

A Season of Thankfulness

Happy Thanksgiving! For the past few years our Thanksgiving seasons took on a special multicultural flair as we opened our spare bedrooms to our unsaved Japanese friends to live in while their college campuses closed for break. We are thankful for the times we were able to give thanks and share the gospel with them as they spent daily time with us under the same roof.



O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him; talk ye of all his wondrous works! Psalm 105:1-2

Thanksgiving this year is a big change for our family and ministry. Since we sold our house in August we no longer have that opportunity. We miss those times but are thankful that this year we are still leading people to Jesus in different circumstances. We are seeing progress with one of our friends. Would you spend time right now praying that they would all believe the gospel and repent?



Reflecting on what God has done this year

Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders. Psalm 105:5a

Some of the works that God has done over the past year:

- God has given us many opportunities to proclaim the Scriptures. Because of this, thousands have heard the gospel of salvation by grace through faith in the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Many have also been encouraged in their walk with the Lord. To God be the glory!
- God has given us many churches like yours that faithfully pray for us. Since last November we have presented our ministry to fifty-eight churches. We give thanks to the Lord for the prayers of so many churches that have caught our vision for spreading the glorious good news of Jesus through church planting in Japan.
- God has given us twenty financial partners that faithfully donate to our ministry. It is the consistent giving of these churches that allows us to get to Japan and continue doing the work of the ministry. Since our last newsletter we have three new partners: Antioch Bible Baptist Church in Gladstone MO, Bible Baptist Church in Champaign IL, and Messiah Baptist Church in Addison IL. Would you pray that the Lord would provide sixty additional financial partners? We need this many to go to Japan.
- God has given Jenelle, Simon, Isaac, and Elisha good health during our travels. With meeting so many people on a week to week basis, this has been an unexpected blessing. Everyone is doing great!
- God is continuing to heal Tim's leg. Last month Tim tripped and severed the Posterior Cruciate Ligament in his left leg. Comfort and stability have been improving with physical therapy. Would you pray for his leg to be healed?

Praise ye the LORD! Psalm 105:45b

Meanwhile in Japan

On November 15 Japan celebrated Shichi-go-san, an annual festival for girls aged seven, and girls and boys aged five and three. Some children will dress in their best modern clothing while others will dress in a beautiful traditional

clothing called *kimono*. They visit their Shinto shrines and are presented to their false gods for prayers of long life and the driving out of evil spirits. Would you pray that these children would someday believe the gospel unto *eternal* life and unto *complete* freedom from evil spirits?

22.6% of monthly donations raised! Praise God!



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