

Thursday Night Services and Building Search



Thursday Night Services

Our new Thursday night services in Niigata are going well! Between 5 and 11 people come each week. All but one are lost, and outside of what I've told them, they have never heard the Gospel before.

Recently, we reached the cross in the series I'm preaching. I shared the Gospel again and invited them to accept Christ!

The next day, I spoke with Sean about the Gospel again. It was obvious the Holy Spirit was working in him. We talked more about it, but he hasn't accepted Christ yet. The following week, I showed a Gospel movie. Halfway through the movie (just before Jesus was crucified), I shared the Gospel and explained what Jesus was about to do on the cross. I read Isaiah 53, and explained how Jesus was crushed for our sins. I again invited everyone to accept Christ.

Afterwards, I took Rin back to his college dorm. On the way, I answered his questions about the Gospel. He understands that good works cannot pay for his sins, and that Jesus' sacrifice on the cross is the only way he can be forgiven. This was the first time, it really made sense to him. I asked him if he would accept Christ. He told me he is considering it, but he is not sure yet. He wanted to learn more about Christianity, and I told him we could meet anytime. I encouraged him to come to every service.

Rin is applying for a job in a city on the other side of Japan. I am praying he will accept Christ before then. Please join us in prayer about this matter.

Church Building Issues

We found a great building in May, and started the process to rent the building. The owner said he didn't mind us being a church, and so we thought things would work out. The owner made some renovations, and we made cards, maps, and a facebook page for the new Church's location. Friday June 1st, we met with the owner to sign the contract. Everything was going well, until he asked if we were going to put up a church sign. We of course said yes. The other businesses had signs, and we told him we would make something similar to theirs.

He told us he went around to the neighbors to ask if a church was ok (typical cultural thing to do). There was one person that was excited about having a church, but there were others that didn't approve. Therefore he told us we couldn't have a sign, but only a small sticker on the door. We told him we need a sign, but would think about what to do. Just a few minutes later, he told us it wouldn't work out.

My Japanese friend that was helping, was mad, but through it I was able to help him see that God has a plan.

God provides other options

Since that time, we've found other rental properties. Sean has a friend that has a building in the same area as the last one, but with better parking and on a better road. This owner says he is fine with a church sign and church services. The building was a car show room, and allows us to have good visibility from the road. We put in an offer for the rent, and the owner is supposed to let us know soon.



Pregnant in Japan (written by Rebel)

It has been an interesting experience so far, being pregnant in Japan. It is great for stretching my language ability, and I am learning new words at each doctor's visit. There are a few differences between doctor visits here and in the States, and one of my favorites is that I get an ultrasound at every visit. It has been so fun to see the baby grow in this way.

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Prayer Request Updates

1. Thursday night services and Japanese preaching
2. Sean, Rin, Yuki, Ueno, Yuko, Shirui, Ayaka, Taniguchi and others' Salvation
3. New place to rent for Church in Niigata to start Sunday services in August
4. Rebel's Pregnancy and baby's health
5. New Bible study with Taniguchi
6. Agape Bible Baptist - Building repairs and transition to new building
7. Our Visas expire in August and we've applied for a 5 year extension (the maximum available).



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