special way because of your prayers. Our August BBQ outreach at Pastor Rich's house went very well. Although it



rained part of the time again this year, we still had over 30 attend. Many of them were first time visitors and heard the gospel for the first time.



### New Church Family

At the End of August the Kido family began coming to our church. April first met Mrs. Kido in a coffee shop a while back. Mr. and Mrs. Kido had been saved for several years but had been out of church and searching for a church in our area. They are very excited about our church and have been coming faithfully and growing more in the Lord each week. Pastor Rich has been having an extra class with them Sunday afternoons so they can become members of our church. It has been wonderful having their three children: Kyle (10), Joshua (8), and Sophie (3) in SS, Junior Church, and during English Service, our new Joy Club. April had the joy of being able to lead Kyle and Joshua to the Lord in Sunday school



last month praise God! We are so thrilled to have this family coming. They have started witnessing to their family, neighbors, and co-workers and are seeing God use them in their lives. We had been praying for a good family to help

make a solid base for our church to grow so this is a real answer to prayer.

### New English Family

In September God also brought us a new family to witness to in our English Kindergarten on Saturdays. The Mizuma family have enrolled their two children Kohaku (6) and Ao (3). Just last Saturday Mrs. Mizuma talked to April about God and salvation. She is very interested. Please pray that she will understand and accept Christ soon, and pray for all 6 of our students as they hear the Bible stories weekly.



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### Ladies Fall Tea & Typhoon

In October we planned to have a Ladies Fall Tea and had passed out many flyers for it. But we were thinking of canceling it because only a couple of people had said they might come and a Typhoon was supposed to come the same day. However, the morning of the Tea the Lord miraculously moved the Typhoon away, and we ended up having a beautiful day with a great turnout of 10 ladies. 5 of these ladies were unsaved including Mrs. Kobayashi (Hikaru's mom), Mrs. Kido's neighbor, Mrs. Deura and her mother, and Mrs. Ikegame's friend Mrs. Iijima. Please pray for these ladies to be saved.



### Upcoming Events

We have many great opportunities coming up. So far we have over 20 signed up for our Thanksgiving Banquet on Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Lord has already provided money for the food through one of our supporters. We thank you Mr. and Mrs. Graham. We also are looking forward to several Christmas outreaches. We will be having a Christmas Cookie Bake Off on December 5<sup>th</sup> combined with a coffee and tea taste testing contest. Last year we held a baking day to help prepare for the Christmas Banquet but it also turned out to be a great way of getting folks out to church. So this year we hope to use it as an outreach as well. We have already been working with the children on singing a couple of specials for our American Family Christmas outreach on December 21<sup>st</sup>. They also will be playing and singing with a small set of bells given to us by Mr. Ishii. We are just starting to work on a Christmas play as well. Please pray for all these events and preparations that God might use it and that we can see more Japanese saved.

### Abigail's Corner

Abigail loves Sundays and has really enjoyed seeing the Kido family at church every week. Because Mrs. Kido is from Scotland, their children can understand English but not speak it. This can be interesting at times because Abigail will talk to them in English and they answer her in Japanese. During the week she has been doing 6 days of school so that she can be finished in time for our furlough in April. She is learning to read more and more, and especially loves reading her Bible.



We cannot thank you all enough for your continued prayer and support. Through you God is working here in Japan.

Serving the Lord with gladness,  
Michael, April, and Abigail Riffel

By the way, we are still trying to figure it out, but we now have a website: [riffelstojapan.com](http://riffelstojapan.com)