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## THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE FRONT IN FAR EAST ASIA

**JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2016**

PRE-FIELD MINISTRY IN MISSOURI, OHIO, AND FLORIDA

### IN CHRIST THERE IS STRENGTH FOR MISSION

While we have been doing our pre-field ministry preaching the gospel and sharing our vision for church planting in Japan, the Lord has brought us through material lack and blessing, selling our house and later providing us with a camper, sickness and health, vehicle breakdowns, but we must say that through it all the Lord has been good and worthy of our praise! We have been able to go through all these things because of Christ, who gives us strength. We thank the Lord for what he has brought us through for our good and his glory, to shape us more into the image of Jesus Christ. People sometimes ask how we emotionally survive our pre-field ministry. It has often separated us by distance from the people we know and love for long periods of time. While there have been times that we have been lonely, we are encouraged that Christ himself is with us. When we don't know what to do, we remember that Christ has given us comfort and counsel through the Holy Spirit inspired Bible. When we face impossible situations, we are reminded that we serve a miracle working God. As we have visited many churches on deputation, we have known the presence of Christ among you, heard the counsel of the Holy Spirit preached from the Bible in your pulpits, and we have seen God do the impossible to accomplish his mission: to save sinners of all nations for the glory of God.

### NEW DEPUTATION VEHICLE

In January our truck had so many breakdowns it was spending more time in the shop than it was in a drivable condition. We knew we needed a different vehicle to finish out pre-field ministry. We started praying and seeking advice for what kind of vehicle we would need. One of our friends told us she didn't

know of anyone with what we needed, but she knew God did and she would ask him about it. The following day a friend from one of our partner churches

offered us one of his trucks to use for the rest of

our pre-field ministry! We praise the Lord for his provision on mission.

We are planning on leaving for Japan later this year. Right now during tax-return season is a great opportunity for you to make a one-time donation to allow our ministry to start out in Japan on solid financial footing.

Visit [www.reachjapan.org/specialprojects](http://www.reachjapan.org/specialprojects) for more information.



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