

Kibou (Hope) Baptist Church has begun!

The First Service!

Our first service was on December 02, 2018, and 19 people came! With God's help, I lead the singing, prayed, received the offering and preached all in Japanese. During the invitation I asked if anyone was interested in believing and if they would like for me to pray for them. Three people raised their hands! After that I asked, if they wanted to talk with me about believing, and two people raised their hands!

After the service I talked with them about believing. They had questions that I answered, but in the end they did not accept Christ. They did say that they wanted to hear more first. Please pray with us that they will accept Christ as their Savior!

Throughout the month of December God continued to bring people to the church. In all, over 40 different people heard the Gospel and nearly all of them had never heard before!

Thursday Service

For the launch of the church we did several flier campaigns. In which we gave out 30,000 fliers! One of the fliers was about the Thursday night English Corner and Bible study. From that, we had several new visitors and some that also started coming to the Sunday Service.

Christmas Candlelight Service

On December 23, we had two special Christmas services. We had visitors in both services, but for the Sunday night Christmas Candlelight Service 37 people came! 18 of those were first time visitors! For that service we had Missionary Mike Burgett (the missionary we were working with before starting this church) in to preach the message. Bro. Mike brought 7 people with him to that service as well. Two of my Japanese teachers also came, one of which is a Christian and helped lead the music that night.

It was so exciting to see God using our church and bringing people in to hear the Gospel! Please pray for all these visitors that they will accept Christ as their Savior!



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- First Service
- Christmas Candlelight Service



Prayer Requests

1. January Message Series
2. **James, Rosie & Silas Miyashita moving to Japan and helping us with the new church plant.**
3. Rebel's and Orion's Health
4. Sean's salvation and cancer
5. Salvation of: Rin, Yuki, Ueno, Satou, Kamegai, Yuko K, Hasegawa, Yuko, Sakata, Watanabe, Haraguchi, Takashi, Satou, Yuen, Matsuki, Kawasaki, Watanabe M, Taniguchi and many others that did not fill out a visitor card.