Salvation and Church Building



Church Growth

Thank you for your prayers and support! The Lord is blessing Agape Bible Baptist Church with people accepting Christ, new visitors, and a full attendance! These blessings come with a few needs, that we are asking you to pray about.

We have the privilege to work alongside veteran missionary families the Burgetts and the Stanfords, and the honor to serve in the church they started here in Nagaoka. We praise the Lord for the opportunities He has provided for us in this ministry. Among which is the opportunity to be a witness to our language school teachers and invite them to church. All but one of our teachers has visited the church and heard the Gospel. One of our teachers' daughter (pictured above) has been attending church and recently accepted Christ as her savior! It has been amazing to see her love of Christ grow as



she reads His Word. She is constantly excited about church and has even brought some of her friends! We ask that you would continue to pray for the salvation of our teachers, their families, and other friends as we continue to witness and invite them to church!

Starting in June, we will be starting a new tract program. The church will be distributing about 60,000 tracts this year. Often times as I give out tracts, I come to doors with funeral plagues indicating someone has recently passed away. Please pray that the Gospel seed of these 60,000 tracts will reap many Japanese Christians!

New Church Building

Since Easter, the church has been busting at its seams, and we are in desperate need of a new **building.** Bro. Burgett is in the process of finding a new building that would be the right size for the church. We had found a few possibilities but ultimately they didn't work out. Please pray that we would be able to find a good size building with adequate parking (as parking is a real issue here).

Language Progress

We have been learning Japanese now for eight months. We feel comfortable in our everyday conversations, but we still have so much to learn. As for reading, we can now read several hundred kanji, and write about 300 of them. We so appreciate your prayers for us, as we continue to learn. We look forward to the day we can easily share Christ with a Japanese person in their heart language.

Starting in June, Rebel and I will be teaching Sunday School Classes in Japanese! Rebel will be working with kindergarten aged children and I will be working with elementary. These will be short, simple lessons with much help from our missionary friends, but it is a great opportunity to stretch our speaking ability. We are so thankful to be able to teach God's word in Japanese! This is a big step in our progress to learning the language and we ask that you would pray for us!

Prayer Request Updates

- More Laborers for Japan
- Friends' & Teachers' Salvation
- Learn Japanese quickly
- New Church Building
- Teaching Sunday School



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