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#### A SURPRISE VISIT

This last week we were unexpectedly contacted by Moe, our Japanese foreign exchange daughter who we hosted in 2009. She was back in the United States for a few days and we were blessed to be able to spend some time with her reconnecting and talking about our upcoming move to Japan. She will be living in the general area where we plan on going to language school when we get to Japan. Please pray that we will be able to reach out to her and her family when we get there, and for their salvation.

### A PLEA FROM THE JAPANESE

We are looking forward to working alongside missionaries Jim and Amy Smith during our first term on the field. They are serving at Wakaba Bible Baptist Church in Tsurugashima, Saitama Prefecture, Japan, just outside of Tokyo. Jim is on a furlough and it was great to be able to spend some time of fellowship with him and Uchiyama-san, a Japanese Christian he brought along with him. We were greatly encouraged by his story of how Christ saved him from his sin and shame, and how he has tasted and seen that God is good. He too is saddened for his own people who largely have not heard of this salvation available in Jesus Christ. This is not the first time that Japanese Christians have pleaded with us to come preach the gospel and start churches among their people, which have so little access to the gospel. Pray that many more people would surrender their lives to be missionaries to the Japanese people.



We praise the Lord that he has kept our schedule pretty busy preaching the gospel and presenting our ministry at churches all over the country. Thank you for the many of you that have been praying for us while we travel. This past month our vehicle broke down and we are thankful that the Lord

> protected us, provided closeby services to get everything fixed, and we were able to continue without delay to our preaching schedule. We are looking for about 9 more financial partners before we can move to Japan. Also, thank you also for those who made donations towards our startup costs for moving to Japan. This is now 40% funded! We are very thankful







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