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“Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.” Psalm 63:7

Dear friends,

How time has flown since we have written you last. This summer we had the privilege of seeing one of the children in our church follow the Lord in Baptism. **Yuji** had received the Lord last year and we are excited that he took this next step as a Christian. He gave his testimony and afterward, we went to our house and baptized him in our swimming pool. He is the only Christian in his school and has had to face many challenges so please pray for him.



In August, the Lord really blessed our Barbecue Outreach. It was raining on the day of so we were praying for the rain to stop and it did so just before the game time. Several unsaved came and heard a clear presentation of the gospel. One young man, **Mr. T**, came and had lots of questions. Michael has been meeting with him here and there, but he is still very confused about many things.



Please pray for his salvation and wisdom as we work with him.

In September, we were blessed as one of our four newer English students, **Mei**, received Christ as her Savior. She is the only Christian in her family so it is difficult to get her to come to church, but we are praying that the whole family will come to our Thanksgiving Banquet Outreach on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Also please pray Mei will grow in the Lord and God will continue to use our Bible time in class.

**Rion**



--**Mei**

As we saw this great blessing we also faced some trials. A lady in our church who had been backslidden and just

returned to church this year almost tried to commit suicide. The Lord guided us and thankfully she has turned around spiritually. She raised her hand during an invitation and afterward was able to receive assurance of her salvation and now wants to live for God. Please pray that God will continue to guide us as we counsel **Mrs. R**. This is yet another reminder of the suppressive culture we live in and the great need to reach the people here with the Gospel. Japan sees more deaths from suicide than any other cause. This is definitely the devil’s work blinding people from the glorious gospel of Christ. We pray that the Lord will grant spiritual victory for the lost and for the people in our church as they face the cultural difficulties of being a Christian in Japan.

After this God blessed again this month when we were able to lead two more of our English students to Jesus. One had prayed before and wanted to make sure. **Now little Ao and Rion are on their way to heaven!** This was a testimony to Rion’s mother as she had never really thought of Jesus before. April was able to talk to all three mothers about the decisions their daughters made. Please pray for these girls and their mothers as well as all our English Students.

**Abigail’s Corner**

Abigail has been enjoying 5<sup>th</sup> grade. She is finding it a little more challenging, but is up to the task. She recently enjoyed doing her mammal poster on dolphins. It was almost done when we came back from church to find that our cats had chewed it up. It was quite the ordeal but she did a good job on it anyway. Abigail has also made a new friend pen-pal from a supporting church and has been enjoying writing back and forth.



**Special Events**

- Please be in prayer for the following outreaches:
- 11/23 Thanksgiving Banquet
  - 11/30 and 12/1 English class Christmas Parties
  - 12/4 Church cookie Bake
  - 12/8 & 12/ 19 Hospital and Rehabilitation Center Concerts
  - 12/23 Church Christmas Program and Caroling

We are trying to finalize our plans for next year’s furlough, March 26-July 9. Please pray for all these preparations.

We always appreciate your continued prayers and support of our ministry and pray God will bless you, Michael, April, and Abigail Riffel