



The Gardners

Brad, Gretta, Jared,
Enoch, Charity, & Lydia

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“Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;” Eph 3:8

Dear Praying friends,

September 2nd was the 2nd anniversary of our service in Japan. I am so thankful to God for calling us, to Post Falls Baptist Church for sending us, to each supporting church for sustaining us, and to Nishimaiko Baptist Church for helping us in so many ways and allowing us to serve with them. On September 1st, Nishimaiko honored us and celebrated with us our 2nd anniversary. Our family sang, Gretta gave her testimony of her first 2 years in Japan in Japanese, and I preached a message on the above text that God used to call us to Japan. I preached the first of 4 messages on this verse. What an amazing privilege and an awesome blessing it is that God would use us to share the Gospel!

We covet your prayers for my brother-in-law, Joshua Burley, his wife Rachael (Gretta’s sister), and their 10 children. Joshua was diagnosed with an aggressive cancerous tumor in his arm. Surgical removal of the tumor would result in the complete loss of function of his dominant arm. Please pray for healing for Joshua & wisdom, comfort and strength for him & his family in this difficult time.

Previously, we asked for prayer for a man and a couple who had been faithfully attending church since Easter. Sadly, both have stopped attending church. We continue to pray for these folks. Also, please continue to pray for my neighbor’s salvation. He has been hospitalized for more than a month and is not able to have visitors.

In July, I finished another Japanese class. It was a blessing to finish the class but sad to see many of my classmates return home to Taiwan. I’m thankful for the opportunities the Lord gave me to share the Gospel with several of them, and that several attended church with us while they were here. Also in July, the boys and I finished the tree trimming/clearing project at the church’s new parking lot. This opened up the view of the Akashi Straight, Akashi bridge, and the city of Kobe for the neighbors and those using the parking lot. At the end of July we helped our church here with a Summer Festa event held at the new parking lot. We are thankful that 22 visitors from the community came.

In August, much of our time was spent preparing for a Friend Day event. We had a wonderful service! A clear Gospel message was preached, our Pastor’s 2 youngest daughters were baptized, and several visitors came including Gretta’s Japanese teacher, one of my classmates and his daughter, and another classmate. Gretta’s next Japanese lesson was mostly responding to her teacher’s questions about the Gospel.

Thank you for your prayers and support!

Your Missionaries to Japan,
Brad, Gretta, Jared, Enoch, Charity & Lydia Gardner
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Answered Prayers:

- Progress in Japanese
- Open Doors for the Gospel
- 2 years of service in Japan

Prayer Requests:

- Japanese Studies
- Opportunities to share the Gospel
- Salvation of Our Neighbor, “Host Daughter,” Teachers, & Classmates

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