

New Visitors!

In July and August we had 17 new visitors!

Many of our events were well attended by visitors and regulars. 20 people came to our friend day event, 15 came to our BBQ, 14 to our snow cone event and over 20 people came for our Japanese Chicken BBQ event. At each of these events the Gospel was preached, and many people heard it for the first time!

Several visitors attended multiple services, and one lady and her daughter are coming regularly on Sunday mornings.

Another family that has been coming recently, is from the Fukushima area. That was the area affected by the triple disaster back in 2011. Her family lost everything and moved to Niigata. They have been tender to the Gospel. Please pray for their salvation.

Sunday night service attendance is also increasing. James Miyashita is doing a phenomenal job preaching and organizing that service. We are so thankful to serve with them, and they are a big help to the ministry here!

Obon

Obon is similar to the Mexican Day of the dead. Many Japanese people visit their ancestors graves and pray to them during this time. It is truly saddening to drive by a graveyard full of people praying to their ancestors. It is particularly difficult on Christians as they are pressured into partaking in various Buddhist/Shinto ceremonies.

Many people also travel back to their hometown during Obon. Several regular attenders were out of town throughout the month of August, but God still did a great work and many new people came!



Bible Studies

I have been meeting with Hayashi, Tiago, and his wife, Naoko, for Bible studies.

Hayashi didn't come around much in August, nor did he respond to us trying to follow up with him. And so I worried that he was falling away, but on the last Saturday in August I met with him and it seemed to go well. We talked about the purpose of the church and the importance of being a part of it. Since then he has been helping with various things around the church, and was a big help at the church BBQ.

Tiago and Naoko have been doing well with our Bible studies. Every time we meet, Naoko seems to better understand the Gospel, and Tiago has also been growing. He and I have been sharing our devotions with each other, and it has been helpful.

James has been meeting with Takafumi, who has been attending since June. Another man named Takeshi came for the first time in August, and James recently met with him for a Bible study. Please pray for their salvation as James meets with them.

Upcoming Events

In September I'm starting a new English Corner at a local coffee shop to make some new contacts.

There are two "three day weekends" in September, and we have events planned for each.

Please pray that through these events we can make new contacts and that more people can hear the Gospel!

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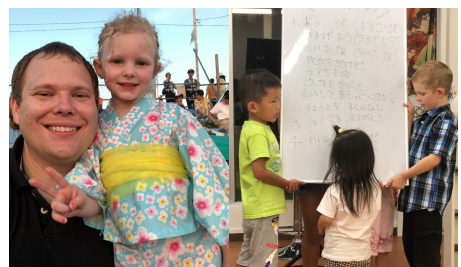
Bro. Tani from Agape BBC came and sang for two of our events.



Hayashi & Takafumi helping with the chicken BBQ.



Rainbow over the church during BBQ in July



Left: Journey ready for fireworks festival
Right: Atlas & friends helping with music

Prayer Requests

1. Sean's salvation and cancer
2. Salvation of: Yuki, Ueno, Satou, Kamegai, Yuku, Hasegawa, Sakata, Watanabe, Yuen, Takashi, Matsuki, Kawasaki, Koide, Chouko, Hisami, Naoko, Momo, Fumiko Takahashi, Sachi, Motoki, Takeshi, Takafumi, Nagayama, Motoki & Sachi.

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

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