

DEPUTATION STATUS

Thank you for your prayers as we continue to raise financial and prayer partners for our ministry in Japan. Our ministry has been blessed beyond measure by our Lord through his churches. We are still making progress and currently have 68% of our necessary funds raised. We have a busy fall full of churches to visit. Please pray that the churches we visit would partner with our ministry. Keep praying for us to get to Japan as soon as possible.

PASSPORTS

We praise the Lord that our passports for our entire family arrived today. Thank you for your prayers for the paperwork to be processed quickly. We are now another step closer to Japan!

TRUCK REPAIRED

On our way to Tennessee from West Virginia the transmission on our truck started failing to shift into fourth gear. The Lord kept us safe driving in third gear to our next few churches. We

had a short gap in our schedule and were able to make it back to Missouri and get the truck looked at. We came to find out that the entire transmission needed to be replaced. We're thankful that Tim was able to work with a family mechanic to get the transmission replaced at only the cost of parts. Thank you to those who made special donations specifically to help cover some of these big expenses. The truck is back in working order and we are on the road again.

MEANWHILE IN JAPAN

The school year in Japan starts around this time of year, similar to here in the United States. Along with the start of the school year comes a good amount of pressure on the students. The Japanese highly value education, honor, and rank, so there is pressure to excel higher than their classmates. There is also an extreme amount of pressure to conform to the group, as individuality is not valued in Japan. Many students feel so overwhelmed by these Japanese cultural pressures that suicide has become the leading cause of death among Japanese teenagers. Please pray for Japanese students 1) that they would come to know Jesus as their Savior and Lord, 2) that they would then find joy in living for the glory of God and 3) that they would then endure the hardships of life by looking forward to their eternal reward in Heaven.

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