## Merry Christmas from The Hills



### Christmas party invitations

We were thrilled to be able to make Japanese invitations to our party this year!



## Prayer Request Updates

- Christmas Party at our house we will be inviting all of our lost friends and contacts, and I will be <u>preaching in</u> Japanese.
- 2. <u>Christmas Services at church</u> many lost visitors coming
- 3. English Corner: Nagaoka That we will see new visitors to Church from it
- English Corner: Niigata That we can get a good group of people to come, and be able to start a Bible Study with them.
- A new church building We've found a great option and are looking into purchasing it, but there is another interested party.
- 6. <u>Language</u>



# Sharing the Gospel this Christmas in Japan

We will host another Christmas party at our house this year, and share the Gospel with our Japanese friends! Last year we had about 20 Japanese people come and hear the Gospel for the first time, thanks to Mike Burgett's message. This year I'll deliver the Christmas message. Please pray the message will be clear and understandable, and that our Japanese friends will accept Christ as their savior. This will be one of the longest messages I've done in Japanese. I'm also giving each guest a Gospel movie in the hopes they will understand what Jesus has done for them.

At the church we will have several events focused on sharing the Gospel. Rebel is making baked goods for our neighbors, and we will give them a tract, our Churches' Christmas Event Calendar, and an invitation to attend the Christmas service. Pray that these gifts would be well received and that they would come to Church.

#### **Preaching at Another Church**

Thank you for praying for me as I preached at Utanomori Baptist Church last month. God blessed and we had a wonderful service with them! Many said they were helped by the message. Praise the Lord!

#### **English Corner: Nagaoka**

I'm so excited to share this news! We will start a new English Corner program this January at our Church. It will be on Sunday mornings right before church starts. English is a big draw here, and one way for people to get to know us and the Church. We are praying that God will bless and use it to bring visitors!

#### **English Corner: Niigata**

Niigata City is the capital of our prefecture (Japanese State) and is home to about 1.5 million people. Currently there is no Baptist church in the city, and we are praying about starting a Church there.

As it is only about an hour drive away from us, we can already begin reaching out to this city. **Phase one** <u>is</u> the English Corner where we can meet people and make <u>friends</u>, and **phase two** is to start a Bible study with those that are interested. Lord willing, from that Bible study we will have a core group of believers with which we can start a Church.

A couple of our Japanese friends from Nagaoka have moved to Niigata for college and plan to help us with this new ministry as well. We are so thankful for their help with this new ministry outreach, and are excited to see what all God will do!

We would really appreciate your prayers in this matter, as it is a big step in our ministry. We will still attend language school during this time, as we have a little less than a year to go with our studies. Thank you for your prayers and Merry Christmas!

#### **Sending Church**

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