

White Day Event

Praise the Lord we had 10 people attend and hear the Gospel at our White Day event! White Day in Japan is similar to Valentines Day, and presents a good opportunity to share the Gospel.

New people came to the event and heard James preach a clear Gospel message!

In our last prayer letter I asked for you to pray for Suzuki's salvation. He also came to the event, but he has still not accepted Christ. Please continue to pray for him. There was another man named Watanabe that also came, and showed much interest in the Gospel. Since then he has come to some of our church services. Pray for his salvation.



Chris' Internship

As the virus has impacted global travel and immigration, we are uncertain at this time if Chris will be able to come to Japan in October to start his two year ministry internship with us. However, it is still his desire to work and minister in Japan, and so he continues to raise support in the hopes of coming in September. If travel is still banned until then, he will come next April to begin his internship. Please pray that he will be able to come soon and for his support.

He is stepping out on faith by still trying to come in September. Would you prayerfully consider monthly support for two years or a one time gift?

Ministry Outlook

While the virus has been slow to grow in our city of Niigata, it has exploded in other areas of Japan. For this reason, last week the Prime Minister of Japan just declared a country wide state of emergency that will be in affect until May 6th. Because of this many churches across Japan have switched to online services only. However in our city, the virus has only affected limited areas. Because of this our first church plant continues to have services. Our second church plant, on the other hand, is near the main station, and people are strongly avoiding that area. For that reason, we have switched to online services for the second church plant until May 10th.

I ask that you would pray for us, that God would give us wisdom and direction on how to best navigate this next month.

On a positive note, because many aren't working currently, I've been able to spend more time with some of our people! God is still at work, the Gospel is still being preached here in Niigata. We are still connecting with new people online. And we believe God has great plans in store! God bless and we are praying for you!



Atlas starts 1st Grade!

Although schools are closing this week because of the state of emergency, Atlas was still able to attend his Entrance Ceremony and first week of school!



Orion and Journey dressed for Ohanami (Cherry blossom viewing)

Prayer Requests

1. Wisdom and direction during emergency
2. Chris' Support and travel in September
3. Salvation: Yuki, Satou, Kamegai, Yuko, Hasegawa, Sakata, Watanabe (F), Yuen, Sean, Matsuki, Kawasaki, Koide, Chouko, Hisami, Emi, Naoko, Momo, Fumiko Takahashi, Takeshi, Maho, Usuda, Nagayama, Sachi, Watanabe (M), Suzuki, Motoki, Koizumi and more.

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

Coronavirus Seminar

On March 29, a doctor friend taught a seminar on the coronavirus. Twelve people (two new) came to the event and others watched via livestream. While we didn't have the turnout we hoped for, we pray the community saw that we cared about them, and that the two visitors will accept Christ.

Easter Sunday

The coronavirus severely impacted the attendance of our Easter Service. No new people came. That being said, we are thankful that we were able to even have an Easter Service as many churches around the world weren't able to. Our regulars enjoyed the time together and celebrated the resurrection of our Lord!



Easter Sunday: Bro. Fujisawa teaching the kids about leaving the 99 to find the 1 lost lamb.

Ladies Outreach

Even though the virus has been a hindrance, Rebel continues to meet with several ladies for Bible study and even continues the Mom's group via online meetings. Pray for the salvation of these moms, and for the growth of those that attend the Bible studies.

Additionally pray for one of our regulars, named Kathleen. She was visiting family in the Philippines and has not yet been able to return to Niigata because of travel bans due to the virus.

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