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## SALVATION, BAPTISM, AND SPIRITUAL FRUIT

Several years ago the Lord was gracious and gave us the opportunity to have a weekly Bible study in our home over the course of a year with several Japanese students that were living in our area while they attended university. One of the ladies that was in our study began believing the gospel immediately after our study and then returned to Japan. We want to thank you for continuing to pray for the women who attended the study to be saved. We are excited to announce that Minami began trusting in Jesus as her Lord and Savior several weeks ago. We were able to travel to our sending church and baptize her shortly thereafter. We praise the Lord for his saving grace and what he is doing in Minami's life. Would you please take a moment right now to pray for her spiritual growth? Also, please pray for her family and friends that she is sharing the gospel with. Pray that they would begin trusting in Jesus's sin-atoning death and life-giving resurrection for their salvation as well.

## APPLYING FOR PASSPORTS

This week we started applying for passports for our children. This is the next step for us in seeking permission from both the United States and Japanese governments to move to Japan to do church planting work. Please pray for wisdom as we navigate the immigration system and for quick approvals for the necessary documents.

## PRAISES

We are really encouraged to have been able to present our ministry at three young church plants since the last newsletter while on deputation. It is exciting to see churches sending younger men that are stepping up by faith to preach the gospel and start churches. In the USA we don't see many church plants but we have seen many churches closing their doors. Pray that churches in the USA would step up by faith and plant many more gospel preaching churches in our country. We praise the Lord that several of these church plants have partnered with our ministry as well as other churches and families. The Lord has provided 65% of our necessary funding and we only have 35% to go. He has also provided 18% of our up front Japanese language school tuition costs. Please pray that God would provide the rest. Thank you for your prayers and donations.

**Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. Psalm 150:2**



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