



The *Gardners*

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Missionaries to Kobe, Japan



“Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest...”

Mark 10:21

Dear Praying Friends,

What a joy it is when we obey the Lord to lovingly confront people with their greatest need—their need for eternal life. Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support which enabled me recently to share the gospel with a Chinese friend, Wang. Through sharing my personal testimony, I was able to tell him that the God of the Bible, unlike the millions of so-called gods in Japan, is a real God whose voice we can hear. I told him how as a boy I first heard God speaking to me of my need for salvation through Jesus Christ. Please pray for Wang that whenever he reads the Chinese (and Japanese) character for righteousness, which I explained to him visually illustrates the atonement (“me under the lamb”), he will be reminded of his need for salvation. Please pray also that the Lord will help us to love as many as possible by confronting them with the Gospel.

In January most of our Saturdays were spent painting the interior of the church. It was a blessing to help with this needed task, and an encouragement to the church. While commuting to Japanese class on the train one day, I met Chie, a young man from Myanmar. We have been talking regularly, and he attended a church service with us and shared a meal with us. It has been difficult to share the Gospel with him since Japanese is a 2nd language for both of us, but I have told him some things about God, and showed him how to download the Bible in his language. Please pray that I will have continued opportunities and increased ability to share the Gospel with Chie.

In February we resumed our Saturday outreach, distributing flyers for a Valentine Sunday event. We were thankful for the several guests who came to that event. Since then, we have been working on learning choir Easter music and handing out flyers for Easter Sunday activities. Also in February, after a break for the holidays, the English teaching ministry resumed but on a more frequent weekly schedule. We continue to help in this ministry with English conversation. Gretta began teaching English lessons regularly, and phonics weekly, and our kids have been teaching a song and illustrating the lesson grammar with skits.

Please join us in prayer for:

Opportunities to share the Gospel,
The salvation of our unsaved friends (Chie, Wang, Kio, Takao, Yuka, Shun, Tomoko, & Toshiko),
Visitors to Come & souls to be saved on Easter Sunday,
More families to participate in the English teaching ministry,
Spiritual growth for each of us,
Continued progress in learning Japanese.

In Christ,
Your Missionaries to Japan,
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Eph 3:8

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