

# **Senkyoushi Stories**

(Missionary Stories) December 2013 - January 2014

where we have been lately: Missouri, Illinois, Florida, Texas



### Simon Hospitalized and Recovered

We have known for some time that our oldest son Simon has asthma. In early December we started passing influenza around



the home and he caught it. The next morning we found him unresponsive and he was taken by ambulance to the hospital. His asthma had reacted to influenza and his oxygen had decreased to dangerously low levels. We were told that without emergency treatment he would have died. After a few days time in the hospital he recovered and is back to his normal self. We praise God for his grace and provision of medical treatment in Simon's life. We have encouraged Simon to look forward to the future resurrection, when those that believe the gospel and repent will no longer suffer the effects of sin on our bodies.

#### **An Upcoming Addition**

We are excited to announce that we are expecting! Things are going well with the pregnancy and we are looking forward to delivering the baby in July. We're hoping to find out the gender within the next few months and will let you know soon! We praise the Lord for this precious new life!

#### **New Housing**

Since God is growing our family with the new baby, we decided its time to move into a living space that is more practical for us and our ministry. We sold our minivan this past month and purchased a truck and travel trailer.

We moved into the travel trailer last week and are now pulling it as we go.

#### **Recent Salvations**

We were recently given the opportunity to share the gospel with a Chinese man just briefly during a missions conference. We found out just this past week that he has trusted Jesus as Savior and Lord, and has joined a Chinese church. We are filled with joy that God saved this man!



## **Deputation Update**

Aurora Baptist Temple in Aurora MO, Temple Baptist Church in Marshfield MO, and Cypress Creek Baptist Church in Cypress TX have decided to start partnering with our ministry both prayerfully and financially. This brings us to 27.6% of the monthly donations needed to do full-time ministry in Japan. We also presented at Manchester Baptist Church in Manchester IL and Southwood Baptist Church in Talahassee FL. Both expressed interest in partnering with us.

#### Meanwhile in Japan

In the old lunar calendar of Japan, February 3<sup>rd</sup> is the eve of the first day of Spring. On this day marking the change of seasons, Japanese families still try to keep away illness and bad luck by scattering roasted soy beans inside their houses and outside of their windows and doors. The dad will wear a mask representing a demon while the rest of the family throws beans at him while yelling

"Demon out! Good luck in!" This tradition comes from the feeling that evil spirits come closer to the physical world during this

time of year, thus they feel a need to keep the spirits which bring illness and bad luck from wandering too close to their homes. Please pray that the Japanese people would believe the good news that Jesus died for their sins and rose from the dead three days later. Pray that those that believe would look forward to Heaven

when there is no more sickness or demonic influence.

27.6% of monthly donations raised! Praise God!



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