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Senkyoushi Stories

(Missionary Stories)

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where we have been lately: Missouri, Kentucky, Illinois

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Your partnership and its results

As we are in the process of getting to Japan to make disciples, I personally want you to know that your ministry through us is already bearing fruit. We can say this with all confidence because we preach the Word of God, which always accomplishes the purpose for which God intended. Your ministry through us is encouraging, strengthening, and preparing many churches in their efforts to make disciples for God's glory. Your ministry through us is spreading the seed of the gospel in the hearts of many people. So we praise the Lord for what he is doing through our ministry together. In our mission, you are the senders and we are the goers. However, neither is more important than the other; neither is possible without the other. So thank you for partnering with us. These results would not be possible without your partnership.



Children from the city of Minamikyushuu

Pray for the unreached Japanese city of Minamikyushuu

As long as there are millions destitute of the Word of God and knowledge of Jesus Christ, it is impossible for our hearts to be settled in merely devoting time and energy to those who have both. While yes, we enjoy ministering to churches here in the USA in the process of getting to Japan, that is not the desire of our hearts. Our desire is to be the light of Christ in the darkness among the unreached people of Japan. Perhaps the darkest places in Japan are those towns and cities that have no Christian churches. In this newsletter I'd like to highlight just one of the many cities in Japan with no churches that God has laid on our heart over the past two months. Minamikyushuu is a city in southern Japan known for its samurai quarter, where Japanese warriors lived during the 17th century. Nearly 40,000 people live there today with no Christian

church. The closest Christian church is a small evangelical church 30 minutes away by car, and is the only church in that neighboring city. This poses a great opportunity to bring the glorious good news of the death and resurrection of Christ for salvation to a city that is basically unreached. However, this area is uniquely challenging because the dialect of Japanese native to this area is vastly different than mainstream Japanese. Pray that God would send a missionary to this city to evangelize, make disciples, and plant a church among these people who are very precious to God.

Prayer requests

This newsletter marks one year that we have been traveling the country looking for partners in ministry. We have met so many people and made many friends and prayer partners. God has been good to us and given us much grace during the past year. As we start our second year, please pray for our perseverance on deputation,

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that God would give us new partners in ministry, and for the salvation of our Japanese friends. One of the biggest concerns we



Goodbye house!

have had since we started deputation full-time was the sale of our house. We praise the Lord that it has finally sold. Thank you for your prayers over the past year. In addition, we praise the Lord that Freedom Baptist Church Campbellsville has decided to partner with us. We were also able to present our ministry at Calvary Baptist Church Taylorville and Bethel Baptist Church Warrensburg. These churches have expressed a desire to partner with us when the Lord provides.



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