

# Happy New Year from The Hills

## Hill Family JAPAN

### Prayer Request Updates

1. Christmas Gospel Outreach - Pray the Gospel continues to work in those that came and that they'll watch the Gospel film with their families.
2. Land Blessing Service - A friend of ours is building a new house and asked us to have a breaking ground service. I'll be preaching and praying for the construction in Japanese. Some of the construction workers will be there, and will hear the Gospel.
3. English Corner: Nagaoka - That we will see new visitors to Church from it.
4. English Corner: Niigata - That we can get a good group of people to come, and be able to start a Bible Study with them.



### Christmas Gospel Outreach

**The Lord blessed this month in many ways, and especially with our Christmas Party!**

We had about 20 people come to our house, and **we were especially excited that a couple we recently met came.** I was able to preach the Gospel in Japanese for about 15 minutes. **All but one of our teachers came and heard the Gospel again.**

The Church's Christmas events had great attendance with several visitors. The one teacher that didn't come to the Christmas party at our house came to the Christmas service at our Church. **She was visibly moved by the Gospel message,** but she has not yet received Christ as her savior.

Another one of our teachers came to our Christmas Eve service and heard the Gospel then as well. In addition to the Gospel messages our teachers and friends heard, we also gave them a Japanese Gospel movie. Pray the Gospel continues to work in them and that they'll watch this Gospel film with their families. We will be following up with our teachers shortly, and talking to them about the Gospel they heard as well as the movie we gave them.

### Watch Christmas Events Video

Watch a video of our Christmas Party, Christmas Eve Service, and Churches' Christmas Party at: [risingsonmission.com/dec2016letter/](http://risingsonmission.com/dec2016letter/) or scan the **QR Code** to the Left.

### English Corner

On January 15th, we are starting the new English outreach ministry at the Church. Rebel and I will be leading up this ministry, and it will push our language ability as we translate back and forth between Japanese and English. The English corner will be on Sunday Mornings and will end shortly before church begins. We are praying that through this many will stay for the church service and hear the Gospel. **We've also started a Facebook page for the English outreach, and we've already had over 400 page likes as well as several saying they plan on coming.**

On February 10th, we are starting the other English Corner in Niigata City. As I mentioned in our last letter this is the city where Rebel and I are praying about starting a church as there are around 1.5 million people living there with no Baptist churches. As such, we are praying that through this English outreach we can begin making contacts and get a Bible Study going. We will only be doing the outreach once a week which allows us to still live, minister, and study in our current city of Nagaoka. We are greatly anticipating what God is going to do through these new outreaches. Please continue to pray for them!



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