

Two Saved and 2nd Church plant

New Church Plant!

On December 22, we will start our 2nd church plant!

For several months I have been praying about starting a second church plant in downtown Niigata. We have regular attendees from that district, and we've seen lots of interest from visitors and others responding to our invitations. We have enough time between our current church plant's morning and evening services for an afternoon service downtown.

The main problem we had to overcome was finding and affording a place where we could meet. God provided a great hotel conference room near the main train station! It's a perfect location and fantastic price, but our budget will still be tight. However, we believe this is God's will, and we are excited to begin!

Please pray for the new church plant, and especially for the first service on 12/22/19.

Two Saved!

Recently two men, Leo and Takafumi, prayed to accept Christ as their Savior! Takafumi has already been asking about getting baptized! Please pray for these two men as they grow in their faith!

November English Classes

In November my brother, Chris, came to Japan to teach an English course at the church. Throughout the month some of the students stayed for our church service after the class. On December 1st, during our morning service we had a short graduation for the students. It was our most attended morning service so far, with 31 people! I preached about the meaning of Emmanuel, and though no one accepted Christ during the invitation, four people raised their hands saying they were interested and wanted to study the Bible with us.



Christmas and New Year Events

On Sunday night December 22nd, we will have a special candlelit Christmas service at Hope Baptist Church West. Last year we had 39 people come, and many of those had never heard the Gospel before. Please join us in prayer for this year's service!

On Christmas Eve, we will have a special Christmas service at Hope Baptist Church Downtown. This will be two days after the launch service, so we are praying for God to do a work!

On New Years Eve and New Years Day millions of Japanese go to the Buddhist temples and pray to idols. We want to give them an opportunity to hear about Jesus instead! Please pray the Holy Spirit will work on hearts during our New Years Eve and New Years Day services!

First Anniversary!

December was our one year Anniversary for Hope Baptist Church West! God has done tremendous things in our first year. We had 5 people pray to accept Christ and many more that we feel are close. He brought in over 100 visitors, and we distributed over 200k fliers. We believe God has big plans for Niigata!

We could not do this without you, dear reader. Your church has faithfully supported and prayed for us this whole time. I cannot express to you how much we appreciate that. There is a resistance to the Gospel here, but God is victorious. Your prayers are breaking through barriers and changing lives! With all that is in me, THANK YOU!

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Right before Leo prayed to accept Christ!



Chris with the graduates of the English Class



Took down the wall in the auditorium for extra seating space



Left: Volunteering to help
Right: Helping with Christmas decorations

Prayer Requests

1. 12/22/19 2nd Church Plant launch
2. Christmas and New Years services
3. Salvation of: Yuki, Ueno, Satou, Kamegai, Yuko, Hasegawa, Sakata, Watanabe, Yuen, Matsuki, Kawasaki, Koide, Chouko, Hisami, Naoko, Momo, Fumiko Takahashi, Takeshi, Takafumi(saved!), Nagayama, Motoki & Sachi.

Thank you for praying! Your prayers really are making a difference!

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December 2019 – Merry Christmas!