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PREACHING CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED IN JAPAN

Grace and peace to you through our Lord Jesus Christ. Shortly after COVID-19 started, Japan stopped allowing visa holders from the United States to leave Japan for the United States and then return to Japan. We had originally planned a short furlough to the United States this Summer since we have been here three and a half years, but we were unable to take the furlough because reentry is banned. Because of these unprecedented circumstances, at the recommendation of our sending pastor, we took a short holiday in the beginning of August here in Japan and we are now starting our second term of ministry. The holiday was a much needed time of refreshment for our family. It has been helpful for us to reflect on what God has done during our first term of ministry. When we visited your church, we explained that our first term goals were to attend Japanese language school, teach English as a foreign language in order to build connections in our community, start a community Bible study in our home, and grow that community Bible study up into a new church plant. We praise the Lord that he allowed us to complete those first term goals and we have been having regular Sunday meetings as Christ Baptist Church since July 2019. Now that we are on our second term of ministry, we are simply acknowledging what has already taken place. Our ministry focuses have shifted away from first term preparatory goals and into the work of regular community



Fellowship After Church



Jenelle Teaching Children's Lesson



At the Park with Friends

outreach, preaching, teaching, discipling, and church planting. Please pray for those we are discipling as we teach them the importance of baptism and covenanting together in church membership. We wish we could see many of you face to face. Since we can't visit you, we will be working on a video update to send to you soon. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of Christ's work in Japan.



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