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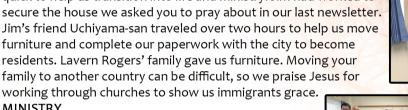
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TRANSITIONING INTO MINISTRY IN JAPAN

ARRIVAL IN JAPAN

We praise the Lord for your faithful support of our ministry. We arrived in Japan on January 23 and were immediately welcomed by missionary Jim Smith at the airport. Several people here were very quick to help us transition into life and ministry. Jim had worked to secure the house we asked you to pray about in our last newsletter. Jim's friend Uchiyama-san traveled over two hours to help us move furniture and complete our paperwork with the city to become residents. Lavern Rogers' family gave us furniture. Moving your family to another country can be difficult, so we praise Jesus for



MINISTRY

We are very excited about serving with our new church family at Wakaba Bible Baptist Church in Tsurugashima. which is about a twenty-minute walk from our house. They have been very welcoming to us and celebrated our arrival with Japanese food and cake after service. Since we've been here I've enjoyed preaching two Sunday services and seeing people respond to the Holy Spirit.

LANGUAGE LEARNING

We have enrolled in a Japanese learning center which is just a short walk from our house. Japanese is a difficult language to learn. We plan on studying for several years. Our instructor's name is Kitamura-sensei. She has already expressed interest in where our church is located. Please pray for her salvation.



Just before our departure for

Japan, we were visiting some church friends when our son Isaac slipped and broke his wrist and elbow. He was recovering well, but then just this last week he was playing outside when he slipped and fell and broke his wrist again. Please pray for his recovery. Thank you again for your prayers and support.

Please take note of our new contact information.



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