

Hill Family JAPAN



Christmas Events

We had a great response to the Christmas parties and services. At the Nagaoka English Corner, Taniguchi came and I spoke with him about the Gospel again. **At the Niigata English Corner, we had two new people come.** We told the Christmas story, and gave everyone a Christmas gift containing a Christmas Gospel tract.

The day before we left for the States, we had a Christmas Service at church. Seven people that Rebel and I had personally invited came! More visitors came than others had invited too! For most of them this was the first time they heard the Gospel!

Taniguchi also came for that service, and I asked him directly if he was going to accept Christ as his Savior. He told me, "I'm half way there." Which for him to say, really means he's considering leaving the traditions of his family and country and turning to Jesus! Please pray that he will!

Furlough

We are enjoying all the opportunities God is giving us to preach and share the need for laborers in Japan. We are specifically praying that God will use us to raise up laborers for Japan while we are here. We praise Him for some young men that we are talking and praying with about coming to Japan. We ask you to join us in prayer for more laborers in Japan!

Two weeks ago, after I preached, a teenager got saved during the invitation! That Wednesday night after church we ate with my parents. **At the restaurant, my Dad and I witnessed to a woman, and she prayed to accept Christ as her savior!** The following Sunday night I preached, and in the invitation a young man came forward. There at the altar I had the opportunity to lead him to the Lord! That young man told us that he had passed by two other churches that weren't open for Sunday evening! I'm sure glad there was a church open on Sunday evening where he got to hear the Gospel!

Praise God for these three new believers!



Please Pray for Journey's Eye Surgery

About a year ago in Japan we noticed Journey's eyes were crossing. So we took her to the eye doctor who told us that she was too young to diagnose. Since a year has passed and we are here in the States we decided to take her to a Pediatric Optometrist. This doctor told us that Journey has Esotropia and referred us to a specialist. The specialist confirmed the diagnosis and tried to correct it with glasses or prisms, but ultimately she determined that surgery was needed.

The surgery is on February 9th in Atlanta, GA. In simple terms, they will cut into both her eyes to access and correct the muscle strands. Currently Journey has double vision, but both eyes are still strong and working. If left untreated, eventually the brain chooses an eye, and the other deteriorates.

The ultimate goal is to get her eyes synced so they can focus on one object. If all goes well, only one surgery will be needed to correct the problem. If not she may need multiple surgeries over the course of her life.

Please pray there will be no complications, that the surgery will get her eyes synced, and that she won't need any further surgeries.

Prayer Request Updates

1. Journey's Eye Surgery on February 9th
2. New Bible Study - Sean's friend's salvation
3. Furlough - Meetings
4. Sean, Rin, and Taniguchi's Salvation



OG Summit Atlanta

Rebel and I loved speaking about missions in Japan at the annual OG Summit in GA! Rebel taught a session about being a wife on the mission field. I preached and taught a session about learning culture. **Over 200 hundred attended** and heard amazing stories from missionaries from all over the world. God worked in those that attended, and **12 signed a pledge to surrender their lives to serve as missionaries** on a foreign field! Please pray for these new laborers as they prepare for the work God has for them!

OG Summit Boston

The day before the Boston Summit was scheduled to start, we landed there and immediately received emails from our friends telling us that Delta had canceled all their flights! There was a massive blizzard that shut down Boston for the next three days, and the Summit was canceled. We still got to meet with some of our friends, before driving back south! Praise the Lord that everyone made it safely home and everyone's flights, rooms and reservations were refunded.

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